

**ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009**

A Special Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Aberdeen, Borough Council of the Borough of Matawan and the Aberdeen Matawan Library Board in the County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey was held on Monday, March 9, 2009 at 7:00 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.

Aberdeen

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Dan McCarthy, Township Attorney
Joseph Criscuolo, Township Attorney

Matawan

ROLL CALL

Present: Paul Buccellatto
Michael Cannon
Linda Clifton
Thomas Fitzsimmons

Absent: Kevin Mendes
Bud Mullaney
Joseph Urbano

Also Present: Mike Supko for Pat Menna, Borough Attorney

Library

Present: Susan Pike, Librarian
Scott Smith, Attorney for Library
Michael Abend, Trustee Library Board

Mayor Sobel gave an outline of what they wanted to accomplish at this meeting.

Mrs. Pike stated that the Library Board should have the audit back by this Friday. She stated they hope to have a Special Meeting next week to discuss the request from the two municipalities. Mrs. Pike outlined the projects that the Board would like to accomplish this year. Mayor Buccellato stated that it

would be helpful if the Board was to list of projects with estimated cost, start/finish date and any other documentation that would be helpful. Trustee Abend stated this might be difficult as the needs study had just been completed.

Mayor Sobel stated the Library Board is in a vacuum. It is time to work together. Mr. Scott stated that his points were not unheeded. He stated the Board will probably give some of the money back. He explained the process the library must go through for funding.

Mayor Buccellato stated Matawan and Aberdeen are like two elderly parents asking their wealthy child for financial help.

Mrs. Pike stated that she thought the Board would be willing to give back some on the moneys if the municipalities would give written guarantees they would bond for projects. She state she could not speak for the Board and realized there were some board members against returning any money.

Mayor Buccellato and Mayor Sobel requested a copy of the audit as soon as it is received by her. Mrs. Pike stated the Board had to approve the audit before it could be released to the public.

Mrs. Pike stated that one project that must be done this year was the repair to the elevator. The cost on that could run anywhere from \$80,000 to \$90,000.

Both Councils agreed to open up public comment. There were no comments. Both Councils agreed to close public comment.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

David G. Sobel, Mayor

Karen Ventura, Municipal Clerk

