

**ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2005**

Present: Nicholas Minutolo
 Thomas Perry
 Joseph Raymond
 David G. Sobel

Absent: Wilhelmina Gumbs
 Vincent Vinci
 Owen Drapkin

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.

Mr. Coren stated there are several things on the agenda that he would like to go over. The HVAC Improvements need to be pulled on the Workshop Agenda and Regular Agenda. There is some debate on the bid documents submitted by the vendors and whether or not they constituent material defects. We have until June 6th to make an award.

Stormwater Management Plan: Tim Gillen, CME Associates presented to the Township Council the Tier A Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program, Stormwater Management Plan and Stormwater Prevention Plan.. The Municipal Stormwater Management Plan documents the strategy for Aberdeen Township to address stormwater-related impacts. The creation of this plan is a required element as described in N.J.A.C. 7:14A-25 Municipal Stormwater Regulations. The plan contains all the required elements described in the Stormwater Management Rules. The plan addresses groundwater recharge, stormwater quantity and stormwater quality impacts by incorporating stormwater design and performance standards for new major development, defined as projects that disturb one or more acres of land or contain one quarter acre of land or more of new impervious coverage. These standards are intended to minimize the adverse impact of stormwater runoff on water quality and water quantity and the loss of groundwater recharge that provides baseflow in receiving water bodies. The plan describes long-term operation and maintenance measures for existing and future stormwater facilities. The plan addresses the review and update of existing ordinances, the Township Master Plan, and other planning documents to allow for project this plan is a mitigation strategy for when a variance or exemption of the design and performance standards is sought. Temporarily, a stormwater improvement fund will be created for contributions to be made while the mitigation section of the plan is being developed. As part of the mitigation section of the stormwater plan, specific stormwater management measures will be identified in the future to lessen the impact of existing developments.

Appointment to the Planning Board: There is a regular position to be filled on the Planning Board and put forth the name, Janice Gallo. She has lived in Town for over 20 years and has been a long term member of the Board of Education and is very active in Town. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Liquor License fees: Karen Ventura, Township Clerk has reported and recommended the increase of renewal fees for liquor licenses in the Township of Aberdeen for a 20% increase each year to maximum. Mr. Coren stated we recommend the ordinance to be drafted.

Mayor Sobel stated he would like to have a discussion of the newspaper that we use.

Mr. Coren stated it is a purely economic issue. We currently use both newspapers, The Courier and Asbury Park Press. Our bid notices go in the Asbury Park Press along with meeting notices. The Courier advertises our Ordinances. Ordinances get expensive.

Councilman Perry stated there is a problem from his perspective. When an ordinance gets published the notice of public hearing is part of the ordinance that is published. Some of the ordinances are important for the public to comment on. We have an obligation to keep the public to keep them informed.

Councilman Minutolo stated he disagrees. So every time someone says they have difficulty seeing something or they don't make an effort to learn what we are doing that means we have to spend more money.

Councilman Perry stated the public does not have to make an effort to find out what the Council is doing, the Council has every obligation to make the public aware.

Councilman Minutolo stated we do fulfill our obligation.

Councilman Perry stated no, not in a paper where we have to go look for it.

Mr. Conte stated currently where we do publish notice are to the requirements of the law.

Mr. Coren stated the pricing is a 50% increase in costs.

Mayor Sobel asked for this to be put on the next workshop agenda. On one hand you want to control costs as much as possible and on the other hand there are issues that are important for residents to know. I do feel we have an obligation to communicate to our residents and not make it a chore for them to get information. Only time I saw the Courier is in Town Hall.

Mr. Coren stated that both comments of Councilman Perry and Councilman Minutolo are on point.

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

David G. Sobel, Mayor

Karen Ventura, Municipal Clerk