

**ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING  
TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2009**

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

Absent: None

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.

Raritan Bay Slag: A brief presentation was made by Pat Seppi, Community Involvement Coordinator and Andrew Confortini, On-Scene Coordinator for the United States Environmental Protection Agency on the Raritan Bay Slag. The Raritan Bay Slag site is located in the Laurence Harbor section of Old Bridge and in Sayreville along the Raritan Bay. The overall site spans approximately 1.3 miles in length and consists of the waterfront area between Margaret's Creek and the area just beyond the western jetty at the Cheesequake Creek Inlet. The portion of the site that is in Laurence Harbor is part of what is not called Old Bridge Waterfront Park. Lead slag, reportedly in the form of blast furnace pot bottoms, was deposited along the beachfront in the late 1960s and early 1970s. The other portion of the site that is in Sayreville is located on and adjacent to the western jetty at the Cheesequake Creek Inlet. The slag on the jetty is similar in appearance to that which is present on the seawall. Crushed battery casings are also evident on the jetty. The Raritan Bay Slag site is part of a larger effort which includes the area around Margaret's Creek, an area in which the NJDEP discovered lead-contaminated material. EPA has been evaluating the Raritan Bay Slag site for a Superfund Removal Action. Samples were collected at the site including collection of soil, sediment, water, biological and waste samples along the seawall. Analytical results indicate that significantly elevated levels of lead and other heavy metals are present in the soils, beach sand and sediment. It is determined that portions of the Raritan Bay Slag site pose a Public Health Hazard in Middlesex County. South of Laurence Harbor was visual inspections, no sampling.

Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance: This ordinance was required and approved by the

State, all towns along shore line are required to adopt said ordinance. Councilman Perry asked if we know how this ordinance will impact the budget. Joe Criscuolo stated no we don't. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of introducing this ordinance at tonight's public meeting.

Special Emergency Appropriation for Codification of Ordinances: This ordinance deems a special emergency appropriation and shall be provided for in the next five succeeding annual budgets for the Codification of Ordinances as allowed by NJSA 40A:4-53. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of introducing this ordinance at tonight's public meeting.

Bond Ordinances: Three bond ordinances are on tonight's agenda: Capital Improvement Fund for General, Water Utility and Sewer Utility for various capital improvements. We are also cleaning up old bonds that have money left on certain projects and use it to fund our new bonds. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of introducing bond ordinances at tonight's public meeting.

2009 Municipal Budget Amendment: Budget amendment includes reductions from the introduced budget and additional revenues. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Cancel Funded and Unfunded Appropriation Balances Provided for Various Capital Projects: This resolution cancels funds from old projects and returned to the Capital Improvement Fund. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Application to Local Finance Board, Levy Cap Waiver: This resolution authorizes the Chief Finance Officer to make an application to the Local Finance Board for a Levy Cap Waiver pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-45.46 for the 2009 Budget Year. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Acceptance of a Proposal from Signature Information Solutions: This Resolution authorizes acceptance of a proposal from Signature Information Solutions requesting a biweekly data transmission of tax and utility records for an annual fee of 500.00. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Authorizing \$25.00 Fee for each of two Tax Sale Mailings in Lieu of Advertisement: Tax Collector requested in an effort to reduce advertising costs and create revenue, the addition of \$25.00 fee per mailing of two sets of tax sale notices. This will reduce the advertising time from 4 consecutive weeks to 2. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Renewal of Liquor Licenses: This resolution authorizes the renewal of the last two liquor licenses in Aberdeen for the year 2009/2010, GAC Gardens Catering Corp and Piazza Di Roma Inc. All paperwork has been received. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor

of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Regional Feasibility Study Grant: This resolution authorizes Aberdeen Township to join with other towns in applying for a grant for the purpose of a feasibility study to promote shared services through the sharing of solid waste and recycling collection services. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

2009 Over the Limit Under Arrest Statewide Crackdown: Resolution supports the Statewide Crackdown from August 21 through September 7, 2009 and pledges awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Bid for Water Materials for Maintenance & Repair: Bids were received by the Township Manager on June 25, 2009 for aforementioned project. HD WaterWorks Supply of Berlin, NJ was the lowest bidder for Items 1-4, 8-15, 17-22, 24-35, 46-51, 54-59 and 64-75; Water Works Supply of Pompton Plains, NJ was the lowest bidder for Items 5-7, 16, 23 and 36-45; no bids for items 52-53 and 60-63. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Bid for Utility Department Electrical Maintenance: Bids were received by the Township Manager on June 25, 2009 for the aforementioned project. Quality Electrical Construction of W. Keansburg, NJ was the lone bidder. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Bid for 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Option for Maintenance & Repair of Heating & Cooling System: Bids were received by the Township Manager on June 3, 2008 for aforementioned project with an option 2<sup>nd</sup> year. Able Mechanical Inc. of Belford, NJ was the lowest responsible bidder. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Bid for DPW Routine & Emergency Repair: Bids were received by the Township Manager on June 25, 2009 for aforementioned project. B&W Construction of Matawan, NJ was the lowest responsible bidder. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Bid for Road Materials for Maintenance and Repair: Bids were received by the Township Manager on July 16, 2009 for the aforementioned project. Stavola Inc. of Red Bank, NJ was the lowest responsible bidder for Items 1-6 & 3A - 5A; there were no bids for Items 7 & 6A. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Affordable Housing Mediation Team: Township of Aberdeen filed a Petition for Substantive Certification with the Council on Affordable Housing. Objections to the Petition were filed and will be addressed through the mediation process. The Township must appoint a Mediation Team authorized to negotiate on behalf of the Township. The

Team with consist of Deputy Mayor Wilhelmina Gumbs, Township Manager, Joseph Criscuolo, Planning Board Chairman, Bill Shenton, Township Engineer, David Samuel and Township Planner, Richard Coppola. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Joe Criscuolo stated there was a Safety Event on July 11<sup>th</sup>, the Fire Departments, First Aid Squads, Cert Team and Police Officers were present. Mr. Criscuolo thanked everyone for their time.

Mr. Criscuolo stated in the Police Department has been busy, there were six DWI this month. There was a program for DWI awareness at the high school. Members of the Police Department participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics and raised over \$2000. The Traffic and Safety Unit continues to work with Monmouth County on Lloyd Road and now are working with NJ Transit on the bus routes on Lloyd Road.

Mr. Criscuolo stated the survey on Irongate Lane is in progress.

Mayor Sobel stated the Audit report was distributed today. The Audit will be discussed and adopted at the first meeting of September.

Diane Dabulas gave an Identity Thief Policy to the Council for review for the next issue. This is a State mandate policy from Department of Community Affairs.

Councilman Perry stated for 7 years, 7 months he was under the assumption that anything that came before Council passed through legal review and that is not the case.

Mayor Sobel stated nothing against the management team, we should have a policy that it goes through legal review.

Diane Dabulas stated there is an opportunity when it goes on the website, but the timing isn't always right.

Councilman Perry stated Bond Ordinance 14-2009, on page 2 the Relocation and Replacement of Cliffwood Water Main is there any relationship between this ordinance and Anchor Glass Redevelopment. My understanding is that infrastructure improvement is going to be the responsibility of the redeveloper because of the impact it is going to have on that watermain.

Joe Criscuolo stated this has to do with the reconstruction of the roadway, drainage and paving. Will check on this for the next meeting.

Councilman Perry stated he asked a question on the sidewalk fund. South River Metals borders Route 34 from the B section to Henry Hudson Trail, the sidewalk is broken up, can this money be used for that improvement now to dress up that area and make it more pedestrian friendly.

Mr. Criscuolo will take a look at it with Mr. Lauro.

Councilman Tagliarini stated all the developments that have been put on hold, as we become more green as a town how can we reapproach development that has been stalled for any reason making more demands on green issued.

Diane Dabulas stated we can make that part of negotiations that we engage with them.

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

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David G. Sobel, Mayor

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Karen Ventura, Municipal Clerk