

**ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2007**

A Regular Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Aberdeen in the County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey was held on Tuesday, December 4, 2007 at 7:05 p.m. in the Municipal Building at One Aberdeen Square and was called to order by Mayor David G. Sobel, who presided at the meeting.

Mayor Sobel said that this meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, and that notice of same has been posted on the bulleting board in the Municipal Building and was published in the appropriate newspapers.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Owen Drapkin  
Thomas Perry  
Joseph Raymond  
Vincent Vinci  
Wilhelmina Gumbs  
David G. Sobel

Absent: Nicholas Minutolo

Also Present: Stuart Brown, Township Manager  
Diane Dabulas, Township Attorney  
Tim Gillen, Township Engineer

A Moment of Silence was offered by Mayor Sobel followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENTATION**

Representative from the New Jersey Department of Transportation made a presentation to Council on Proposed Roadway Improvements on Route 35 from Greenwood Drive to Prospect Avenue. They were in town hall earlier from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and met with property owners. Approximately fifteen residents came to the meeting.

Tony Marsella, DOT Office of Community Relations, Bill Birch, Project Manager for this project, Dave Hutchison and Michael Wright, consultants helping Mr. Birch with the project were present. Mr. Marsella stated there were basically business people here tonight. It was a good meeting.

Mr. Birch stated this is a Department of Transportation Capital Improvement Project and has federal highway transportation dollars involved in the design and construction. It is a \$13Million project which goes from Greenwood Drive to Prospect Avenue which is approximately 1.25 miles. We have been working on this project for a long time and to get the right improvement while meeting the goals. The goals are traffic, congestion and safety at intersections and some drainage issues, flooding. We are in the design process and plan to purchase some necessary right of way along the corridor next year.

Ultimately the schedule is spring 2010 for construction to begin. Every once in a while they like to check with the public and have these Public Information Sessions.

Proposed improvements include improving safety and drainage along Route 35 by modifying the vertical profile and installing a curb along the project, raising the roadway at the stream crossings and replacing the culverts with larger culverts to minimize the effects of tidal flooding on Route 35 and design a new drainage system to improve drainage. Improving pedestrian safety by constructing a sidewalk along the southbound side of the highway along the entire project length and provide pedestrian crosswalks and ramps at intersections. Improving the signalized intersections within the project Birchwood Drive, Old Bridge, by channeling Furman Blvd for Route 35 northbound traffic and making it one-way between Ocean Blvd and Route 35. Lengthen the existing southbound jughandle for more storage space. County Road, Aberdeen, by widening the road to provide a left-turn lane and a share right-turn/through lane at the traffic signal, Cliffwood Avenue, Aberdeen, by widening the road at the signalized intersection with Route 35 on the westbound approach to provide one left-turn lane, one through land and one right turn lane. Amboy Avenue and Route 35, Aberdeen signalized intersection by realigning it so Amboy Avenue intersects Route 35 at a 90 degree angle. Traffic from Amboy Avenue will directly access the A&P shopping center. A longer forward jughandle will replace the existing jughandle connecting Route 35 southbound and Amboy Avenue. NJDOT will close the direct connection between Amboy Avenue and the Cliffwood Avenue jughandle for safety reasons.

Mayor Sobel thanked the all for coming.

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

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 8:33 p.m. with all the same members in attendance.

## **REPORTS**

There were no further reports.

## **HEARING OF THE CITIZENS - Agenda Items only**

Mayor Sobel asked anyone wishing to be heard on agenda items to come forward and state their name and address. There being no one wishing to be heard Mayor Sobel declared the Hearing of the Citizens closed.

## **MINUTES**

Councilman Perry made a motion to adopt the following:

Workshop, Regular & Executive Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2007

Workshop, Regular & Executive Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2007

Workshop, Regular & Executive Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2007

Workshop, Regular & Executive Meeting Minutes of May 1, 2007

Workshop, Regular & Executive Meeting Minutes of May 15, 2007  
Workshop, Regular & Executive Meeting Minutes of June 4, 2007  
Workshop, Regular & Executive Meeting Minutes of June 19, 2007  
Workshop and Regular Meeting Minutes of July 17, 2007  
Workshop, Regular & Executive Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2007

Seconded by Councilman Drapkin.

Minutes of March 20, 2007, June 4, 2007 and June 19, 2007

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmen Drapkin, Perry, Raymond, Vinci, Deputy Mayor Gumbs and Mayor Sobel

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Minutes of April 10, 2007, April 19, 2007, May 15, 2007 and July 17, 2007

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmen Drapkin, Perry, Vinci, Deputy Mayor Gumbs and Mayor Sobel

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilman Raymond

Minutes of May 1, 2007

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmen Raymond, Vinci and Mayor Sobel

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilmen Drapkin, Perry and Deputy Mayor Gumbs

Minutes of August 7, 2007

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmen Perry, Raymond, Vinci, Deputy Mayor Gumbs and Mayor Sobel

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilman Drapkin

## **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

### **ORDINANCE NO. 16-2007 - PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Sobel stated that Ordinance No. 16-2007, introduced and passed on first reading by title on November 20, 2007 and published according to law, is now being taken up for further consideration and public hearing. Affidavit of Publication of this ordinance in the Asbury Park Press of November 24, 2007 will be submitted and it is noted that a copy of the ordinance has been posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building and that copies were available to the general public upon request.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 16-2007: "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A REVISION AND CODIFICATION OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ABERDEEN IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY"

Mayor Sobel opened the public hearing to the public for any remarks or comments for or against the final adoption of this ordinance.

Mark Teichman  
127 Wilson Ave

Mr. Teichman asked what this is.

Councilman Drapkin stated we take all the ordinances that are adopted by Council and they are codified and put in a book. Supplements will than be submitted on a yearly basis for ordinances adopted each year.

Janice Gallo  
Woodbrook Drive

Mrs. Gallo asked if it is going to be on the website.

Mr. Brown stated yes.

There being no one else present wishing to be heard Mayor Sobel closed the public hearing on Ordinance No. 16-2007.

Councilman Raymond made a motion that Ordinance No. 16-2007 be finally passed and adopted and that notice of its passage and adoption be published by title in the December 8, 2007 issue of the Asbury Park Press.

Seconded by Councilman Drapkin

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmen Drapkin, Perry, Raymond, Vinci, Deputy Mayor Gumbs and Mayor Sobel

Nays: None

Abstain: None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **ORDINANCE NO. 17-2007 - INTRODUCTION**

Councilman Vinci made a motion to introduce Ordinance 17-2007 on first reading by title and to order the same to be published by summary in the December 8, 2007 issue of the Asbury Park Press, together with notice of its introduction and passage on first ready by title, and that it will be further considered for final passage after public hearing at a meeting of the Township Council to be held on December 18, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. in the municipal building of the Township of Aberdeen at One Aberdeen Square.

Seconded by Councilman Drapkin.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 17-2007: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ABERDEEN, SECTION 16-44.4, WATER CONNECTION FEES FOR CLASS 1 RESIDENTIAL"

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Ayes: Councilmen Drapkin, Perry, Raymond, Vinci, Deputy Mayor Gumbs and Mayor Sobel

Nays: None

Abstain: None

**ORDINANCE NO. 18-2007 - INTRODUCTION**

Councilman Drapkin made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 18-2007 on first reading by title and to order the same to be published by summary in the December 8, 2007 issue of the Asbury Park Press, together with notice of its introduction and passage on first reading by title, and that it will be further considered for final passage after public hearing at a meeting of the Township Council to be held on December 18, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building of the Township of Aberdeen at One Aberdeen Square. Seconded by Councilman Vinci.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 18-2007: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ABERDEEN, SECTION 16-60 SEWER CONNECTION FEES FOR RESIDENTIAL DWELLING WITH KITCHEN FACILITY"

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Ayes: Councilmen Drapkin, Perry, Raymond, Vinci, Deputy Mayor Gumbs and Mayor Sobel

Nays: None

Abstain: None

**ORDINANCE NO. 19-2007 - INTRODUCTION**

Deputy Mayor Gumbs made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 19-2007 on first reading by title and to order the same to be published by summary in the December 8, 2007 issue of the Asbury Park Press, together with notice of its introduction and passage on first reading by title, and that it will be further considered for final passage after public hearing at a meeting of the Township Council to be held on December 18, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building of the Township of Aberdeen at One Aberdeen Square. Seconded by Councilman Drapkin.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 19-2007: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ABERDEEN, SECTION 16-48, PUBLIC WORKS, WATER RATES.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Ayes: Councilmen Drapkin, Perry, Raymond, Vinci, Deputy Mayor Gumbs and Mayor Sobel

Nays: None

Abstain: None

**ORDINANCE NO. 20-2007 - INTRODUCTION**

Deputy Mayor Gumbs made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 20-2007 on first reading by title and to order the same to be published by summary in the December 8, 2007 issue of the Asbury Park Press, together with notice of its introduction and passage on first reading by title, and that it will be further considered for final passage after public hearing at a meeting of the Township Council to be held on December 18, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building of the Township of Aberdeen at One Aberdeen Square. Seconded by Councilman Vinci.

The Clerk read Ordinance no. 20-2007: “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ABERDEEN, CHAPTER V, ANIMAL CONTROL, FEES”

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Ayes: Councilmen Drapkin, Perry, Raymond, Vinci, Deputy Mayor Gumbs and Mayor Sobel

Nays: None

Abstain: None

**ORDINANCE NO. 21-2007 - INTRODUCTION**

Councilman Drapkin made a motion to introduce Ordinance 21-2007 on first reading by title and to order the same to be published by summary in the December 8, 2007 issue of the Asbury Park Press, together with notice of its introduction and passage on first reading by title, and that it will be further considered for final passage after public hearing at a meeting of the Township Council to be held on December 18, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building of the Township of Aberdeen at One Aberdeen Square. Seconded by Councilman Raymond.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 21-2007: “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ABERDEEN, SECTION 25-9, FEES, GUARANTEES, INSPECTIONS AND OFF-TRACT IMPROVEMENTS”

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Ayes: Councilmen Drapkin, Perry, Raymond, Vinci, Deputy Mayor Gumbs and Mayor Sobel

Nays: None

Abstain: None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilman Vinci made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, all items listed under 9F.

Seconded by Councilman Raymond

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Ayes: Councilmen Drapkin, Perry, Raymond, Vinci, Deputy Mayor Gumbs and Mayor Sobel

Nays: None

Abstain

1. RESOLUTION NO. 2007-118 - BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council that it hereby authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute an agreement with CME Associates for Supplemental Engineering Services for Pump Station No. 10 Rehabilitation.

3. RESOLUTION NO. 2007-120 - BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council that it hereby authorizes the transfers between the Current, Sewer and Sanitation Budgets.

4. RESOLUTION NO. 2007-121 - BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council that it hereby adopts the Corrective Action Plan in response to the 2006 Audit.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION - BE IT RESOLVED that the general public shall be excluded from discussion held during executive session - Contractual and negotiations.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Ayes: Councilmen Drapkin, Raymond, Vinci, Deputy Mayor Gumbs and Mayor Sobel

Nays: Councilman Perry

Abstain: None

2. RESOLUTION NO. 2007-119 - BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council that it hereby authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute an agreement with CME Associates for Drug-Free Zone map - 2007 Update.

Councilman Perry voted no on Resolution No. 2007-119 for reasons stated in the past with the Proposal of CME Associates and attendance at Council Meetings.

**HEARING OF THE CITIZENS/CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS**

Mayor Sobel asked any member of the public wishing to be heard to come forward and to state their name and address.

Ben Defenbaugh

June Place

Mr. Defenbaugh stated regarding everyday living in Aberdeen from a retired person point of view. I live on a two way street, which only one car is allowed at a time. He spoke to his neighbors regarding the leaf collection. I feel the leaf collection could be done better. They are a pain. We are raking two and three times and there is something that could be done better. Jon Corzine found out that people can work the day after Thanksgiving. If it is needed to work it is needed. It would make the town much better.

Mr. Brown stated we would go through the A section on Monday and on Wednesday we get nasty calls from people who raked their leaved on Tuesday. It is a problem. What we do is we keep going through the circuit over and over again. Our crews do a great job. We are slightly behind because of the weather. We pick up no matter what the weather it just takes more time.

Mr. Brown stated regarding working Friday after Thanksgiving, the contracts state it is a holiday and is in our personnel policy.

Joseph Pauciello  
Lakeview Way

Mr. Pauciello stated he thanked the volunteers this year that did a good job for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. At the Holiday Fest we had more people than we knew what to do with. We gave out over 450 bags of cookies.

There being no one else present wishing to be heard, Mayor Sobel closed the public portion.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Raymond made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Drapkin and unanimously concurred by Council.

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David G. Sobel, Mayor

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Karen Ventura, Municipal Clerk