

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

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

Absent: None

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 the following are reorganization items:

Planning Board Appointments: Appoints Fred Tagliarini as Class III member, Robert Brady as Class II member, Robert Swindel as Class IV member and Margaret Montone will move from Alternate position to unexpired term of Class IV member.

Zoning Board Appointments: Appoints Guisepppe Ciaglia for a four year term on the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Designation of the Official Newspapers: Designates the Asbury Park Press and the Home News & Tribune as the Official Newspapers of the Township of Aberdeen.

Procedure Requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act: Sets procedures for notices of any Council meetings within the Township of Aberdeen pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey.

Designation of the Schedule of Meetings for the Aberdeen Township Council: Sets forth the meeting schedule of the Township Council for the year 2009.

Designation of Search Officer: Appoints the Municipal Clerk as Search Officer to make official certificates of searches as to municipal improvements authorized by ordinance.

Columbia Bank for the depository of funds: Authorizes Columbia Bank as depository for funds for the Township of Aberdeen.

Naming of the Banks and Savings and Loan Association for the Township of Aberdeen: Designates the official depositories for funds received by the Township.

Columbia Bank account for the Municipal Court Judge and Court Administrator: Designates Columbia Bank as depository for the Municipal Court.

Rate of Interest Charges by the Township of Aberdeen: Authorizes the Tax Collector, Water and Sewer Collector to charge delinquent penalties and surcharges.

Fees for Redemption Certificate and Duplicate Tax Sale Certification: Authorizes a fee of \$25 for Redemption Certificates and a fee of \$100 for duplicate Tax Sale Certificate.

Cancellation of Property Tax Refunds or Delinquent Amounts of \$10.00: Grants discretion to the Tax Collector for cancellation of property tax refunds or delinquent amounts of \$10.00.

Fee for Check Return for Insufficient Funds: Imposes a \$20.00 service charge for returned checks for insufficient funds.

Appointment of Community Development Representative and Alternate: Appoints Joe Criscuolo as Community Development Representative and Angela Morin as Alternate.

Fees for Recreation Program: Fixes the fees for the Township of Aberdeen Recreation Programs as supervised by the Director of Recreation.

Appointment of Deputy Municipal Clerk: Appoints Maxine Rescorl as Deputy Municipal Clerk for the year 2009.

Authorize Joseph Criscuolo to Execute Sewer and Water Utility Permits: Authorizes Township Manager to execute all sewer and water utility state permit applications as necessary.

2009 Cash Management Plan: Angela Morin, Chief Financial Officer prepared Cash Management Plan to set forth the basis for the deposits and investment of public funds of the Township of Aberdeen pending the use of such funds for the intended purposes.

2009 Temporary Budget: Temporary Appropriations made prior to the adoption of the 2009 Municipal Budget and shall not exceed 26.25% of the total of the appropriations made in the 2008 budget.

A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing the aforementioned resolutions to tonight's public meeting.

Reduction of Performance Guarantees: Cliffwood Properties, LLC requested release/reduction of performance guarantees posted on Block 227, Lots 3 & 6, 423

County Road. In a letter dated December 22, 2008, Tim Gillen, CME Associates recommends reduction. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

2nd Year Option for Snow Removal for Mass Transit: Awards contract to J.H. Brothers, Inc. of Freehold NJ for the 2nd Year Option for the Snow Removal for Mass Transit. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Mr. Criscuolo stated in mid November he was asked to come up with a donated sick time program. Mr. Criscuolo has copies prepared and can be introduced at tonight's meeting. It has to be approved by the Commissioner of Personnel at the State. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of introducing this ordinance at tonight's public meeting.

Mr. Criscuolo stated we received a letter from Monmouth County denying our request to delay the revaluation. The 2009 Township Calendars were mailed out to residents this week. The Township website was revamped over the weekend. It is more user friendly. The vendor did not charge for the changes.

Councilman Perry stated the contact council member form does not filter. Council member email does not work, an error message comes up.

Mr. Criscuolo will check into it. Mr. Criscuolo submitted a copy of draft pay to play ordinance for Council review. Our COAH plan was delivered last week along with 290 municipalities. We received letters from residents thanking the Tax Assessor's office in explaining the reval and how it works.

Councilman Perry stated in respect to the reval, most residents he spoke to spoke favorably on the process of the revaluation.

Councilman Perry stated the President of the New Jersey Credit Union Association approach him regarding a bill introduced which would permit Credit Unions to be on the qualified public depository list. Provided a draft letter for councils consideration.

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

David G. Sobel, Mayor

Karen Ventura, Municipal Clerk