

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

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

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.

Parking Restrictions on Ivyhill Drive and Idlewild Lane: Neighbors from the neighborhood requested a parking restriction ordinance due to excess commuter parking. This was talked about at a previous meeting. Police traffic and safety went out and gave their recommendations to the Police Chief who reviewed it and the ordinance reflex said recommendations.

Councilman Drapkin asked why the hours read 9 – 5 and the other hours in the town read 6 – 10.

Diane Dabulas stated these hours are the same as previously enforced on those roads.

Councilman Drapkin stated 9 – 5 hurts the residents, 6 – 10 keeps the people from parking there and getting on the bus.

Mayor Sobel stated the last bus on Ivyhill is 8:15 am – 8:20 am.

Diane Dabulas stated to change the times will be inconsistent with the immediate area.

Council requested changing the times to 6 am – 10 am, 2 hours parking.

Mr. Criscuolo stated we are receiving 35 more parking spaces at the bowling alley which should help out the commuters.

A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of introducing this ordinance at tonight's

public meeting.

Updating Buildings, Construction and Housing Fees: This ordinance keeps the Township in line with surrounding communities on UCC fees. Councilman Drapkin stated looking into going green and installing solar panels should be incorporated in this ordinance. Mr. Criscuolo stated the building fees are the building fees and if people are doing that they will apply for the specific grants when you are going green it still takes as much manpower. Councilman Drapkin asked to check out what surround towns have. Diane Dabulas stated it will be a separate ordinance relating to green buildings and incentives. Ms. Dabulas will have some for review at the January meeting. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of introducing this ordinance at tonight's public meeting.

Petitioning COAH – Adopted Housing Element and Fair Share Plan: The Housing Element and Fair Share Plan was adopted by the Planning Board at the December 9<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting which has to be also approved by the Council. The plan needs to be sent to COAH by December 31, 2008. If the plan is not sent to COAH by the 31<sup>st</sup> we could face a lawsuit for non-compliance. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Accepting Grant from Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund: This is a grant for the South River Metals property of over \$400,000 for remediation and this resolution accepts grant. CME Associates has applied for this grant.

Councilman Perry stated he thought we already had a remedial investigation approved on the site.

Ms. Dabulas stated the acronym may be different, there was an initial document that went down to DEP that discussed the initial findings and what our initial plan was and the DEP commented on it and CME commented back and the DEP signed off and the next step is this remedial action plan which will set exactly what they are doing.

What was completed at South River Metals was not a clean up, it was a base line investigation.

Councilman Perry asked does the action taken by this Council on the acceptance of this grant have any impact on the timing of contractual relationship with the developer of the site.

Ms. Dabulas stated it was not referred to in any agreement with PRC.

Councilman Perry asked if it gives cause for PRC to not comply with current obligations that they agreed to.

Ms. Dabulas stated no.

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

meeting.

Appropriation Transfer between 2008 budgets: This is the year end clean up with money being transferred between accounts for police department overtime, health benefits and litigation. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Emergency Appropriation: Emergency appropriation for Health Benefits in the amount of \$300,000. \$220,000 in the Current Fund, \$50,000 in the Water Fund and \$30,000 in the Sanitation Fund. Township Manager has been looking into health care options. If we have a good year next year we can get a carrier that would be interested in the Township. We are staying with the network we currently have and stress to the employees to stay in the network it is cheaper for the employee and the Township. Mayor Sobel asked if we can go into the State Plan with the union contracts. Mr. Criscuolo stated you could if you have insurance equal to or better. Mayor Sobel stated unless there are drastic changes we will have this problem every year. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Performance Bond Reduction: Cliffwood Properties requested a reduction in performance guarantees posted on 423 County Road, Block 227, Lots 3 & 6. In a memo dated December 8, 2008, Tim Gillen recommends reduction of said bonds. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to the next public meeting.

Economic Support: Councilman Tagliarini stated he would like Council to consider a resolution in light of the current economy to petition the Governor and Senator to pass a 90 day 50% sales tax reduction on the purchase of a vehicle. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to the next public meeting.

An additional resolution was added for Foreclosure Assistance. Foreclosures have been an non-issue in Aberdeen, the Tax Assessor anticipates that foreclosures can be increasing due to economy in 2009 and beyond. It is timely to press the State to give assistance for foreclosures. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Next resolution being added is to schedule the date for the January Council meeting to be advertised. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Mayor Sobel stated last Tuesday there were two meetings held, one was a Planning Board meeting on COAH. The meeting went very well. The other meeting was the Revaluation Meeting, we provided meeting space for Monmouth County Tax Assessor, Matt Clark. Mayor Sobel read a letter from a resident of Aberdeen, thanking Mr. Clark for his time and efforts and apologizing for the residents of Aberdeen who were very rude. There were approximately 200 people present. Mr. Clark's presentation is on the website. We are and have been trying to assist our residents in this process.

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

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David G. Sobel, Mayor

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Karen Ventura, Municipal Clerk