

**ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2008**

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Stuart Brown, Township Manager
Colleen Paterson, Township Attorney
James Lauro, Public Works Director

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.

2008 Salary Ordinance: This Salary Ordinance incorporates the range of salaries with four percent increases, except for specific contractual amounts. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of introducing this ordinance at tonight's public meeting.

Establishing Fee for Marriage and Civil Union Ceremonies: This ordinance allows the Mayor to collection fees for Marriage and Civil Union Ceremonies for a fee of \$100 in Town Hall and \$150 at other locations. This ordinance also allows for compensation and reimbursement of fees to the Mayor \$75 for Town Hall and \$125 for other locations. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of introducing this ordinance at tonight's public meeting.

Planning Board Appointments Amended: This resolution reappoints members to the Planning Board for the year 2008 and rescinds Resolution No. 2008-7 which was incorrect and adopted in error. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Environmental and Shade Tree Advisory Board Appointments: This resolution appoints the members to the Environmental and Shade Tree Advisory Board for the year 2008. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

State Contract Vendor Lists: This is a standard resolution that we adopt each year authorizing the Purchasing Agent to make purchases from the attached list of vendors.

The vendor list is updated for 2008 contracts. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Cooperative Pricing Agreement: This agreement authorizes the Township Manager to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency which is Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing system for the purchase of goods and services. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Change Order No. 1 for 2006 Road Improvement Program: In a letter dated January 14, 2008, Tim Gillen, CME Associates recommends approval of Change Order No. 1 which increases contract \$66,458.00 for a total Contract amount from \$1,963,474.69 to \$2,029,932.69. The increase includes underdrain systems on the baseball fields at Oakshades Park, Ross Park and Cambridge Park. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Release of Performance Guarantee: Edgewater Builders, Inc. requested release of performance guarantees posted on Block 174, Lots 17.01 and 17.08, 196 & 200 County Road. In a letter dated December 18, 2007, Tim Gillen, Township Engineer recommends said release upon the posting of Satisfactory maintenance bond and payment of all outstanding fees and escrow amounts due the Township. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Councilman Drapkin stated he had received many emails from residents regarding using credit cards to pay taxes. Can we look into this again?

Mr. Brown stated the best solution is to go with officialpayments.com. They will pay the surcharge and we will get full amount. We have to deliver 100% of revenue and we can not accept 98% or a service charge.

Councilman Perry asked how many marriage ceremonies are performed per year.

Mayor Sobel stated between 20 and 30 per year.

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

David G. Sobel, Mayor

Karen Ventura, Municipal Clerk