

**ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2009**

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

Absent: Owen Drapkin

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.

Liquor License Fee Ordinance: This ordinance increases the yearly fees for consumption, distribution and club liquor licenses by 20%. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of introducing this ordinance at tonight's public meeting.

2009 Municipal and Solid Waste Collection District Budgets: This is the introduction of the 2009 budgets. Extraordinary Aid application is being prepared and a Cap Waiver. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing the 2009 Municipal and Solid Waste Collection District Budgets to tonight's public meeting.

Emergency Temporary Appropriation – 2009: This appropriation is for the 2nd quarter of the year with appropriations in the General, Water, Sewer and Sanitation Fund. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Pension Deferral: This resolution authorizes the application to the Local Finance Board for a reduced pension contribution. A resolution needs to be adopted prior to application which has a deadline of April 22nd. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Interlocal Services Agreement: This is an agreement between the Township of Aberdeen and the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School Board of Education for the use of school buses for Summer Adventures Program. The Township will pay for the driver and the gas. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification Process: This resolution states that Aberdeen

intents to pursue Sustainable Jersey Certification and designates John Quinn as Municipal Agent. This is a good thing for our community, we would be able to apply for grants with the certification.

Councilman Perry asked if there was a zoning ordinance in regards to solar panels. This is the wave of the future.

Diane Dabulas stated she has green building ordinances that will be proposed to the Council at the next meeting. They will provide guidance.

Mr. Criscuolo stated the Environmental Board is involved and have gone to classes for the Sustainable Jersey.

Maxine Rescorl stated there have been homes in Aberdeen with solar panels already and there is an application before the Zoning Board, a resident is building a home in the Freneau section with solar panels.

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

Bids for 2008 Road Improvement Program: Bids were received by the Township Manager on March 5, 2009 for aforementioned project. Lucas Brothers Inc. of Morganville, NJ was the lowest responsible bidder. In a letter dated March 13, 2009, William Skorton, CME Associates recommends awarding bid to Lucas Brothers. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Monmouth County Mosquito Commission Spraying: This is a yearly resolution requested by the County for the spraying of Mosquitoes. The Police Department will be notified when spraying will occur. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Mr. Criscuolo stated we received a letter from COAH stated our application and documents have been approved. We are now entering our review portion.

Mr. Criscuolo stated Mayor Sobel, Deputy Mayor Gumbs and Councilman Tagliarini and himself met with the School Board regarding their budget. It is a lean budget.

Mr. Criscuolo stated we met with the Library Board and they are giving money back to the Township and are asking for a resolution stating we will bond for the library capital project. Councilman Perry asked what if we don't bond for a project. Mayor Sobel stated the deed restriction runs out the end of 2010. At that point one of the towns can go to court to get the deed restriction lifted and the building sold. We should not work with a facility that is inadequate. It is half the size it should be and the parking is bad. Why wouldn't you go to another site in Aberdeen/Matawan. Why spend so much money when you might not be in this building in 2 or 3 years.

Diane Dabulas stated we can appeal to the Local Finance Board if we feel we do not want to bond for a capital project.

Mr. Criscuolo stated the cable franchise is up at the end of the year with Cablevision. A survey was put on the website. A cable committee is also needed. The School District will also have a member on the committee. Mayor Sobel and Councilman Perry volunteered to be on the committee.

Mr. Criscuolo stated we are looking at going out to bid for advertising firms to put advertising in bus shelters. There are 6 shelters – 3 on Lloyd Road, 1 on Route 34, 1 on Cliffwood Avenue and 1 on Highway 35.

Deputy Mayor Gumbs stated on Cliffwood Avenue there are old trees hanging over Cliffwood Avenue. It is very dangerous. Mr. Criscuolo will have the Road Department check it out.

Diane Dabulas stated she has two resolutions from the League of Municipalities for Support Our Troops Day which will be added to tonight's agenda and the other is a COAH Opposition, Council will consider.

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

David G. Sobel, Mayor

Karen Ventura, Municipal Clerk