

**ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2010**

Present: Gregory Cannon
Owen Drapkin
Wilhelmina Gumbs
James Lauro
Margaret Montone
Vincent Vinci
Fred Tagliarini

Absent: None

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

Mayor Tagliarini 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.

Appointing Members to Environmental and Shade Tree Advisory Board: Resolution appoints five (5) regular members, one (1) alternate member and one (1) student member to the Environmental and Shade Tree Advisory Board for a one year term expiring on January 31, 2011. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Relief from Property Tax for 100% Disabled United States Veteran: Holly Reycraft, Tax Assessor has submitted this resolution to Council for exemption of residential property taxes for property known as 44 Ardmore Lane. N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 provides an exemption from residential property taxes for a 100% disabled United States Veteran who has suffered permanent disabling injuries while in combat. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Joining the New Jersey Sustainable Energy Joint Meeting: Joining with other Local Units in the State to aggregate purchasing power of energy to achieve financial savings. There is a one time fee to join of \$600. There being questions from the Council, Joe Criscuolo suggested tabling this resolution until a representative from Sustainable New Jersey can come in and give a presentation.

Safe and Secure Communities Program: Police Chief requested this yearly resolution to participate in the State of New Jersey Safe and Secure Communities Program administered by the Division of Criminal Justice, Department of Law and Public Safety.

A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Recycling Tonnage Grant Application: This resolution appoints Robert Brady as Recycling Coordinator and endorses the submission of the recycling tonnage grant application to New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Engineering Proposals for South River Metals Remediation: South River Metals Site was found to have an oil tank on property and the Department of Environmental Protection is requiring us to have it remediated by April 30, 2010. There is an oily substance in there and needs to be removed. Required resolutions will be: Resolution No. 2010-45, Emergency Temporary Appropriation for \$350,000 for Hazardous Waste Removal; Resolution No. 2010-46, Professional Engineering Services not to exceed the sum of \$160,000 with three proposals dated January 29, 2010; and Awarding Emergency Contract for Removal of Material from Tank at South River Metals Site not to exceed the sum of \$190,000. We will be getting money back from grants. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing these three resolutions to tonight's public meeting.

Joe Criscuolo recommended we carry Ordinance No. 1-2010, Ordinance regarding the Amendment to the Land Development Ordinance regarding the "ARAH" Age-Restricted Affordable Housing Zoning District, to the March 16, 2010 Council meeting. So we may get more information as to what is going on with this project.

Council discussed an appointment to the Planning Board of Mr. Akin Awofolaju. Councilwoman Gumbs stated Mr. Awofolaju has a Phd and has a consulting firm in New York. He has an extensive resume and will be an asset to the Planning Board. Appointment will go onto the next agenda.

Councilman Cannon stated there are two bills before the State Legislature. Eliminate of Time of Decision Rule, in respect to Planning and Zoning regulations. When applicant brings application to Board, the Board has to apply the rules according to the time when they brought the application. League of Municipality has a sample resolution. The second is S-1 Repealing COAH Regulations, we do our best with COAH and spread our obligations around town. We can go back to the old system and allow municipalities to make interlocal agreements and exchange credits. It gives more flexibilities. It is in our best interest to support.

Councilwoman Montone made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Lauro and unanimously concurred by Council.

Fred Tagliarini, Mayor

Karen Ventura, Municipal Clerk