

**ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2009**

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

Absent: Joseph Raymond

Also Present: Joe Criscuolo, Township Manager
Diane Dabulas, Township Attorney

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.

Clothing Donation Bins: The Ordinance will add a Chapter in the Township Code Book on Clothing Donation Bins. The Fire Department requested being allowed to have clothing bins on their property to benefit the Fire Department. The Ordinance will allow bins for all emergency volunteer organizations. Diane Dabulas spoke to DCA regarding said ordinance which could be subject to challenge because of their restrictions. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of introducing this ordinance at tonight's public meeting.

Chapter 159, Insertion of an Item of Revenue: Two grants were received by the Township, Monmouth County Federal Recovery Act Justice Assistant Grant for \$15,051 and Division of Highway Safety Over the Limit Under Arrest for \$6000 which need approval from the Director of Local Government Services to be added into the 2009 Budget. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing these resolutions to tonight's public meeting.

Renewal of Liquor License: This renewal is for the Pulijal Associates pocket license. A Special Ruling has been granted by the State of New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control on September 22, 2009. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Relief of Payment of Property Taxes: Two resolutions have been requested by Holly Reycraft, Tax Assessor for two property owners to receive relief from payment of property taxes. N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 provides exemption from taxes for United States

Veteran who has suffered permanent disabling injuries. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing these resolutions to tonight's public meeting.

Reappointment of Registrar, Deputy and Alternate Registrar of Vital Statistics: This appointment is for Marilyn Ratel, Registrar, Esta Ellis, Deputy Registrar and Joseph Criscuolo, Alternate Registrar for a three year term. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Liquor License Transfer: This is Place to Place transfers for Pulijal Associates. The distribution license on Route 34 is being transferred to 111 Route 35 (Fun Time America) and the Broad C inactive license is being transferred to Route 34 location. Council was concerned of the location on Route 35. The location is on the Highway 35 and corner store of the strip mall. Councilmembers were against the sale of liquor where there are children. It is located to a day care, gymnastics and arcade. Mr. Fred Kalma, attorney for Mr. Pulijal stated this is a permitted use consistent with the Township Ordinance. There is no prohibition against it.

Diane Dabulas stated if you deny application without solid basis, it could be appealed to ABC Board and would be granted the license.

Councilman Perry stated the Council would be faced with the decision to use taxpayers money to challenge the appeal giving the use would be against us.

Diane Dabulas stated yes.

A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to the next public meeting.

Retaining Wall, 148 Milton Avenue: Mr. Muhammad, owner of 148 Milton Avenue has posted escrow and our engineer investigated and reviewed the site of the retaining wall on the Municipal Rights-Of-Way. It is determined that the retaining wall has been constructed as per industry standards. The contractor followed standard procedures per Tim Gillen's letter dated September 30, 2009. It is up to the Council to allow the wall to stay at this location.

Council agreed to allow the retaining wall to stay. A deed will be presented to the Board to make Mr. Muhammad responsible for all costs and removal and replacement if the Township deems necessary for any future improvements.

Councilman Perry stated the house on Church Street that had the fire currently has a big hole on the property for a month. Mr. Criscuolo stated he will ask Mr. Quinn what is happening. Councilman Perry stated this is a liability.

Joe Criscuolo stated we are trying to resolve the purchases of Township lands. We are contacting homeowner and moving that processing along. We also received a letter from Provident Baptist Church regarding Township land and hope to get this all on one

ordinance for the end of the year.

Councilman Drapkin stated NJAWC shut off the water in the “D” section. No one was aware. Can’t we use reverse 911 and charge NJAWC.

Mr. Criscuolo stated that is for emergency use.

Mayor Sobel asked with all the problems we are having with them to have them come to the next meeting.

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

David G. Sobel, Mayor

Karen Ventura, Municipal Clerk