

**ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2008**

Present: Owen Drapkin
Thomas Perry
Vincent Vinci
Wilhelmina Gumbs
David G. Sobel

Absent: Janice Gallo
Joseph Raymond

Also Present: James Lauro, Acting 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.

Presentation Aberdeen Township Shade Tree and Environmental Board: Mr. Frank Huza thanked Council for recruiting members to the Board and also thanked Council for the highlighting recycling. We will be talking about recycling and shade trees in the future. We found 63% of all Shade Trees planted by the builder in the "B" section are no longer there. We are very proud that there have been three major events in Cliffwood Beach in the past 45 days. On April 19th there was a very successful cleanup with the boy scouts and girl scouts. We hauled away approximately 1000 lbs of trash. On May 17th we had our 15th Annual Family Fishing Contest in conjunction with a Day at the Bay which was an environmental festival. We had an incredible amount of families show up. On May 23rd we had the 9th annual Goldman Sachs Community Teamwork effort. We put in 25 sections of dune fencing, we completely repainted the hockey rink, the parking lots are clean and the play ground surfaces are redone. It looks spectacular.

One reason we are here is the reaction we received. We received complaints on broken glass. There is a big problem with the broken glass all over the beach. We would like to petition the Council to introduce an ordinance to prohibit the possession and/or use of glass containers of all kinds from all Township public parks. There currently is no existing ordinance at this point. It would help and beach and all the other fields.

Mr. Lauro agreed there a large amount of glass, so much so it is hard to clean up.

Mr. Huza stated over the past two weekends, we have had more families at Cliffwood Beach than ever before, with umbrellas and picnics on the beach.

Mr. Huza stated the second part of our presentation is fire damage. In the past nine years

we put up 250 foot sections of dune fencing and 50% has been burned. Most of the slats are removed and used as kindling to start fires. There is an ordinance, 8-1.2F which limits fires in public parks. We urge the Council to install signs at all Cliffwood Beach entry points and have the Police Department enforce this ordinance as they see fit. There is one sign with Park Rules at the fisherman's parking lot at this time. Mr. Huza asked for 6 signs, one at each entry way in English and Portuguese or Spanish.

Mr. Huza stated we could improve the quality of life in Cliffwood Beach and decrease the litter. Mr. Huza suggested in time the town think of remote video equipment that is run on solar power. Mr. Huza thanked the Council for their time.

Councilman Perry asked how Mr. Huza determined there are no longer 63% shade trees.

Mr. Huza stated Mr. Levitt, builder planted a shade tree in front of every house. I counted the trees and number of house. 63% do not have shade trees.

Councilman Perry asked Mr. Huza if he knows how other towns enforce things like fires.

Mr. Huza stated Old Bridge put a police substation there and they have the remote cameras.

Mayor Sobel stated Mr. Colabelli should survey the other beach front Bayshore towns for sample ordinances and how they are enforced. Mayor Sobel asked Diane for sample resolutions for prohibitions of glass containers at parks and beach.

Closing Accounts for Health and Welfare Programs: Accounts for the Health and Welfare Programs are no longer necessary being the services are provided by Monmouth County. Accounts should be closed and the balances will go into the general fund. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Authorizing Tax Collector to Prepare and Mail Estimated Tax Bills: Due to the late adoption of the Municipal Budget due to our application for extraordinary aid, the Tax Collector will be unable to mail the Township's 2008 tax bills on a timely basis. The Chief Financial Officer and Tax Collector have computed an estimated tax levy and are authorized to mail estimated tax bills for the third installment of 2008. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Adding Vendors to State Contract Vendor List: Barbara Riddle, Purchasing Agent submitted a updated list of State Contracts for 2008 dated May 27, 2008. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Negotiation for Non-Leaded Gasoline: The second bid opening for non-leaded gasoline was held on May 20, 2008 and no bids were received for the second time. In a memo dated May 27, 2008, Barbara Riddle, Purchasing Agent request permission to negotiate with local stations for aforementioned project. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Councilman Perry stated we received a letter from the Deerfield Park neighbors and I went back into my records to find the letter they referenced but the reason I state this is I shouldn't have to go back into my personal records. We are into the month of June and it would have been helpful if we had minutes of that meeting. Where do we stand with the minutes.

Karen Ventura, Township Clerk stated we haven't had any for 2008. Unfortunately, that is something that gets put on hold. I know it is wrong and I shouldn't but that is what gets put on the backburner.

Councilman Perry asked about the new digital recorder that was purchased and what the status was.

Karen Ventura stated Bob Brady is helping me. We are having problems getting the information from the scan disk onto the computer.

Mayor Sobel stated regarding the letter from the Deerfield Park Neighbors Diane Dabulas will look through her file and get in touch with the author and go over outstanding issues.

Councilman Perry stated this Wednesday, Boy Scout Troop 92 of Hazlet is having their Spring Court of Honor. Several participants were in the CERT graduation exercise. We like to recognize them, part of scouting requires service to the communities, not only to the beach cleanup but also the CERT exercises.

Mr. Lauro stated Netherwood, last council meeting it was decided to overlea the street. A letter was sent to the residents and I have not received any response.

Mr. Lauro stated he received reports back on Cashel Drive from the Fire Company, First Aid and Police Department, he is waiting on Tim Gillen. Once it is all received he will make copies and send it to the Council. Fire Department objected to closing off one end, Police Department would rather close off Church Street and not South Atlantic and the EMS has no problem with it.

Mayor Sobel stated when we get all the reports we will form a committee and meet with the residents of Cashel Drive.

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

David G. Sobel, Mayor

Karen Ventura, Municipal Clerk