

**ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2009**

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

Absent: Owen Drapkin  
Joseph Raymond

Also Present: Joe Criscuolo, Township Manager  
Colleen Paterson, Township Attorney  
Angela Morin, Chief Financial Officer  
James Lauro, Director Public Works

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.

Authorizing the Chief of Police to Apply for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program: This resolution is authorization to apply for said grant in the amount of \$16, 723.00. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Bid for Odor & Corrosion Control Chemical – Bioxide: Bids were received by the Township Manager on May 19, 2009 for aforementioned project. Siemans Water Tech of Sarasota, Florida was the lone responsible bidder per summary of bids. 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: The adoption of the 2009 Budget being delayed, resolution authorizes Tax Collector to prepare and mail estimated tax bills for the third installment of 2009 taxes which shall not be subject to interest until August 10<sup>th</sup>. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

HAM Grant Application: This grant provides recreational activities for individuals with disabilities in the amount of \$35,000.00. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Authorizing Realty Appraisal Company for Appraisal Services for Tax Court Litigation: This authorizes our Appraisal Company to represent us in tax court litigation with respect to the Township's revaluation. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing

this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

2009/2010 Liquor License Renewals: No written objections have been filed, all paperwork has been completed and in compliance to be renewed for 2009/2010. Council had a question on Cue & Brew License, which was taken off agenda for research due to a complaint to the Planning Board. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public hearing.

Mayor Sobel stated we had a budget meeting on Sunday night and extra cuts were made.

Mr. Criscuolo stated we do have one item to consider, to lessen the amount of streets in the road program. We have been spending \$2.5 million a year on the road program, which is an asset to the community. There is one road (Pinehurst) that needs to be completely redesigned with new water mains. Mr. Criscuolo's recommendation would be to remove that street from the road program. The design would take a long time and would cost \$850,000. It would help with the amount of our down payment. Delaying this road would give water and sewer additional time to put down larger down payment.

Mr. Lauro stated why borrow the money when we are not going to get to this until next year.

Mayor Sobel stated the money we save will be the down payment.

Angela Morin stated the minimum amount of down payment is 5%. In the past we have gone as high as 30%. This year was going to be 20%.

Mr. Lauro stated we are still doing eight streets this year with a reconstruction of Bechstein. Streets that were done in 1980 we need to overlay and mill to protect your investment.

Councilman Perry asked if the budget includes the pension deferral.

Mr. Criscuolo stated yes.

Mayor Sobel stated we will not receive a savings in health benefits this year, but will see a savings next year.

Mr. Criscuolo thanked the staff for their work on this budget especially Angela, CFO.

Mayor Sobel asked the rate of collects.

Angela Morin stated last year at this time the rate 96.05%, this year is 97.15%.

Mr. Criscuolo stated there are 36 foreclosures in Aberdeen with 20 foreclosures being resolved, cleared up, purchased or settled.

Mr. Criscuolo stated he was asked previously about new construction, particularly South Atlantic, there is a Permit Extension Act of 2008 which allows a builder up until July 1, 2010 to build property.

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

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David G. Sobel, Mayor

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Karen Ventura, Municipal Clerk