

**ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2008**

Present: Thomas Perry
Joseph Raymond
Vincent Vinci
David G. Sobel

Absent: Owen Drapkin
Wilhelmina Gumbs

Also Present: Joe Criscuolo, Township Manager
Colleen Paterson, 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.

Creating a Uniform Numbering System for Commercial, Residential, Industrial Buildings or other Structures in the Township: This ordinance requires a clear display of assigned and authorized house or building numbers for every building in the Township to assist the general public and emergency services in identifying a property in case of emergency. Residents will have a year to comply and will be notified through the construction department, newsletters, Township website and reverse 911. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of introducing this ordinance at tonight's public meeting.

Rejecting Bids for Lease of Township Land for Communication Tower: Bids were received by the Township Manager on October 24, 2008. Two bids were received with one letter of objection. In a letter dated November 10, 2008, Tim Gillen, Township Engineer recommends rejecting bids and readvertising bids with modifications to specifications. There was not enough space for the tower to be built and house the structure to support the tower in the specs. We are going to resize the area and will rebid. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Rescinding Resolutions No. 2008-85 and 2008-92, AGC Gardens Liquor Corp Liquor License Renewal and Transfer: Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control had informed the Municipal Clerk the Tax Clearance Certificate for AGC Gardens Liquor Corp needed to renew and transfer license was fraudulent. A new Tax Clearance Certificate was received and all paperwork is in order. The liquor license will be renewed at tonight's meeting and the transfer will take place at the next council meeting. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing these two resolutions to tonight's public meeting.

Appointment to Shade Tree and Environmental Board: The Board is allowed to have five

members and two alternates. Brian Murray and Grace Musumeci are to be appointed as alternates expiring on January 31, 2009. Currently there are no student members. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Appointing a Community Rating System (CRS) Coordinator: Township Manager recommended Joseph McAleer be appointed as CRS for the Township and serve as liaison between the community and FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency). Joe would assist residents obtain better flood insurance rates.

Councilman Perry asked the time commitment this would take. Mr. Criscuolo stated initially going to a few meetings and looking at existing flood maps. Councilman Perry asked how many hats does Joe McAleer wear. Mr. Criscuolo stated that is a good question. When we spoke to him, he felt he had time to do the job. Mayor Sobel stated his duties right now make up a full time job. Mr. Criscuolo stated correct. We have been shuffling staff members to give back up. Mayor Sobel stated Joe McAleer reports to Mr. Quinn, who should monitor his work to see if new responsibility has a negative impact on his ability to do what he currently does. Mr. Criscuolo stated yes.

A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Appropriation Transfer: This transfer is for the 2008 Current Operating Budget, Water, Sewer and Sanitation Budgets. Majority of transfers going to health benefits. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Mr. Criscuolo stated Councilman Janice Gallo submitted a letter on November 8, 2008 resigning from Council effective immediately. The Municipal Vacancy Law is going to be following. Township Clerk inform the Democratic Party of the vacancy. They have 15 days to submit three names of candidates to the position to council. The Council has 30 days to make a decision for successor. That person will serve until the next election which would be next November. A seat in the election would be a two year unexpired term.

Mr. Criscuolo stated he submitted to Council a recommendation on rates for the construction office for review. It will be further discussed at the December 2nd meeting.

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

David G. Sobel, Mayor

Karen Ventura, Municipal Clerk