

on April 19, 2005 and published according to law, is now being taken up for further consideration and public hearing. Affidavit of publication of this ordinance in the Courier Newspaper of April 21, 2005 will be submitted and it is noted that a copy of the Ordinance has been posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and that copies were available to the general public upon request.

Thereupon the Clerk read the aforementioned ordinance by title, "ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ABERDEEN TO IMPLEMENT A DISTANCE REQUIREMENT FOR ALL LIQUOR LICENSES"

Mayor Sobel opened the meeting to the public for remarks or comments for or against the final adoption of this ordinance and asked anyone wishing to be heard to come forward and state their name and address. There being no one present wishing to be heard, Mayor Sobel closed the public hearing on Ordinance No. 12-2005.

Councilman Minutolo made a motion that Ordinance No. 12-2005 be finally passed and adopted and that notice of its passage and adoption be published by title in the May 5, 2005 issue of the Courier.

Seconded by Councilman Raymond.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmen Minutolo, Perry, Raymond and Mayor Sobel

Nays: None

Abstain: None

ORDINANCE NO. 13-2005 - PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Sobel stated that Ordinance No. 13-2005, introduced and passed on first reading by title on April 19, 2005 and published according to law, is now being taken up for further consideration and public hearing. Affidavit of publication of this ordinance in the Courier Newspaper of April 21, 2005 will be submitted and it is noted that a copy of the Ordinance has been posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and that copies were available to the general public upon request.

Thereupon the Clerk read the aforementioned ordinance by title, "ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ABERDEEN TO IMPLEMENT PARKING RESTRICTIONS ALONG LINE ROAD IN THE TOWNSHIP OF ABERDEEN"

Mayor Sobel opened the meeting to the public for remarks or comments for or against the final adoption of this ordinance and asked anyone wishing to be heard to come forward and state their name and address. There being no one present wishing to be heard, Mayor Sobel closed the public hearing on Ordinance No. 13-2005.

Councilman Perry made a motion that Ordinance No. 13-2005 be finally passed and adopted and that notice of its passage and adoption be published by title in the May 5, 2005 issue of the Courier.

Seconded by Councilman Minutolo.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmen Minutolo, Perry, Raymond and Mayor Sobel

Nays: None

Abstain: None

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Minutolo made a motion that Resolution No. 2005-67 be remove from this evening's agenda.

Seconded by Councilman Raymond.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmen Perry, Raymond and Mayor Sobel

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilman Minutolo

Councilman Raymond made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda all items listed under 7A.

Seconded by Councilman Minutolo.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmen Perry, Raymond and Mayor Sobel

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilman Minutolo

1. RESOLUTION NO. 2005-68 - BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council that it hereby appoints Janice Gallo as a Regular Member of the Aberdeen Township Planning Board.
2. EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION - BE IT RESOLVED that the general public shall be excluded from discussion held during closed executive session - contractual.

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS/CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS

Mayor Sobel asked any member of the public wishing to be heard to come forward and to state their name and address.

John Nagy

1098 Woodmere Dr

Mr. Nagy stated on April 20th the Independent had that Aberdeen had not yet met with the Board of Education regarding budgetary issues. I think it is very important. Everyone knows the school budget is a huge chunk of our taxes. I think it should be looked at a little closer. Like the improvements at the high school, (i.e. the columns in front).

Mayor Sobel stated the voted approved that 2/3 years ago. It has nothing to do with their annual budget.

Mr. Nagy stated recently the middle school fire. How much is that costing us.

Mayor Sobel stated \$5,000 deductible.

Mr. Nagy stated there is no security there to prevent that.

Mr. Coren stated the fact that this was a deliberately set fire makes the issue more important. There has been dialogue between the board and representatives from the school.

Mayor Sobel stated Mr. Coren has been in touch with the Superintendent well before the school budget being voted down. I read the article, and the Superintendent said he spoke to one town and that was Mr. Coren. We have been in touch with them and we are trying to get a meeting together between Board, Aberdeen and Matawan.

Mr. Coren stated the responsibilities fall on both municipalities. It is not just to cut budget, it is to ensure a thorough and efficient education. In the coming week you will see an adjustment in the school budget tax rate.

Mr. Nagy stated for example Howell built schools using recyclable materials.

Mr. Perry stated you raise some very valid points but you are addressing them to the wrong people. When the budget is defeat by the public and it is given to the Council there is only a certain part of the budget that we can actually review. My experience is a 80/20 % ratio with 80% being fixed costs, salaries, benefits, utilities and the 20% being programs. Everything you are talking about are capital type improvements and I employ you to attend the Board of Education meetings in early spring, when they are making their budget and raise these issues to them. When it falls on this Council we are only looking at a small slice of the pie. We are under an obligation to ensure a thorough and efficient education. We take our responsibilities very seriously. You are bringing up valid points but you are addressing them to the wrong people. Our hands are tied.

Mayor Sobel stated Matawan, Aberdeen and the School Board all have to agree to the cuts. If one doesn't it goes to the County Superintendent of Schools.

Mr. Nagy stated about hiring someone with experience to look at budget.

Mr. Coren stated we did that in the past. We don't have a rich district. Salaries and benefits are 80% of the budget.

Mr. Perry stated the fact that the press is reporting that one of the two towns is not meeting. The fact that the two towns do not meet collectively, there is nothing sinister about that. We tried working collectively with our neighboring town and with much aggravation. The process that we developed over the past 3 years have been the least aggravating and the most costs effective.

Mayor Sobel stated when we met collectively it did not produce the best results, when we met separately we had an open dialogue and it was a more harmonious relationship. Matawan may have different goals than we have.

Mr. Coren stated the question that every taxpayer should look at is what is the costs and what is the value. Are the improvements value added and do they enhance the quality of education. Is the school report card at a level consistent with the dollars and can we do better.

Mr. Nagy stated he understands about going to board meetings, but the Town as the contributor of that money I feel it should be the Town taking a more active roll.

Mr. Coren stated statute does not allow that.

Mayor Sobel stated the school does not have to listen to us or the Matawan Borough. They can appeal our decision and have the County Superintendent set the budgets.

Mr. Coren stated if 80% of this budget is salaries and benefits, there is not a lot to play with.

Mr. Nagy stated teacher's salaries are up and they have been there along time and it is going to get worst. I live in Cliffwood Beach and paying \$6,000, \$8,000, \$10,000 in taxes. Woodmere Drive hasn't been touched in years, no curbs or sidewalks, it is just going to go up.

Mr. Nagy thanked the Council.

There being no one else present wishing to be heard, Mayor Sobel closed the public portion.

ADJOURNMENT

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

David G. Sobel, Mayor

Karen Ventura, Municipal Clerk