

**ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 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
 Daniel McCarthy, Township Attorney
 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.

Transfer of Liquor License: This is a transfer of Consumption License #1330-33-008-004 from Aberdeen Catering t/a Garden Manor to AGC Gardens Liquor Corp t/a/ Tivoli Gardens. All required documentation has been received including fingerprinting and background checks. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Corrective Action Plan: This Corrective Action Plan is a result of the 2004 Audit Findings. 2004 was the smallest amount of comments we have ever received and the findings were minor. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Grant Agreement between Township of Aberdeen and State of New Jersey: This resolution authorizes the Township Manager to enter into a grant agreement between the Township of Aberdeen and the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to fund stormwater activities. This is a 75/25 grant in the amount of \$12,,029.00 with the State's share being \$9,022.00. The money is used to implement the stormwater regulations. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Accepting Bid Received for Parcel of Land: This resolution is a result of an auction held on August 18, 2005 on a parcel of land on Oakshades Avenue, Block 275, Lot 7.02. The minimum bid set forth by Council was \$150,000. The bid received was for \$205,000. The bid needs to be accepted by Council. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

All Way Stop Intersection at VanBrackle Road & Line Road: In a letter dated August 10, 2005, Tim Gillen, CME Associates has reviewed and submitted a draft of an All Way Stop Ordinance.

This is a joint effort between the Township of Aberdeen and Township of Holmdel. Both communities will act on this ordinance. Based upon the study a four way stop is warranted at this intersection. Deputy Mayor Drapkin stated he feels a four-way stop will make the situation worst and feels a traffic light was be better. The Council agreed to petition the State for a light and in the meantime act on the all way stop with Holmdel. Mr. Coren stated he will put Holmdel on notice of the Council's decision. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this ordinance to the next public meeting.

Mr. Coren stated the 2003 Road Program will be bid this fall as scheduled. He is concerned about the gas prices and will have a consultation with the engineers if it is advisable to bid.

Mr. Coren stated we will be reviewing the budget in October and we may need to do an emergency appropriation for the increased fuel costs.

Mr. Coren stated that he was advised by the Building Department that work on the Bed Bath & Beyond building will begin very shortly on the site matters.

Councilman Perry asked Mr. Coren about a letter from Marpal Disposal which states about the rising costs of fuel.

Mr. Coren stated he will respond to Marpal. We have a contract and a contract is a contract figures don't change.

Mayor Sobel stated Dan McCarthy distributed a packet of proposed ordinances. One has to do with a sex offender residency prohibition. Mayor Sobel stated he would like to introduce this ordinance at tonight's meeting.

Mr. McCarthy stated the ordinance is modeled after ordinances adopted by other communities. He communicated with the Monmouth County Prosecutor by letter and asked for his views on validity or not of these types of ordinances. It is understandable that people in communities want to protect their children. Children are communities greatest assets. I want to make sure our Chief Law Enforcement Officer in the County would be okay with these ordinances. I have not heard back yet but I am sure I will before the adoption. The second matter is a resolution to protect our children. Megan's Law notification is wonderful, but there are Megan's Law offenders that go out and commit criminal offences against children even though they complied with Megan's Law. One of the things that law enforcement suggested is that if we kept the worst offenders in prison for life that would cut down a lot the threats that are faced by our children. The resolution to protect our children calls upon the Governor and Legislature to consider looking at our criminal code and sentencing laws to concern putting Tier 3 offenders, they are offenders that can not be cured, in prison for life.

Mayor Sobel stated we talked about it at a number of meetings. Council is in full agreement to act on these items. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution and introducing this ordinance at tonight's public meeting.

Deputy Mayor Drapkin made a motion to add to tonight's agenda, Resolution No 2005-111 and Ordinance No. 29-2005. Seconded by Councilman Raymond. And unanimously concurred by Council.

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

David G. Sobel, Mayor

Karen Ventura, Municipal Clerk