

**ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2008**

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Joe Criscuolo, Township Manager
Dan McCarthy, 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.

No Left Turn on Lloyd Road: Proposed ordinance prohibits left turns on the westbound side of Lloyd Road into driveway of Block 86, Lots 6 & 7. This ordinance is needed for Nawatam Associates' Planning Board condition of approval for office building at this location. The driveway is near Shop Rite and before Route 34. Because Lloyd Road is a County road the County is conditioning this approval. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of introducing this ordinance at tonight's public meeting.

Mayor Sobel stated there was a seminar in Eatontown on wind energy. John Quinn attending this seminar. Mr. Quinn reported to Mr. Criscuolo that it was not a viable option of Aberdeen. Zoning changes in the area are needed as well as a demand of that energy. Our town is more for solar applications. The Grant money is gone for this year, but next round we would try for solar panels. The wind turbines give off a lot of noise.

Councilman Perry asked if we have an ordinance addressing solar panels. We may want to take a look at it before we start getting applications.

Mr. Criscuolo stated we need to get our hat in the ring next year for a grant and also look at our ordinances.

Mayor Sobel asked the Clerk to check with other communities regarding residential use of solar panels.

Mayor Sobel stated when he was at town hall, Cindy Thomas came in, the parking lot at the first aid building was cited.

Mr. Criscuolo stated we started the repair work on the parking lot, the work was done internally. We helped move the pieces of macadam and brought them to Manzo and Stravola for recycling. The guys were going to try to do some patching this week. The goal was to get through the winter.

Mayor Sobel stated the cost would be around \$3000. We talked about this building for years, while we don't own the building or property there was talk to purchase it for \$1 and lease it back.

Councilman Raymond stated he was under the impression that we did own it.

Mayor Sobel stated we really have ignored that building for years. Groups have requested to use that building through Jim Colabelli. Art Perri who runs the indoor soccer would like the town to construct a building as the one in Woodbridge. The Township financially supports the athletic leagues. He feels we should be doing more, we need to do it in a smart way. Mayor Sobel steered Mr. Perri to the swim club owner. If we could put money into the first aid building and make it into a community center, we could develop programs for use in that building.

Council concurred with Mayor Sobel but felt we need to find out who owns the property.

Mr. Criscuolo will check with Mr. Alan Falk. We should set aside money next year for an architect, it needs to be rehab and brought up to code.

Mayor Sobel stated Cindy told him they are up to 15 members. He told Cindy that we have been getting complaints. All the towns in the Bayshore are having difficulty with EMS coverage in the daytime. The Chief has been in touch with MONOC for service. She did not have a problem with it. They would need a place to park their vehicles so the parking lot needs to be in good shape.

Mr. Criscuolo stated he has been working with the Chief gathering call volume data and then they will meet with EMS organizations.

Mayor Sobel stated the newspaper did an article on a family in Aberdeen with a handicapped child who could not pay their taxes and bills.

Mr. Criscuolo stated there are charity organizations in town. St. Vincent DePaul are coming in to pay their taxes and water and sewer. They are also looking into buying their mortgage. They have had \$30,000 in donations from the article. There are other organizations that will be helping also.

Councilman Perry stated regarding Open Space, a property on Cashel Drive. The back of the property is on the open space inventory. The size is not bigger than this room. There is an easement. The prior owner erected a fence, the existing owner move in. In November, 2007 the owner came in for an application to put up a new fence. Because of

the easement the Township was going to sell him the property for \$1 but he would sign a agreement that in the event the township needs to come on the property they could. That is when it was discovered that it was on the open inventory. He doesn't know what to do. He maintains the property. What do we do and the second question is how do we identify our open space land.

Mayor Sobel stated the direction we gave Mr.Coppola is to identify all available land in the Township. There are a lot in Freneau that can not be developed.

Councilman Perry stated why do we need it on there.

Mr. McCarthy stated the policy decision was made in conjunction with our COAH obligations. COAH looks at available land mast that is not devoted to like recreation or open space and they say your obligation to build affordable housing is based on that mast of land, developable or not. That is probably what that came from. It is not a park, will not be a park. We have been trying to figure it out how to help this gentlemen.

Councilman Perry stated the fence was an existing conditioning when the CO was issued. The CO should never been issued.

Mr. McCarthy stated the CO does not address property line issues.

Mr. Criscuolo stated that would be something in his title search and land survey.

Mr. McCarthy stated let me think about it. I will sit down with him personally.

Councilman Perry stated it has been a long time already. He is trying to do the right thing.

Councilwoman Gallo asked about a petition in their packets for speed bumps on Orchard Street.

Mr. Criscuolo stated he sent a copy to the Chief and it will be looked into and discussed.

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

David G. Sobel, Mayor

Karen Ventura, Municipal Clerk