

**ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2006**

Present: Owen Drapkin
Nicholas Minutolo
Thomas Perry
Joseph Raymond
Vincent Vinci (7:10 P.M.)
Wilhelmina Gumbs
David G. Sobel

Absent: None

Also Present: Stuart Brown, Township Manager
Colleen Paterson, Township Attorney
Thomas Fallon, Township Auditor

Mayor Sobel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and stated that notice of this meeting has been posted and published in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Presentation of Township Auditor: Mr. Fallon gave a brief presentation to the Council on the 2005 Audit and Corrective Action Plan. Mr. Fallon stated the Township is in excellent financial condition with \$1.6 million in surplus. There were only 4 auditor comments, bank reconciliations were not completed in a timely manner; Water Capital Fund analysis reflects a negative cash balance; Fixed assets not properly maintained and Municipal Court cash bail does not agree with account balance. All these items are on the corrective action plan for adoption tonight. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Adding Vendor to State Contract List for Year 2006: In a memo dated October 12, 2006, Barbara Riddle, Purchasing Agent request vendors be added to the State Contract List. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Agreement with CME Associates for Revaluation Tax Map Revisions: A proposal dated August 23, 2006 from CME Associates was received for engineering services associated with Revaluation Tax Map Revisions in the amount not to exceed \$96,500.00. Questions arose from Council and a straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of CME attending the next Council Meeting.

Contract for Non Leaded Gasoline: One two occasions bids were held for non-leaded gasoline and on both occasions no bids were received. Prices were sought out and in a memo dated November 2, 2006, Barbara Riddle, Purchasing Agent recommends awarding a contract to Matawan Mobil, Route 34 and Cambridge Drive. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Rejecting Bids for Renovations to the George Hausmann Senior Center: Bids were received by the Township Manager on September 26, 2006. Nine bids were received with base bids ranging between \$659,000 and \$992,394 which exceed our budgetary limitations. Council believes it is in the best interest of the public to reject said bids. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Emergency Appropriation - Water Purchases: An emergency appropriation is for Water Purchases in the amount of \$76,246.00, said emergency will be provided for in full in the 2007 utility budget. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Appropriation Transfer - 2006 Budgets: The last two months of the year we are allowed to transfer between budget accounts and this resolution authorizes transfers in the Current Operating Budget, Sewer Operating Budget, Water Operating Budget and Sanitation Operating Budget for 2006. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Stone Brook Meadows, Hazlet Township: Council review information given to them from John Curran and authorized Mr. Brown to write a letter of support from Aberdeen Township.

Mr. Brown stated a resolution needs to be added on to tonight's consent agenda, Resolution No. 2006-138, Approving a Redeveloper Agreement between the Township of Aberdeen and Horizons at Aberdeen Forge LLC for the Relevant Portion of the Freneau Redevelopment Area and designating Stuart Brown as designee for purposes of said agreement. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of adding the resolution to tonight's consent agenda.

Mr. Brown stated that Ann Barker, Township Assessor and past Municipal Clerk had past away this morning.

Councilman Drapkin asked Mr. Brown to check the sign ordinance and possible do something about the amount of signs.

Deputy Mayor Gumbs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Minutolo and unanimously concurred by Council.

David G. Sobel, Mayor

Karen Ventura, Municipal Clerk