

**ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2008**

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

Absent: None

Also Present: James Lauro, Acting Township Manager  
Diane Dabulas, Township Attorney  
Marc Leckstein, Zoning Board 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.

Aberdeen Township Environmental Board: Frank Huza stated the members of the Environmental Board and Mrs. Adeline Arnold are here to support Michele DeVany, who has done a lot of research and show you what can be done in town to improve recycling and reduce our taxes.

Michele DeVany stated many people in town are still not recycling. Some are recycling some things and not other things. Almost half of Monmouth County's trash is paper, yet in our town it is only picked up once a month. The pick up schedule needs to change in order for people to want to recycle. It was mentioned to the Environmental Board at one meeting and it was felt it was worth looking into. Approximately 63% of our garbage is paper and co-mingled, yet we pick it up once a month. The other 37% of our garbage is picked up 9 times a month. We can not expect people to keep 63% of their garbage stored at their house for a once a month pick up. This is why not enough people recycle.

Mayor Sobel asked because it is picked up once a month that people discard their paper on regular trash days.

Michele DeVany stated that is exactly what I am saying. A lot of people do not know what paper is recyclable. There is an education problem there. People realize to recycle newspapers but they don't realize they recycle junk mail, cereal boxes, pop tart boxes, that is part of mixed paper. If you drive around on mixed paper day and you will barely see anyone put anything out except for newspapers and once in awhile cardboard boxes. If you drive around on garbage day you will see plenty of people putting cardboard boxes

out. We can find money for education.

Michele DeVany made a chart for monthly recycling of a household with 2 people and a household of 4 people. An average annual total of recycling would be 0.864 tons. Multiple that by 6166 single family homes and this would equal 5,327 tons of recycling per year. That is 4,562 more tons than we recycled this year. Aberdeen would make an extra \$419,704 on recycling. Mixed paper alone with the newspaper could generate an extra \$243,358. More recycling needs more pick ups.

Michele DeVany stated she understands we do have three years left on our garbage contract with Future Sanitation. Ms. DeVany created a sample of a new pick up schedule which would be one pick up trash a week and one pick up mixed paper a week. Co mingled twice a month instead of once a month. You can get people excited about recycling. Aberdeen needs to start going green. Ms. DeVany stated if you are recycling properly you will only have 37% trash.

Mayor Sobel stated it is not uncommon to have an once a week trash. We should have an open mind for an opportunity on how important it is to recycle and to benefit the community with added revenue.

Councilman Vinci asked if there is an extra costs involved.

Ms. DeVany stated we are not changing the amounts of pick up so it should not be an extra cost.

Councilman Vinci stated the one trash pick up a week will have a lot more trash to be picked up because you held it for a week.

Mr. Lauro stated you would have to add more trucks.

Ms. DeVany stated we have to start with education first. When she recycles properly a once a week pick up of trash would be fine.

Mayor Sobel stated Mr. Lauro made a point of additional trucks, one way may be an incentive for company to have a piece of the revenue.

Mr. Lauro stated we did a survey around ten years ago and overwhelming people wanted two trash pick ups.

Ms. DeVany stated that was before we started recycling mix paper.

Mayor Sobel stated we do not normally open the workshop meeting to the public but he knows Ms. Balint is very much interested in this.

Christine Balint  
Wilson Avenue

Christine Balint stated she like the idea of making Future Sanitation share in part of the profits. There have been occasions where Future did not pick up recycling. They would be less incline to do that.

Mayor Sobel asked what other towns have done to encourage residents to recycle. We can put it into the calendar but that might not be good enough.

Ms. DeVany stated Colts Neck spent six months of continual mailings, different kinds. All mixed paper including newspaper where able to be in one bin, no bundling. The compliance has been wonderful. Matawan sent out postcards that stated what was mixed paper, they pick up recycling once a week and trash once a week. It is working.

Councilwoman Gallo stated when you send out utility bills you can put a stuffer in there.

Ms. DeVany stated in 2009 the garbage haulers will be fined for picking up recycling.

Joe Pauciello  
Cliffwood Beach

Mr. Pauciello stated hearing all this about recycling, we have a township department with dumpsters that can take the papers, cans, glasses. Five days a week and third Saturday, they are open.

Mayor Sobel stated he asked our attorney to review the contract that we have to see if we have any ability to open the contract for discussion. We need to contact them to get their reaction.,. We would hope to join with the Environmental Board to enhance our recycling efforts.

Tina Walling, Environmental Board stated there are seven other municipalities that she has information on regarding how long it took them and what they did to get the residents recycling. It did take six months, magnets were very important.

Turn Prohibitions Cashel Drive: Mayor Sobel stated we met with residents of Cashel Drive and talked about their issues of volume of traffic, speed of traffic and reckless driving. The Fire Department, EMS and Police Department researched the issue and came up with solutions. Turning Cashel Drive into a dead end street had serious concerns from the Fire Department. Turn prohibitions seemed to work, neither Church Street or South Atlantic Avenue are County Roads and we are able to make it a reality. The ordinance reads – prohibit from making a left hand turn into Cashel Drive from Church Street between the hours of 6a.m. - 10 a.m. And 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. Also, no right hand turn from South Atlantic with the same hours. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of introducing this ordinance at tonight's public meeting.

Defined Contribution Retirement Program: This is an ordinance to establish a Defined Contribution Retirement Plan for the new employees.

Councilwoman Gallo asked that the ordinance talks of professional services and some

contracts talk about a contractor.

Mayor Sobel stated this defines the positions in the township.

Councilwoman Gallo stated Construction Official is listed.

Mr. Lauro stated Construction Official is part of the Building Department.

Councilwoman Gallo stated is it for elected officials too.

Karen Ventura stated no, not according to the CFO.

A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of introducing this ordinance at tonight's public meeting.

Bid for DPW Routine & Emergency Repair: Bids were received by the Township Manager on July 1, 2008 for aforementioned project. B & W Construction was the lone bidder. In a memo dated July 3, 2008 James Lauro, Public Works Director recommends awarding a contract to B & W Construction. 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 July 3, 2008 for the aforementioned project. HD WaterWorks Supply of Berlin, NJ was the lone bidder. In a memo dated July 8, 2008 James Lauro, Public Works Director recommends awarding a contract to HD WaterWorks Supply. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Bid for Road Materials for Maintenance & Repair: Bids were received by the Township Manager on July 1, 2008 for aforementioned project. Stavola of Red Bank, NJ was the lowest bidder for Items 1,2,4,5,6,3a,4a,5a; Trap Rock Industries of Kingston, NJ was the lowest bidder for Items 3; C.J. Hesse of Atlantic Highlands, NJ was the lowest bidder for Items 7,6a. In a memo dated July 3, 2008, James Lauro, Public Works Director recommends awarding a contract as stated above. 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 July 3, 2008 for the aforementioned project. Quality Electrical Construction of W. Keansburg, NJ was the lowest responsible bidder. In a memo dated July 8, 2008, James Lauro, Public Works Director recommends awarding a contract to Quality Electrical Construction. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Proposal for Engineering Services – 2008 Road Improvement Program: CME Associates has submitted a proposal dated June 9, 2008 for Engineering Services for the 2008 Road Improvement Program.

Councilwoman Gallo asked to hold off on this contract to be discussed in executive

session.

Mr. Lauro stated this is the Road Improvement Program that we do every year.

Mayor Sobel stated you made a comment about why is this not the same as the four previous bids.

Councilwoman Gallo stated because it wasn't bid, this is a professional service.

Councilman Drapkin stated the road program does go out to bid, the actual work.

Mr. Lauro stated this is to go out and design the road and do out to bid and get us to the part where contractors bid on the road. CME Associates only does the engineering part of it.

Councilwoman Gallo stated she would like to hold it and discuss it.

Mayor Sobel stated each year we send out RFQ's for professional services, that is planning, legal, engineering, etc. CME was appointed as our engineer for 2008. I am not a bid proponent of putting professional services out to bid. I don't think all engineering firms are created equal, not all legal firms are created equal and not all planning firms are created equal. These are critical activities that place municipalities at a great risk if not done by a good firm.

Councilwoman Gallo stated there are issues within the contract. I am uncomfortable voting on something that I need answers for.

Mayor Sobel stated it will be discussed in executive session.

Appointment to the Aberdeen Township Zoning Board of Adjustment: Sam Vinson will be appointed as a regular member for Lisa Aviles term and Lyle Phelps is being appointed as Alternate No. 1. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Liquor License Transfer from AGC Gardens Liquor Corp to GAC Gardens Catering Corp: This is a transfer in name only. The owners are the same and trade name is the same, Addison Park.

Mr. Kalma spoke on behalf of the GAC Gardens Catering Corp. The ABC didn't like the fact that there were two corporations so this transfer out of Liquor Corp to Catering Corp. All paperwork is in order. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Mayor Sobel stated we received a memo from Maxine Rescorl, Zoning Officer. Shop Rite is asking for permission for this Friday, Noon to 5:00 pm. To have a Hannah Montana Bus Tour.

Mr. Lauro stated the Police Department and Fire Department does not have a problem with it.

Council was unanimously in favor of this.

Councilman Perry stated in our packet there was a July 25<sup>th</sup> Mayor's Fax Advisory from the DCA regarding a budget survey. Did we respond to the survey.

Karen Ventura stated she will check with Angela.

Councilman Raymond stated July 15<sup>th</sup> Marlboro Township had a shared services summit. This was a first, it was very interesting. We should keep an open ear to it. Shared services is one of the few ways we would save money.

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

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David G. Sobel, Mayor

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Karen Ventura, Municipal Clerk