

ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING

The Reorganization Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Aberdeen in the County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey was held on Tuesday, January 1, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. in the Municipal Building at One Aberdeen Square and was called to order by Township Manager, Stuart Brown.

Mr. Brown 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 bulletin board in the Municipal Building and was published in the December 19, 2007 issue of the Courier Newspaper and Asbury Park Press.

A Moment of Silence was offered by Mr. Brown, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Brown stated he has the certified results of the election from the Clerk of the County of Monmouth and that Owen Drapkin, Wilhelmina Gumbs, Janice Gallo and Vincent Vinci were duly elected as Council members-at Large in the Township of Aberdeen.

OATHS OF OFFICE

Mr. Brown called upon the Mayor Sobel to administer the Oaths of Office.

The Oath of Office was administered to Wilhelmina Gumbs, Councilwoman-at-Large of the Township of Aberdeen, to serve a four year term, said term to expire on December 31, 2011.

The Oath of Office was administered to Vincent Vinci, Councilman-at-Large of the Township of Aberdeen, to serve a four year term, said term to expire on December 31, 2011.

The Oath of Office was administered to Owen Drapkin, Councilman-at-Large of the Township of Aberdeen, to serve a four year term, said term to expire on December 31, 2011.

There was a round of applause for the Councilmembers.

ROLL CALL Present:

- Owen Drapkin
- Wilhelmina Gumbs
- Thomas Perry
- Joseph Raymond
- Vincent Vinci
- David G. Sobel

Mayor Sobel thanked everyone for coming and wished everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Mayor Sobel said we will now entertain nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor.

Councilman Vinci made a motion to nominate Wilhelmina Gumbs for Deputy Mayor.

Seconded by Councilman Drapkin.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmen Drapkin, Perry, Raymond, Vinci and Mayor Sobel

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilman Gumbs

There was a round of applause for Deputy Mayor Gumbs.

Mayor Sobel stated before we move on to new business is there any member of Council that has anything to report.

Councilman Vinci thanked the residents of Aberdeen for reelecting him for his forth term. Councilman Vinci stated he is very proud of being on Council and will work hard for each resident in town and will do my best to continue the great progress in town.

Deputy Mayor Gumbs stated she too thanks the residents of Aberdeen for reelecting her. Deputy Mayor Gumbs thanked the support of my family, friends, pastors who are praying for her. I will do the very best I can. Aberdeen is a great town and I will do all I can to keep it a great town.

Councilman Drapkin thanked all the residents of Aberdeen and his family for their support. I has been a great 12 years and hopefully a great four years. This Council is very proud of what we have done for this town and I hope it will continue for the next four years.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Raymond made a motion to introduce **Resolution No. 2008-1** and move its adoption.

Seconded by Councilman Drapkin.

WHEREAS, there exists a need for a Municipal Attorney, Labor Attorney, Litigation Counsel and Conflict Attorney for the Township of Aberdeen, New Jersey.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Aberdeen that Daniel McCarthy, Esq. of the firm Rogut McCarthy Troy LLC be and is hereby appointed Township Attorney, Labor Attorney, Litigation Counsel and Conflict Attorney for the year 2008.

This appointment was awarded through a “fair and open” process, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et.seq.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be subject to the Township Manager’s certification of the availability of funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be published in the official newspaper of the Township of Aberdeen within ten days of its passage as required by law.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmen Drapkin, Perry, Raymond, Vinci, Deputy Mayor Gumbs and Mayor Sobel

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Councilman Vinci made a motion to introduce **Resolution No. 2008-2** and move its adoption. Seconded by Councilman Raymond.

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the services of Bond Counsel in the Township of Aberdeen, New Jersey.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Aberdeen that the firm of Rogut McCarthy Troy, LLC, be and is hereby appointed as Bond Counsel for the year 2008.

This appointment was awarded through a “fair and open” process, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et.seq.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be subject to the Township Manager’s certification of the availability of funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be published in the official newspaper of the Township of Aberdeen within ten days of its passage as required by law.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmen Drapkin, Perry, Raymond, Vinci, Deputy Mayor Gumbs and Mayor Sobel

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Councilman Perry made a motion to introduce **Resolution No. 2008-3** and move its adoption. Seconded by Councilman Vinci.

WHEREAS, there exists a need for a Municipal Prosecutor for the Township of Aberdeen, New Jersey.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Aberdeen that Allen E. Falk, Esq. be and he is hereby appointed Municipal Prosecutor for the year 2008.

This appointment was awarded through a “fair and open” process, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be subject to the Township

Manager's certification of the availability of funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be published in the official newspaper of the Township of Aberdeen within ten days of its passage as required by law.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmen Drapkin, Perry, Raymond, Vinci, Deputy Mayor Gumbs and Mayor Sobel

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Deputy Mayor Gumbs made a motion to introduce **Resolution No. 2008-4** and move its adoption.

Seconded by Councilman Raymond.

WHEREAS, there exists a need for a Municipal Public Defender for the Township of Aberdeen, New Jersey.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Aberdeen that Marc B. Schram, Esq. be and he is hereby appointed Municipal Public Defender for the year 2008.

This appointment was awarded through a "fair and open" process, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be subject to the Township Manager's certification of the availability of funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be published in the official newspaper of the Township of Aberdeen within ten days of its passage as required by law.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmen Drapkin, Perry, Raymond, Vinci, Deputy Mayor Gumbs and Mayor Sobel

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Councilman Drapkin made a motion to introduce **Resolution No. 2008-5** and move its adoption. Seconded by Councilman Vinci.

WHEREAS, there exists a need for auditing services for the Township of Aberdeen, New Jersey.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Aberdeen that Thomas P. Fallon, Registered Municipal Accountant No. 465, of the Firm of Fallon and Larsen L.L.P., Certified Public Accountants, be and is hereby appointed as Municipal

Auditor for the year 2008.

This appointment was awarded through a “fair and open” process, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be subject to the Township Manager’s certification of the availability of funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be published in the official newspaper of the Township of Aberdeen within ten days of its passage as required by law.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmen Drapkin, Perry, Raymond, Vinci, Deputy Mayor Gumbs and Mayor Sobel

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Deputy Mayor Gumbs made a motion to introduce **Resolution No. 2008-6** and move its adoption.

Seconded by Councilman Drapkin.

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the services of Special Counsel for Tax Appeals and Tax Foreclosures in the Township of Aberdeen, New Jersey.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Aberdeen that Marc B. Schram, Esq. be and is hereby appointed as Special Counsel for Tax Appeals and Tax Foreclosures for the year 2008.

This appointment was awarded through a “fair and open” process, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be subject to the Township Manager’s certification of the availability of funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be published in the official newspaper of the Township of Aberdeen within ten days of its passage as required by law.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmen Drapkin, Perry, Raymond, Vinci, Deputy Mayor Gumbs and Mayor Sobel

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Councilman Perry made a motion to introduce **Resolution No. 2008-7** and move its adoption. Seconded by Councilman Raymond.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Aberdeen that Janice

Gallo be and is hereby appointed as a Class III member of the Planning Board for a one year term commencing on January 1, 2008 and expiring on December 31, 2008.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Council that Robert Brady is hereby appointed as Class II member of the Planning Board for a one year term commencing on January 1, 2008 and expiring on December 31, 2008.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Council that Margaret Montone is hereby appointed as Class IV member of the Planning Board for a four year term commencing on January 1, 2008 and expiring on December 31, 2011.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Council that Fred Tagliarini is hereby appointed as Class IV member of the Planning Board for an unexpired term of Lenny Rose commencing on January 1, 2008 and expiring on December 31, 2010.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Council that Robert Swindel is hereby appointed as Class IV member of the Planning Board for an unexpired term of Robert Axelrad commencing on January 1, 2008 and expiring on December 31, 2008.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmen Drapkin, Perry, Raymond, Vinci, Deputy Mayor Gumbs and Mayor Sobel

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Councilman Vinci made a motion to introduce **Resolution No. 2008-8** and move its adoption. Seconded by Councilman Drapkin.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council that Harvey Brenner is hereby appointed as a member of the Aberdeen Township Zoning Board of Adjustment for a four year term commencing on January 1, 2008 and expiring on December 31, 2011.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Council that Thomas Bucco is hereby appointed as a member of the Aberdeen Township Zoning Board of Adjustment for a four year term commencing on January 1, 2008 and expiring on December 31, 2011.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Council that Laronda Hobson is hereby appointed as a member of the Aberdeen Township Zoning Board of Adjustment for a four year term commencing on January 1, 2008 and expiring on December 31, 2011.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Council that Lisa Aviles is hereby appointed as a member of the Aberdeen Township Zoning Board of Adjustment for an unexpired term of Edward Wysmierski commencing on January 1, 2008 and expiring on December 31, 2009.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Council that Sam Vinson is hereby appointed as Alternate No. 1 for a two year term commencing on January 1, 2008 and expiring

on December 31, 2009.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmen Drapkin, Perry, Raymond, Vinci, Deputy Mayor Gumbs and Mayor Sobel

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Councilman Raymond made a motion to approve **Consent Agenda**.

Seconded by Councilman Drapkin.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmen Drapkin, Perry, Raymond, Vinci, Deputy Mayor Gumbs and Mayor Sobel

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Consent Agenda:

1. RESOLUTION NO. 2008-9: BE IT RESOLVED that the Courier and Asbury Park Press are hereby designated as the official publications of the Township of Aberdeen for the year 2008.
2. RESOLUTION NO. 2008-10: BE IT RESOLVED that the following procedures for compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act are hereby adopted.
3. RESOLUTION NO. 2008-11: BE IT RESOLVED that the schedule of Council meetings for the year 2008 is hereby established.
4. RESOLUTION NO. 2008-12: BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk is designated as the person who shall make official certificates of searches for municipal improvements.
5. RESOLUTION NO. 2008-13: BE IT RESOLVED that depositories, accounts custodian and authorized signatures are hereby designated for Township accounts.
6. RESOLUTION NO. 2008-14: BE IT RESOLVED that official depositories are hereby designated by this Rider.
7. RESOLUTION NO. 2008-15: BE IT RESOLVED that Columbia Savings Bank is designated as the depository for funds of the Municipal Court, and authorized signatures are hereby designated.
8. RESOLUTION NO. 2008-16: BE IT RESOLVED that the interest rate for delinquent taxes, assessments, municipal charges and water and sewer rents is hereby established.
9. RESOLUTION NO. 2008-17: BE IT RESOLVED that a fee of \$25 will be charged for each Redemption Certificate and a fee of \$100 will be charged for each duplicate Tax Sale Certificate.
10. RESOLUTION NO. 2008-18: BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector is hereby granted discretion for cancellation of property tax refunds or delinquent amounts of \$10.00.
11. RESOLUTION NO. 2008-19: BE IT RESOLVED that it hereby authorizes a service charge of \$20.00 for insufficient funds fees.
12. RESOLUTION NO. 2008-20: BE IT RESOLVED that Stuart Brown is designated as the Monmouth County Community Development Representative for Aberdeen Township and Angela Morin is designated as Alternate for the year 2008.

13. RESOLUTION NO. 2008-21: BE IT RESOLVED that recreation fees be fixed for the Township of Aberdeen recreation programs.
14. RESOLUTION NO. 2008-22: BE IT RESOLVED that Maxine Rescorl is hereby appointed Deputy Municipal Clerk for the calendar year 2008.
15. RESOLUTION NO. 2008-23: BE IT RESOLVED that Stuart Brown is hereby authorized to execute all sewer and water utility state permit applications.
16. RESOLUTION NO. 2008-24: BE IT RESOLVED that it hereby authorizes the Cash Management Plan for 2008.
17. RESOLUTION NO. 2008-25: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council hereby approves the 2008 Temporary Budget.

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS/CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS

Mayor Sobel asked any member of the public wishing to be heard to come forward and to state their name and address. There being no one wishing to be heard, Mayor Sobel closed the public portion.

Councilman Raymond made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Vinci and unanimously concurred by Council.

David G. Sobel, Mayor

Karen Ventura, Municipal Clerk