

**ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2005**

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Mark Coren, Township Manager
 Ralph Conte, 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.

Contract for Engineering Services: A contract for engineering services for the 2005 Roadway System Evaluation Report was submitted by David Samuel, CME Associates dated March 9, 2005. Mark Coren recommended awarding a contract to CME Associates. The last report was completed in 2003. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Contract for Auditing Services: A contract for Auditing services for 2005 was submitted by Thomas Fallon of Fallon & Fallon, LLP dated February 28, 2005. Mark Coren recommended awarding a contract to Fallon & Fallon, LLP. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Community Development Funding: Virginia Edwards, Community Development Director in a letter dated March 21, 2005 has requested that each municipality pass a resolution objecting to the 2006 Federal budget proposal which calls for reducing funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program by fifty (50%) percent. Mr. Coren, as Community Development Representative for Aberdeen Township strongly recommend this introduction and adoption. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to the next public meeting.

Special Emergency Ordinance: An ordinance is required for the preparation of a Housing Plan Element and Fair Share Plan which is part of the Township's Master Plan in the amount of \$24,000 as a Special Emergency Appropriation. Upon checking with the Bond Counsel and the Auditor, the resolution that the Council passed was insufficient under law and an ordinance is required. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of introducing this ordinance at tonight's

public meeting.

Bond Ordinance No.9-2005, 10-2005, 11-2005: These bond ordinances implement budget decisions that the Council has already made in the General Fund (No. 9-2005), Water (No. 10-2005) and Sewer (No. 11-2005). A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of introducing this ordinance at tonight's public meeting.

Mr. Coren stated even though the School Election is on April 19th the Council will still have their Council Meeting on that evening due to the advertised public hearing of the budget.

Councilwoman Gumbs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Minutolo and unanimously concurred by Council.

David G. Sobel, Mayor

Karen Ventura, Municipal Clerk