

**ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 20, 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.

Release of Performance Guarantees: Cliffwood Properties, LLC requested release of performance guarantees posted on Block 227, Lots 3 & 6, 423 County Road. In a letter dated April 7, 2009 Tim Gillen, CME Associates recommends said release with the posting of satisfactory maintenance bonds. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to the next public meeting.

Release of Maintenance Bonds: Edgewater Builders, Inc. requested release of maintenance bonds posted on Block 174, Lots 17.01 & 18.01, 196 & 200 County Road. In a letter from Tim Gillen, CME Associates, he states the maintenance bond is for two years and will not expire until December, 2009. He cannot recommend release at this time.

Mr. Criscuolo stated we are going to begin creating a Sustainable New Jersey Green Team with John Quinn as liaison with members of staff and council. Councilman Tagliarini volunteered to be on the Green Team.

Mr. Criscuolo stated regarding the newsletter, current newsletter will have no savings. To change the paper is a savings of \$345 per issue, one color is a savings of \$300, a four page document can be done, price difference is minimal. Our consultants suggest two newsletters a year vs three a year, this more of a costs savings. That way we will save on postage. It would be two newsletters and a calendar. Mayor Sobel stated with the state of the economy and everyone going green this is a good idea. Consensus of council is two newsletters a year (spring/fall) and the calendar. First newsletter will go out in May and second in September. Any other news will go on the website.

Mr. Criscuolo had our submittal to the DEP for the clean up of the South River Metals site for anyone interested.

Mr. Criscuolo stated the County passed a resolution supporting Assembly Bill 3570 on Abolishing COAH.

Diane Dabulas recommended not voting on a resolution. Not sure about the support, it recommends COAH to no longer exist, DCA to handle the COAH responsibilities, recommends changes as to what qualifies as vacant land, brings back Regional Contribution Agreements. Would like to wait and see support from Trenton.

Mayor Sobel asked the Clerk to canvas Bayshore towns.

Diane Dabulas stated regarding on placing signs on bus shelters, our sign ordinance does not allow this. We will need an overhaul of sign ordinance. We should also look at temporary signs for business per Maxine Rescorl's recommendation. Diane will put together an ordinance for review.

Diane Dabulas and Council discussed green ordinances and builders lead certifications levels and encourages use of lead guidelines. Also the need to have someone educated in certification where permits come in.

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

David G. Sobel, Mayor

Karen Ventura, Municipal Clerk