

**ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2005**

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

Absent: Nicholas Minutolo

Also Present: Mark Coren, Township Manager
 Dan McCarthy & 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.

Ordinances Implementing Parking Restrictions along Line Road and Bus Stops along Rt. 34 & 35: These ordinances following the two resolutions at the April 19th meeting, as requested by the Department of Transportation. One ordinance establishes the bus stops and the other restricts parking in bus stop zones. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of introduces these ordinances at tonight's public meeting.

Award of Contract for HVAC Improvements to Municipal Building: Bids were received on April 6, 2005 for HVAC Improvements to the Aberdeen Township Municipal Building. Bill Leary Air Conditioning & Heating Co was the low bidder. The bids were reviewed by legal counsel and no objections were received. If we rebid it would put us at an economic disadvantage. It is the recommendation of the staff to award said contract. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Professional Contracts: Contracts for Marc B. Schram, Special Counsel, Daniel McCarthy, Rogut McCarthy Troy LLC, Township Attorney and Special, Labor and Redevelopment Counsel have been submitted and were discussed at the last meeting in executive session. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing these resolutions to tonight's public meeting.

Adding to List of State Contract Vendors: Draeger Safety Diagnostics, Inc. is added to the list of State Contract Vendors by Waiver V-065. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Award of Contract for Utility Department Electrical Maintenance: Bids were received on April 28, 2005 for Utility Department Electrical Maintenance. Quality Electrical Construction of W. Keansburg, NJ was the lowest responsible bidder. In a memo dated May 6, 2005, James Lauro

recommends we award a contract to Quality Electrical Construction. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Award of Contract for DPW Routine & Emergency Repair: Bids were received on April 28, 2005 for DPW Routine & Emergency Repair. B&W Construction of Matawan, NJ was the lowest responsible bidder. In a memo dated May 9, 2005, James Lauro recommends we award a contract to B&W Construction. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Supporting the 2005 Click It or Ticket Mobilzat: This is a national program on Memorial Day Weekend advising people to use their seatbelts. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Township's Advertising: An analysis was done on the economic point of view with using the Courier versus Asbury Park Press. For example: The Courier printing meeting notices costs \$5.64 versus \$15.84 charged by the Asbury Park Press. Using the Courier saves the Township \$4,000 to \$5,000 a year.

Councilwoman Gumbs stated she would rather use the Asbury Park Press.

Councilman Vinci asked with 18,000 residents in this Town how many complaints did we get.

Mr. Coren stated one or two.

Mr. Coren stated we do use the Asbury Park Press for bid advertisements, meeting notices. The real dollars come in publication of ordinances and budget.

Councilman Perry stated our obligation is to provide notice to the public that the public can easily find.

Mr. Coren stated it could cost you an additional \$5,000 a year.

Mayor Sobel stated what the web-site costs.

Mr. Coren stated it costs \$3,000.

Mayor Sobel stated we just decided to do it. We established a policy years ago that we would do our best to reach out to the community. The fact is we used the Asbury Park Press and changed it for a number of reasons. I don't think the Courier does a decent job in reaching out to the community.

Mr. Coren stated ordinances do not have to be published in full they could be summarized. We could use both newspapers.

Councilman Vinci stated he votes for that.

Councilman Perry stated that makes the question why do we need to put it in the Courier.

Mr. Coren stated I thought this would be a middle ground because there are people that do read the Courier.

Councilman Perry stated he disagrees.

Mayor Sobel asked Mr. Coren about how ordinances are published.

Mr. Coren stated they are published in full text. What I am suggesting is an executive summary prepared by the attorney which is allowed by law. Publishing an ordinance in full text is up to the municipality.

Councilwoman Gumbs stated so we are using the Courier and use the Asbury Park Press, but limited.

Mr. Coren stated what I am saying is to use both papers, but your ordinances can be in summary form.

Mayor Sobel stated I can see both papers if they are serving different audiences.

Mr. Coren stated two newspapers serve this Town. We can use both of them.

Mayor Sobel asked Mr. Purcell, the Courier how the Courier is distributed.

Mr. Purcell stated the Courier is below the amount charged by law and we do not charge a affidavit fee. Circulation is through Aberdeen with approximately 400 - 500 deliveries.

Councilwoman Gumbs stated majority of residents have the Asbury Park Press delivered, I can count on one hand the amount of times I read the Courier.

Mr. Coren stated he is trying to find a middle ground.

Mayor Sobel asked Mr. Coren to come back to the Council and using the both newspapers what the increase or decrease in costs will be.

Mr. Coren stated he will give an analysis at the next meeting.

Councilman Perry asked what other towns advertise in the Courier.

Mr. Purcell stated Marlboro, Middletown, Red Bank, etc. The Bayshore Area which extends from Sea Bright to Aberdeen and Matawan.

Mr. Coren stated as far as the road program, we are finishing up the roads that were not completed last year.

Mr. Coren stated we are also anticipating a response on our extraordinary aide application from the Director of Division of Local Government Services.

Deputy Mayor Drapkin asked when landscapers can start work in the morning.

Mr. Coren stated 7:00 a.m. and not on Sunday.

Deputy Mayor Drapkin asked if anything is on the books for landscapers get on their mowers and ride in the street to the next house.

Mr. Coren stated it will be under Title 39, a motorize vehicle in the public right a way.

Councilman Raymond stated on May 7th there was a family fishing day, run by Frank Huza and Adeline Arnold. It was a nice day and good to see people come out. We do have a concern at the beach with the garbage. Mr. Lauro did put two more garbage cans which helped.

Councilwoman Gumbs stated she already brought this to the Councils attention, Midland Park. She has received many complaints. She went to the park and was appalled at the nastiness, outdated equipment, grounds are messed, basketball court, swings are terrible, the benches you wouldn't even sit on.

Mr. Coren stated the contract has been issued.

Councilwoman Gumbs stated we talked about it but nothing is happening.

Councilwoman Gumbs showed pictures to the Council.

Mr. Coren stated we continue to make investments in this park.

Mayor Sobel stated some parks require more maintenance than others.

Councilwoman Gumbs stated she is going to visit every park in town with Mr. Colabelli.

Deputy Mayor Drapkin stated he sees nothing wrong with it. It doesn't look that bad.

Mayor Sobel asked Mr. Coren what we do about graffiti in the park.

Mr. Coren stated we move and clean it up as soon as it happens. His understanding is the contractor should be in Midland Park shortly and will totally redo the basketball court and color coat it.

Mr. Coren stated he will check with Jim Colabelli on the remainder of the park.

Councilman Perry stated in his packet was a notice from the NJLOM for cops grants for communications technology.

Mr. Coren stated our generator is in the capital program for our communications technology to make sure our technology runs.

Councilman Perry stated they are talking about other items.

Mr. Coren went through items and did not apply to Aberdeen.

Councilman Perry requested that Resolution No. 2005-70 be removed from the consent agenda.

Mayor Sobel stated he would like to add to executive session a status report on our job search for the manager's position.

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

David G. Sobel, Mayor

Karen Ventura, Municipal Clerk