

**ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2009**

Present: Owen Drapkin
Thomas Perry
Joseph Raymond
Fred Tagliarini
Vincent Vinci
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.

Presentation: New Jersey American Water Company: Jason Gonzalez, Director of Government Affairs, Kevin Keane, Operations Manager and Paul Richards, Operations Supervisor came before Council to address any issues or concerns. The amount of water main breaks concerns the Council and residents of Aberdeen especially after a road is paved or reconstructed. Mr. Gonzalez stressed their goal is to keep a reliable system always available to customers. Kevin Keane stated the system is not old. The system is transite, which is a reliable pipe. The soil conditions in Aberdeen soften the pipe and there are pressure issues. There is a plan in place, we concentrate on areas with problems. As we replace pipes it puts stress on the next area. The C section was done a couple years ago, the A section earlier this year and now we are in the I section. We have a system to notify customers on our 800 number. You call in and hear issues going on in your town. The message also says if you need bottle water press this number and it will be delivered. They are updating GIS, to do reverse 911 calling. We can not force residents to give their phone number and a good amount of people don't have home phones anymore. A suggestion was made to go through the Township's Code Red System which will be looked into. Mr. Keane stated there are funding cuts this year, most of their work is happening on state highways which affects funding for towns. Mr. Gonzalez will get a letter to Joe Criscuolo with information for residents to be aware of the 800 number.

Mr. Richards stated we notify residents 2 to 3 days prior to main replacement we go door to door, put notification on doors, notify schools and fire departments. After the main break is done, we leave restoration tags to let residents know we will be back in 30 to 60 days to replace damage done to lawns, aprons, etc. They also stay in close contact with

Township Engineers. Council thanked Mr. Gonzalez, Mr. Keane and Mr. Richards for attending tonight's meeting.

Appropriation Transfers for 2009: This resolution authorizes transfers between line items to cover shortages in accounts including Health Benefit Costs. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Elimination of State-Imposed Unfunded Mandates: This resolution strongly urges the elimination of State imposed unfunded mandates and supports the New Jersey Association of Counties and all of its proposals to deal with the problems caused by unfunded mandates. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Insertion of an Item of Revenue: Chapter 159 Resolution, requesting the Director of Division of Local Government Services to insert into the 2009 budget, Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund Grant in the amount of \$4,157.16. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Professional Service Contract for 2009 Road Improvement Program: CME Associates submitted a proposal dated October 26, 2009 for aforementioned project for a cost not to exceed the sum of \$330, 143.00. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Professional Service Contract for 2009 Road Improvements to County Road - Phase III: CME Associates submitted a proposal dated October 26, 2009 for aforementioned project for a cost not to exceed the sum of \$33, 192.00. A grant was received from DOT for this project. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Memorandum of Agreement with Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders: Resolution authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute a service agreement with the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders for the administration of the Aberdeen indigenous need owner and rental housing rehabilitation program. This program provides people in low and moderate income levels rehabilitation of their unit, as a new roof, electric service, air condition for a \$20,000 limit. The house is deed restricted for a number of years and if the house is sold a portion would have to be paid back. County will produce newspaper article and we will post on website to have residents become aware of this program. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Joe Criscuolo thanked everyone who helped out at the Jolly Mouse Craft Show and thanked the members of the Recreation Board for the Halloween contest and the sponsors.

Councilman Raymond made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Drapkin and

unanimously concurred by Council.

David G. Sobel, Mayor

Karen Ventura, Municipal Clerk