

**ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP SPECIAL JOINT MEETING  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2009**

A Special Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Aberdeen, Borough Council of the Borough of Matawan and the Aberdeen Matawan Library Board in the County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey was held on Thursday, February 26, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building at One Aberdeen Square and was called to order by Mayor David G. Sobel, who presided at the meeting.

Mayor Sobel 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 bulleting board in the Municipal Building and was published in the appropriate newspapers.

**Aberdeen**

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Wilhelmina Gumbs

Also Present: Dan McCarthy, Township Attorney  
Joseph Criscuolo, Township Attorney

**Matawan**

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Paul Buccellatto  
Michael Cannon  
Linda Clifton  
Thomas Fitzsimmons  
Bud Mullaney  
Joseph Urbano

Absent: Kevin Mendes

Also Present: Pat Menna, Borough Attorney

**Library**

Present: Susan Pike, Librarian  
Scott Smith, Attorney

Mayor Sobel welcomed everyone. As we all know these are troubling economic times, requiring creative and sometimes hard decisions to be made. In Aberdeen we started developing this year's municipal budget in fall, 2008 with public budget meetings held the first two Saturdays in February, 2009. Those budget meetings have been

temporarily suspended pending receiving additional information relating to health insurance, deferral of pension contribution, state aide, stimulus money and finally the joint library. Like any other municipality we are working hard to manage our budget, our staff is continually working towards an efficient government. One which is able to maintain services and one that continues to invest in our infrastructure. We are trying to avoid what other governmental entities on both the federal and state levels have announced, service cuts, furloughs, lay offs, wage freezes, borrowing against future budgets and large tax increases. I am not saying we will be able to avoid any or all of these measures, we will do everything possible to minimize their effect. For these reasons both Matawan and Aberdeen are coming to the Library Board for their help. We fully understand what the current financing formula provides but we are also aware of the library's surplus of approximately \$800,000 which is over and above the annual \$1.1 million needed for operations. It is also clear that the library does not spend that entire amount of funding. The funding formula is now under great scrutiny