

**ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2008**

Present: Owen Drapkin  
Thomas Perry (7:15 P.M.)  
Joseph Raymond  
Vincent Vinci  
David G. Sobel

Absent: Janice Gallo  
Wilhelmina Gumbs

Also Present: Joe Criscuolo, Township Manager  
Diane Dabulas, Township Attorney  
John Powers, Police Chief

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.

Jersey Central Power & Light: James Markey, Manager of Jersey Central Power & Light made a brief presentation to Council on Enhanced Vegetation Management. JCP&L is committed to improving reliability by targeting the removal of overhanging branches and defective trees.

Amending and Supplementing Land Development Ordinance with Specific Reference to Satisfying the Requirements of COAH: This ordinance amends Development Fees for Affordable Housing. It will be referred to the Council on Affordable Housing and the Aberdeen Planning Board for their approval. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of introducing this ordinance at tonight's public meeting.

Requesting COAH Review and Approve Development Fee Ordinance: This resolution requests the Council on Affordable Housing to review ordinance and submit their approval to Aberdeen Township. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Councilman Perry stated he has questions for Richard Coppola that he would like to ask at a Council Session or individually on COAH.

Mr. Criscuolo stated there are a lot of different changes in the Development Fee Ordinance.

Councilman Perry asked if there is any impact to the fee schedule if the League of Municipalities stay is granted.

Mr. Criscuolo stated what the League of Municipalities is working on purely revolves around the number of units that Municipalities have to provide. In Aberdeen it is 450 units. The Ordinance is fee based, submitting the plan and using the money to submit the plan.

Councilman Drapkin stated we are just introducing the ordinance tonight.

Councilman Perry stated what about the resolutions.

Council agreed that Resolution 2008-106, Escrow Agreement for Housing Trust Fund and Resolution No. 2008-107, Committing to Petition COAH for 3<sup>rd</sup> Round Affordable Housing Plan will be removed from the agenda. Township Planner, Richard Coppola will attend the next council meeting to discuss the COAH resolutions and answer any questions.

Bid for Lease of Water Tower Space for Communications Equipment: Bids were received by the Township Manager on August 14, 2008 for aforementioned project. Two bids were received. T-Mobile USA, Inc. of Parsippany, NJ with a base bid of \$36,000.00 and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC of Morristown, NJ with a base bid of \$34,100.00. In a memo dated August 26, 2008, Tim Gillen, CME Associates recommends awarding bid. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Insertion of an Item of Revenue - Alcohol Ed Rehab Enforcement Fund: The resolution requests the Director of Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of \$856.73 in the 2008 budget for Alcohol Ed Rehab Enforcement Fund. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Insertion of an Item of Revenue - Division of Highway Safety, Over the Limit Under Arrest: This resolution requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of \$5,000 in the 2008 budget for Division of Highway Safety Over the Limit Under Arrest. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Traffic Signal Agreement with State of New Jersey regarding Signal at Route 34 and Lloyd Road: This resolution is required by the State when a light is installed or moved and simply states the municipality will pay for the electric bill for the light to work and authorizes the Mayor to enter into an Agreement with the State of New Jersey. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Appointment of Alternate Registrar of Vital Statistics: Joseph Criscuolo is a Certified Registrar and will be appointed Alternate Registrar for a three year term for the Township of Aberdeen. This appointment is to maintain credits and keep certification and help out. A straw poll vote is unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public

meeting.

Orchard Street Petition for Speed Bumps: Chief John Powers stated this petition was given to the Police Department and sent to the traffic investigation. We placed an electronic speed monitor on Orchard Street to get data and find exactly what the problem was. It was out there from September 24<sup>th</sup> to October 6<sup>th</sup>. We had issues where a day or two it didn't function. We were able to get some data, approximately 1300 cars traveled down that street. 42% traveled between 1 - 15 mph, 49% traveled 15 - 24 mph, 3.8% traveled 25 - 26 mph, 2.5% traveled 27-28 and 1.5% traveled 29- 30 mph. It goes down from there. One car during the time period 39 - 49 mph. The Speed Limit on that street is 25 mph. Given this data and the history of speed bumps in the town, we would not be recommending speed bumps.

Mayor Sobel stated in lieu of speed bumps what else would you do.

Chief Powers stated speed monitors can serve as a warning devices. Maybe additional signage and enforcement.

Mr. Criscuolo asked how many cars out of the 1300 that traveled the road would have received summons.

Chief Powers stated three.

Mayor Sobel stated the best thing would be to schedule a meeting with representatives of Council and Orchard Street and have the Chief explain.

Councilman Perry asked what the device use to get the data.

Chief Powers stated a speed monitor, it can be used in display mode or just gather data. It is temporary that wraps to a pole.

Mr. Criscuolo stated he had a meeting with the owner of the Strathmore Swim Club which will be called Cambridge Club in Aberdeen. They have plans made by architects and engineers. They are looking at a indoor and outdoor swimming pool for swim teams, lobby, art gallery, gym, locker rooms, activity area, basketball court. They plan to open in 2010 and get their plan to the Zoning Board in mid January 2009.

Mayor Sobel stated we talked at our last meeting about the First Aid Building.

Mr. Criscuolo stated he stated with Mr. Alan Falk. He has all the information from him, which includes copies of deeds. Which were given to Diane. One concern is identifying members of squad, he had to re-incorporate because a lot of the members had moved away or passed away.

Mayor Sobel asked to do a study to see what it would cost to upgrade the building with enough detail so we can make a decision to go forward. Heating, Air conditioning, ADA,

windows, floors, bathroom facilities.

Mr. Criscuolo stated he will check it out.

Mayor Sobel stated regarding the next fall newsletter, a draft article was prepared by one of our residents regarding what he wants in terms of a community center. Discussions with Mr. Art Perri, he talks about Toms River and Woodbridge. Aberdeen is not as big and the costs of acquiring land and construction of a building would cost \$7 - 11 million, conservatively. We need to be careful with residents money. In the next newsletter, we need to educate the residents with what our recreational programs are.

Mr. Criscuolo stated Mr. Perri came in last week. He thinks \$11 million is on the low side, even if you have the property. Mr. Perri's idea is to bond for it. You have to pay the bonds back. His idea is to have an enclosed ice skating rink. The rink in Old Bridge last year lost \$70,000, the prior year \$50,000. Electricity went up last year. Mr. Perri wants an all year round indoor rink which would cost more money, it would cost a quarter of a million dollars just to refrigerate it. The zamboni costs \$46,000 and then the maintenance. It would be hard pressed in these times to get bonding at a decent rate. This project would be a 15 year range, you are paying \$1 million a year for 15 years and would cost the average tax payer \$176 a year just to pay back the bonds. How do you pay lighting and electric fees. My belief is to bond for what you retire the previous year. You would have to stop your road program for 5 - 7 years.

Mayor Sobel stated he will have a talk to Mr. Perri. The Federal, State and County government said no to him for funding. This is not the right time.

Mr. Criscuolo stated he spoke to NJAWC regarding the cell tower issue. They were very apologetic of what occurred. They are in a lease agreement with Sprint and their hands are tied. Given the level of concern they agreed not to enter into anymore antennae leases at this site and to work with Sprint to minimize the visibility of the antennas. NJAWC stated they would not renew their lease with Sprint.

Mr. Criscuolo stated he met with PRC regarding a senior center. We are drafting a project plan and hope to move that project along.

Mr. Criscuolo stated the Township professionals met to discuss Anchor Glass and will set up meetings with the developer.

Mr. Criscuolo stated a letter was sent to Congressman Pallone asking for grants for the beachfront.

Mr. Criscuolo stated a status of the revaluation was completed by Holly Reycraft. Mr. Criscuolo stated he met with Mr. Lechner and Mr. Parness about the newsletter and calendar. We will be getting that together and looking at ways to save costs.

Mayor Sobel stated he spoke to Tim Gillen regarding the Pedestrian Bridge at the High School. No grant money was given. At the moment the bridge is secure, it will be monitoring it regularly. The Superintendent is aware of this.

Mr. Criscuolo stated he met with Dr. O'Malley and is working with him to submit another grant for the bridge.

Councilman Raymond 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