

**ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2009**

Present: Fred Tagliarini
Vincent Vinci
Wilhelmina Gumbs
David G. Sobel

Absent: Owen Drapkin
Thomas Perry
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.

Appointment of Special Counsel for Tax Foreclosures and Tax Appeals for 2009: Eric Bernstein & Associates were interviewed at the last meeting in executive session. This resolution appoints Eric Bernstein & Associates as Special Counsel for Tax Foreclosures and Tax Appeals for 2009. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Hazard Mitigation Plan: This plan was submitted by the Police Chief for action by Council. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Bid for 2nd Year Grass Cutting and Lawn Maintenance: Bids were received by the Township Manager on March 26, 2008 for the aforementioned project with an optional 2nd year. D'Onofrio & Sons, Inc. of Maplewood, NJ was the lowest responsible bidder with no increase for the 2nd year. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Requesting State to Allow Official Notices to Appear on the Internet Sites as an Official Newspaper: This resolution was requested by Councilman Perry which request a municipality use their website and one newspaper instead of two newspapers. Which would be a cost savings to the town. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Joining the Central Jersey Health Insurance Fund: This resolution is authorization for Aberdeen to join the Central Jersey Health Insurance Fund and authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute Agreement. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Appointing Fund Commissioner of Central Jersey Health Insurance Fund: This resolution appoints Joseph Criscuolo as Fund Commissioner and Angela Morin as Alternate for Aberdeen Township. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Tax Map Revisions Fee Ordinance: This ordinance will cover the costs associated with revising tax maps as a result of subdivision or site plan approvals. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this ordinance to the next public meeting.

Mayor Sobel stated he spoke with Diane Dabulas and Ordinance No. 7-2009 is being pulled this evening due to improper format.

Diane Dabulas stated it will be cleaned up and resubmitted.

Mr. Criscuolo stated Ordinance No. 3-2009, Donated Sick Time, was written awhile ago and waited for approval from the Department of Personnel in the State. We received a faxed letter from the Commissioner supporting the ordinance. Also, we will add a resolution to tonight's public meeting waiving the estoppel period for this ordinance due to a sick employee who needs the time.

Diane Dabulas asked to add contract negotiations to the executive session.

Mr. Criscuolo stated at the last meeting residents were talking about the intersection of Lloyd Road and Cambridge, the County Engineer's office has been contacted. We are asking for a resolution to make that section of road a no passing lane and to waive policy and put "Children Crossing" in the road or standard cones. County is concerned about the DOT guidelines. County is also doing traffic counts.

Mr. Criscuolo stated a study was done on Warren Drive, the posted speed limit is 25 mph. 1% exceeded 30 mph, there has been no crash history. Police Department does not recommend any traffic calming devices.

Deputy Mayor Gumbs stated she went to the Office of Emergency Management meeting last week. If there was an emergency in Aberdeen who would be coordinator?

Mr. Criscuolo stated Chief Powers.

Deputy Mayor Gumbs asked if we could put out a letter to residents with disabilities to be registered with the Township, in case of emergencies.

Mr. Criscuolo stated you did this last year. We could put it in the newsletter to remind residents.

Deputy Mayor Gumbs stated the red alert on Monday with the snow storm did not go out to everyone in the Township.

Mr. Criscuolo stated we will check to see when the database will be updated.

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

David G. Sobel, Mayor

Karen Ventura, Municipal Clerk