

**ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2008**

Present: Owen Drapkin
Thomas Perry
Vincent Vinci
Wilhelmina Gumbs
David G. Sobel

Absent: Janice Gallo
Joseph Raymond

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.

Amended COAH Development Fee Ordinance: COAH review the Development Fee Ordinance and had made revisions. Richard Coppola, Township Planner amended said ordinance (13-2008). The revisions were enough to warrant a first reading. It will also go to the Planning Board and COAH again for their review. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of introducing ordinance at tonight's public meeting.

Appropriation Transfer 2008 Budget: This is a standard resolution in the last two months of the year transfers can be made between accounts. This resolution transfers between the 2008 current operating budget, water, sewer and sanitation budgets. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Opposing Third Round Affordable Housing Rules: This resolution opposes the Third Round Affordable Housing Rules as adopted by the Council on Affordable Housing and implores COAH to recognize that there is a limit to what municipalities and developers can be called upon to satisfy in terms of affordable housing obligations. COAH is asked to reconsider these regulations as adopted since they will have a negative impact upon economic development in the Township. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Appointment of Insurance Fund Commissioner: Mid Jersey Municipal Joint Insurance Fund requests this resolution authorizing Joseph Criscuolo as Fund Commissioner and Angela Morin as Alternate Fund Commissioner. Councilman Perry questioned who was attending the meeting before Mr. Criscuolo was hired. Mr. Criscuolo will find out. Mayor Sobel asked Mr. Criscuolo to get a list of committees and meetings from JIF and out attendance. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to

tonight's public meeting.

Parking License Agreement with AMF Bowling Centers, Inc.: Agreement between AMF Bowling Centers, Inc. and the Township of Aberdeen expired. This agreement is for a three year period and authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute agreement. The new agreement expands the number of parking spaces and has out clauses for both parties. Councilman Perry asked how is this enforced. Mr. Criscuolo stated Code Enforcement. Councilman Perry stated regarding fines, is that part of gross revenue. Diane Dabulas stated no only income from rental of parking spaces is gross revenue. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to the next public meeting.

Release of Maintenance Bond: Synergy Residential requested release of Maintenance Bond posted on Block 164, Lot 6.02, 137 Jersey Avenue. CME Associates in a letter dated September 15, 2008 recommends said release. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to the next public meeting.

Creating a Uniform Number System: This is a public safety system for commercial, residential, industrial buildings or any other structure in the Township. The ordinance governs numbers be placed on all properties. At a time when we are relying on mutual aid from other towns for first aid coverage, ems, fire department, when you are trying to find a house with no numbers on it, it makes it difficult to find. Painting numbers on the curb doesn't work especially this time of year with leaves piled by the curb. Numbers have to be off the ground at a certain height and certain requirements. Construction Officials, Fire Officials and Police Chief all think this is a good idea. The ordinance gives people time to put the numbers on their properties. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this ordinance to the next public meeting.

Mayor Sobel asked where the State stands with the uniform street signs.

Mr. Criscuolo stated he met with the State DOT, the signs in the past faded and they are trying to resolve the issue now. The signs were meant to last a certain period of time.

Mr. Criscuolo stated NJ DOT was in, in conjunction with Assemblyman Sam Thompson and Old Bridge regarding the reconstruction of Route 35 to prevent additional flooding. Assemblyman Thompson helped getting the meeting together. DOT now knows how critical it is when we have the high tide and what it causes to the Township. We also have the maintenance engineer from DOT, he was very much on our side. This project has been in design from 1996 it is now number 3 on State's list of flooding projects. It is charted to be done by 2011. The funding has been appropriate by DOT. It should take 15 - 18 months to get the right of ways. We will have updates every 6 weeks on the status.

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

David G. Sobel, Mayor

Karen Ventura, Municipal Clerk