

Whereas, the month of March has been designated Arc Awareness Month by the State of New Jersey with 20 Chapters of The Arc undertaking public awareness, educational and fundraising initiatives; and

Whereas, The Arc of Monmouth serves over 1400 individuals with cognitive disabilities throughout Monmouth County and advocates for and with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families; and

Whereas, The Arc of Monmouth is celebrating 59 years of service to families and individuals throughout Monmouth County.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DAVID G. SOBEL, Mayor of the Township of Aberdeen to hereby proclaim March, 2008 as ARC AWARENESS MONTH in the Township of Aberdeen and urges the citizens of Aberdeen to give full support of efforts towards enabling people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live full and productive lives of inclusion in our communities.

There were no further reports.

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS - Agenda Items only

Mayor Sobel asked anyone wishing to be heard on agenda items to come forward and state their name and address. There being no one wishing to be heard Mayor Sobel declared the Hearing of the Citizens closed.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 1-2008 - PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Sobel stated that Ordinance No. 1-2008, introduced and passed on first reading by title on February 4, 2008 and published according to law, is now being taken up for further consideration and public hearing. Affidavit of Publication of this ordinance in the Asbury Park Press of February 8, 2008 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.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 1-2008: “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES AND WAGES AND FRINGE BENEFITS OF VARIOUS OFFICIALS, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ABERDEEN, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY”

Mayor Sobel opened the public hearing to the public for any remarks or comments for or against the final adoption of this ordinance. There being no one present wishing to be heard Mayor Sobel closed the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1-2008.

Councilwoman Gallo made a motion that Ordinance No. 1-2008 be finally passed and adopted and that notice of its passage and adoption be published by title in the February 22, 2008 issue of the Asbury Park Press.

Seconded by Councilman Vinci

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmen Drapkin, Vinci and Mayor Sobel

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilwoman Gallo

ORDINANCE NO. 2-2008 - PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Sobel stated that Ordinance No. 2-2008, introduced and passed on first reading by title on February 4, 2008 and published according to law, is now being taken up for further consideration and public hearing. Affidavit of Publication of this ordinance in the Asbury Park Press of February 8, 2008 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.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 2-2008: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ABERDEEN, CHAPTERS II ADMINISTRATION AND CHAPTER XI HEALTH"

Mayor Sobel opened the public hearing to the public for any remarks or comments for or against the final adoption of this ordinance. There being no one present wishing to be heard Mayor Sobel closed the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2-2008.

Councilman Vinci made a motion that Ordinance No. 2-2008 be finally passed and adopted and that notice of its passage and adoption be published by title in the February 22, 2008 issue of the Asbury Park Press.

Seconded by Councilman Drapkin

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmember Drapkin, Gallo, Vinci and Mayor Sobel

Nays: None

Abstain: None

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 3-2008 - INTRODUCTION

Councilman Drapkin made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 3-2008 on first reading by title and to order the same to be published by summary in the February 22, 2008 issue of the Asbury Park Press, together with notice of its introduction and passage on first

ready by title, and that it will be further considered for final passage after public hearing at a meeting of the Township Council to be held on March 4, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. in the municipal building of the Township of Aberdeen at One Aberdeen Square.

Seconded by Councilwoman Gallo

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 3-2008: "AMENDING AN OCALENDAR YEAR 2008 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14"

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmember Drapkin, Gallo, Vinci and Mayor Sobel

Nays: None

Abstain: None

ORDINANCE NO. 4-2008 - INTRODUCTION

Councilwoman Gallo made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 4-2008 on first reading by title and to order the same to be published by summary in the February 22, 2008 issue of the Asbury Park Press, together with notice of its introduction and passage on first ready by title, and that it will be further considered for final passage after public hearing at a meeting of the Township Council to be held on March 4, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. in the municipal building of the Township of Aberdeen at One Aberdeen Square.

Seconded by Councilman Drapkin

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 4-2008: "AN ORDINANCE VACATING AND AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY TO ELOISE F. SCHANCK"

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmember Drapkin, Gallo, Vinci and Mayor Sobel

Nays: None

Abstain: None

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Vinci made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, all items listed under 7C.

Seconded by Councilman Drapkin

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmember Drapkin, Gallo, Vinci and Mayor Sobel

Nays: None

Abstain: None

1. RESOLUTION NO. 2008-34 - BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council that it hereby encourages the Board of Chosen Freeholders to conduct a comprehensive needs assessment for the Township of Aberdeen.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 2008-35- BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council that it hereby designates Robert Brady as Recycling Coordinator and endorses the submission of the recycling tonnage grant application.
3. RESOLUTION NO. 2008-36 - BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council that it hereby withdraws from their contract with the Hazlet Health Department.
4. RESOLUTION NO. 2008-37 - BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council that it hereby authorizes transfers in the 2007 Current Fund Budget.
5. RESOLUTION NO. 2008-38 - BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council that it hereby opposes Governor Corzine's current plan to increase tolls on the Garden State Parkway, New Jersey Turnpike and Atlantic City Expressway.
6. EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION - BE IT RESOLVED that the general public shall be excluded from discussion held during executive session - Personnel and Negotiations.

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.

Tom Aljian

12 Irongate Lane

Mr. Aljian stated he has a number of questions regarding the recent departure of the Township Manager, Stuart Brown. Mr. Brown's departure was rather sudden can you explain.

Mayor Sobel stated the only comment he will make is they had a difference of opinion as to the management of the Township. There is a draft separation agreement which has not yet been delivered to Mr. Brown, which will somewhat go into further details. It was the decision of the Council to move on to another manager.

Mr. Aljian asked when this decision was made.

Mayor Sobel stated over a period of time, in the last few weeks.

Mr. Aljian asked when the Council met to discuss Mr. Brown.

Mayor Sobel stated there wasn't a meeting, there were informal discussions.

Mr. Aljian asked if Mr. Brown's resignation was asked for by this Council.

Mayor Sobel stated he is not at liberty to discuss that at this time.

Mayor Sobel stated to be fair to Mr. Brown no more questions will be answered by the Mayor.

Mr. Aljian stated as a citizen of the Town a month ago the Township Manager received numerous accolades.

Mayor Sobel stated Mr. Brown received a certification which is a requirement of the job and was congratulated.

Mr. Aljian stated according to the Faulkner Act there is a certain procedure to follow regarding the Township Manager.

Mayor Sobel stated without you explaining to me what the procedure is I can't not comment.

Diane Dabulas stated we can accept a resignation at anytime without a meeting and notice of a meeting. That is what the Township did. They accepted Mr. Brown's resignation.

Mr. Aljian asked who it was accepted by.

Mayor Sobel stated by me and the Township Attorney.

Mr. Aljian asked was every member of Council was advised or consulted on Mr. Brown's resignation.

Mayor Sobel stated every member of Council was aware of Mr. Brown's leaving.

Mayor Sobel thanked Mr. Aljian.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Vinci made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Drapkin and unanimously concurred by Council.

David G. Sobel, Mayor

Karen Ventura, Municipal Clerk