

**ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 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
Tom Fallon, Township Auditor
Angela Morin, Chief Financial Officer
Holly Reycraft, Tax Assessor

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.

2008 Municipal Audit and Corrective Action Plan: Tom Fallon gave a brief presentation on the 2008 Municipal Audit. The audit was completed in June. Based upon testing the Auditor's opinion is a clear opinion, which means finance statements are fairly presentation according to the State of New Jersey. Three comments were made; bank reconciliations are not in agreement with the general ledger, this item has been in the audit for past years but is down to only a couple of accounts. This will be resolved in 2009. The next comment is interfunds that owe other funds money, auditor is required to put in budget. The last comment is Court bank account reconciliations, they contain outstanding checks which need to be canceled. This is a housecleaning item. The Township financials are in excellent shape, Tax Collector's office and bookkeeping are excellent also. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing the Corrective Action Plan resolution to tonight's public meeting.

2009 Budget Amendment and Adoption of Municipal Budget and Solid Waste Collection District Budget: The Chief Financial Officer and Township Manager appeared before the Local Finance Board and was granted a cap waiver. Angela Morin outlined the Budget Amendment - Revenue from Library is \$184,402, appropriation to library was corrected from \$704,000 to \$740,000, Handicap contribution page change in amount of \$2000, Water Utility revenues and appropriations were decreased by \$4,000, levy cap waiver changed from \$490,631 to \$519,639. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing these resolutions to tonight's public meeting.

Transfer of Liquor Licenses – Pulijal Associates: Pulijal Associates currently own two licenses, Wine Tree on Route 34, a distribution license and a pocket license, Consumption, Broad C. The owner would like to transfer the pocket license to Route 34 and the Wine Tree will be transferred to a location on Route 35. The Council had questions where the exact location will be and it being very close to Fun Time America and children. We will obtain further information for the next council meeting.

Clothing Bins for Emergency Volunteers: The Fire Department requested approval of clothing bins as a fund raiser. State Legislation are trying to regulate these clothing bins because of the multitude of bins. Bins have to be a charitable organization, permit application that goes to Zoning Officer, which will have location of bin, where profit goes, telephone number, registration number. Certain information must be displayed on the clothing bin. Ordinance would allow with Zoning Officer approval with certain regulations. This would be a yearly permit, and would have to reapply yearly. Diane is looking further into this ordinance.

Discussion with Holly Reycraft, Tax Assessor: Vacation Bank Street, Bob Zuppa, 365 Riverdale Drive, looking to combine Lot 2 & 3 and build one house and take down old bordered up house. Diane Dabulas stated we have to offer this to railroad first. Mr. Zuppa will pay the Township \$500 and all legal expenses. There is no value to Township and will release the Township from maintaining property. Diane Dabulas will check with the railroad and prepare an ordinance.

Vacation Lake Blvd, Church Street resident is interested in purchasing the section of Lake Blvd. to be added to Lot 1.01, would pay \$500 and all legal expenses. Diane doesn't know if we have to vacate the whole street or just a portion. Usually you vacate the whole area. If the adjoining property owner does not want the other part of Lake Blvd this resident will take it. Diane will check out if we can vacate the portion of Lake Blvd only.

Request to purchase, Lower Main Street, Lot 13 owned by Township and is assessed at \$105,900, Lot 12 wants to buy this lot. Have to offer to adjoining property owners. This will bring in revenue to municipality. This will be researched more and see if adjoining property owners are interested. Holly will follow up.

Joe Criscuolo stated Councilman Perry asked to get a meeting with the State regarding the sidewalk on Route 34. Department of Transportation sent two gentlemen, who took pictures and measurements. The issue will be with the funding.

Joe Criscuolo stated we held two accident seminars for the employees today.

Joe Criscuolo stated Monmouth County will no longer be recycling batteries.

Joe Criscuolo stated we continue meeting with the COAH objectors. Another meeting is set for this Friday. The State of New Jersey COAH reps will be in Aberdeen doing a tour.

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

David G. Sobel, Mayor

Karen Ventura, Municipal Clerk