

**ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 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.

Central Jersey Health Insurance Fund: A presentation was made by Joseph Linker of Conner Strong regarding health insurance for Township employees and the options and advantages of being part of the Central Jersey Health Insurance Fund.

Ordinance to Exceeds Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and Establish a Cap Bank: This ordinance is a standard ordinance that allows the municipality to increase appropriations from 2.5% to 3.5% in the CY 2009 municipal budget. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of introducing this ordinance at tonight's public meeting.

2009 Salary Ordinance: This ordinance amends and supplements salaries for Township employees and added positions needed.

Councilman Perry stated in looking at the ordinance it occurred to him in this era of transparency in the government perhaps the ordinance can be amended to separately address the Township Council's salary so they are not included with the Township employees salaries. Councilman Perry drafted an ordinance and passed it out to Council for their action.

Council consensus was to add this ordinance to tonight's public meeting.

A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of introducing both ordinances at tonight's public meeting.

State Contract Vendor and Monmouth County Co-op lists: This resolution lists the approved vendors the the Township is allowed to purchase from in 2009 from the New

Jersey State Contract vendors list and Monmouth County Co-ops list. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Change Order No. 1 for 2007 Road Improvement Program: CME Associates has recommended in a letter dated January 15, 2009 approval of Change Order No. 1 which has an increase of \$382,125.50 for the storm drainage improvements and road reconstruction of Idlewild Lane for a revised Contract amount of \$2,325,069.07. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Bid of NJDEP Water Allocation Diversion Rights: Bids were received by the Township Manager on December 5, 2008 for the aforementioned project. In a letter dated January 29, 2009 Tim Gillen, CME Associates recommends awarding a contract to Gordon's Corner Water Company of Marlboro, NJ with a base bid of \$198,795.00 for Annual Year 1. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Amending Fees from Summer Adventures: This resolution based on a memo from Jim Colabelli, Recreation Director dated January 28, 2009 amends the fee from \$35 for Summer Adventures to \$40 with a maximum of \$160 per immediate family. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Appointment of Environmental and Shade Tree Advisory Board: This resolution appoints five regular members, two alternate members and two student members to the aforementioned board. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Endorsing the Submission of Recycling Tonnage Grant Application and Appointment of Recycling Coordinator: This resolution appoints Robert Brady as Recycling Coordinator and endorses submission of Recycling Tonnage Grant Application. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Release of Performance Guarantees: Hudson City Savings Bank has requested release of guarantees posted on Block 104, Lot 11, 1168 Route 34. In a memo dated February 5, 2009 Tim Gillen, CME Associates has recommend said release subject to the posting of satisfactory maintenance bond. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Release of Performance Guarantees: Woodcliff Route 34 LLC has requested release of performance guarantees posted on Block 115, Lot 14, Route 34. In a memo dated February 5, 2009 and January 13, 2009 Tim Gillen, CME Associates recommends said release subject to the posting of satisfactory maintenance bonds. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Requesting Joint Meeting with Aberdeen and Matawan Councils and the Matawan Aberdeen Library Board of Trustees: The resolutions authorizes said meeting. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Councilman Drapkin read a letter from a resident on Ivanhoe Lane thanking Council and Police for their help installing signs on their street.

Councilman Perry stated a resident on Cashel Drive has been trying for some time to replace a fence. The house was purchased in 2005 and the prior owner put up a fence on or before 2003. Part of the fence is on Township property, the property in 2004 was named in our open space inventory. He has used and maintained that property, in 2007 he tried to get permits to replace fence. Along the left side of property is a fence that sits over a drainage easement. The Township Manager and Jim Lauro at the time determined the owner would have to sign a release that he could replace fence but any repairs would be at his own costs. If the township had to come in a replace the drainage he would have to move the fence. In 2008 documents were approved and drafted and that is when Township Engineers found the property on Open Space. Diane, Dan and Councilman Perry have been working on this. Councilman Perry drafted a resolution that would permit Township Manager and Mayor to execute whatever documents are necessary to recognize the current property owner's use and maintenance of this portion of Township property and allowing him to replace the fence. Councilman Perry thanked Council for their consideration.

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

Mr. Criscuolo stated Ordinance No. 3-2009 needs to be tabled, we are still awaiting approval.

Councilman Drapkin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Tagliarini and unanimously concurred by Council.

David G. Sobel, Mayor

Karen Ventura, Municipal Clerk