

**ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20 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.

Mayor Sobel stated Councilman Raymond is unable to attend tonight's meeting due to health issues.

2006 Road Improvement Program, Closeout Change Order: This resolution closes out the 2006 Road Improvement Program for Lucas Construction's final contract amount of \$1,854,568.79 which is a reduction in the contract amount of \$175,363.90. In a letter dated August 6, 2009 Tim Gillen, CME Associates recommends accepting Closeout Change Order. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Supporting Redevelopment Study at 100 Harrison Avenue: Block 263, Lot 2, a portion of the Ernst Zobel Co. site located at 100 Harrison Avenue is deemed an area in need of redevelopment. The Township of Aberdeen is applying to the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund for funding for the investigation of property to determine if any hazardous substance or waste exists. The Township Council is committed to the redevelopment of the property within a three year period after the completion of the remediation of this site. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Bid for 2009 Road Improvements to County Road Phase III: Bids were received by the Township Manager on October 20, 2009 for the aforementioned project. AMC Industries of Holmdel, NJ was the lowest responsible bidder per the October 20, 2009 recommendation of the Township Engineer for a base bid of \$118,293.58. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Performance Bond Release: J& J Realty- County Road and Medina - 93 Kennedy Avenue were released on the September 1, 2009 agenda and were placed on this evenings agenda in error.

Requesting State Aid for 2010 Reconstruction of Locust & Grove Streets: This authorizes an application to request NJ Department of Transportation Local and Infrastructure Fund State Aid for 2010 to reconstruct Locust & Grove Streets for \$250,800.00. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of adding this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

South River Metals Site Presentation: David Samuel, CME Associates gave a presentation on the South River Metals Site, Church Street. Mr. Samuel stated he met with planner and developer to finalize plans for the site. The proposal is 198 affordable senior units and a 5000 to 7500 sq foot senior center. The developer is also going to construct a walkway to Route 34. We received a response from DEP today on the clean up. They have approved the delineation methods outlined by our environmental engineers. Other concerns are ground water contamination. We met with developer and expressed Council concerns to move forward. The developer is ready with his plan if approved.

Deputy Mayor Gumbs asked if the DEP was holding up this project.

Mr. Samuel stated yes, not only this application but a number of applications. DEP staff is strained and spread out. We have been waiting a very long time. They want to check the ground water out further for contamination. Most of the funds are eligible under grants to clean up the site.

Mr. Samuel stated there are two buildings with the senior center in one of the buildings. The Township needs to sit with developer to tell them what you want in the senior center.

Mayor Sobel asked if he sees any further delays.

Mr. Samuel could not say. The DEP is paying for the clean up, we are optimistic. They provide the funds to make this happen.

Mayor Sobel stated this is a project that has been stalled for a long time.

Mr. Samuel stated there is no doubt the time period was excessive. There is further good news, PRC is teaming with Penrose to do this project. Penrose is one of the most successful senior developers in the State. There is a lot of cooperation and we are back on track.

The Council thanked Mr. Samuel for attending.

Joe Criscuolo stated we are also working on the Route 35 project from Greenwood to Prospect Ave, the area that floods. The DOT allocated \$13.86 million to the project in

2013, the total costs is \$27 million.

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

David G. Sobel, Mayor

Karen Ventura, Municipal Clerk