

**ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2008**

Present: Janice Gallo
Thomas Perry
Vincent Vinci
Wilhelmina Gumbs
David G. Sobel

Absent: Owen Drapkin
Joseph Raymond

Also Present: James Lauro, Acting Township Manager
Diane Dabulas, 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.

Developers Agreement with Cliffwood Properties, LLC: This is for property at Block 227, Lots 3 and 7 on County Road. It was granted preliminary and final major site plan and subdivision approval from the Aberdeen Township Planning Board. Council had questions of what improvements were being done on the property. Diane Dabulas stated we should attach a copy of Zoning Board or Planning Board resolution so we can see what is being done for all future Agreements. Mayor Sobel asked Maxine Rescorl, Planning/Zoning Board Secretary that anytime something comes from the Planning or Zoning Board there be a cover memo explaining what the property is and intent. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of tabling this resolution and bringing it to the next public meeting upon receiving a memo from Maxine Rescorl explaining improvements and a copy of the Planning Board resolution.

Interlocal Services Agreement for Grass Cutting and Maintenance: This agreement is between the Township of Aberdeen, Borough of Matawan and Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District for grass cutting and maintenance of their properties. This interlocal hopes to save costs for sharing services. Aberdeen will be the lead agency through the bid process. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Interlocal Services Agreement for Non-Leaded and Diesel Fuel: This agreement is between the Township of Aberdeen and Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District for non-leaded and diesel fuel. This interlocal hopes to save costs for shared services. Aberdeen will be the lead agency through the bid process. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Monmouth County Mosquito Extermination Commission: In a letter dated February 13, 2008, Douglas Guthrie, Sr, Superintendent request the governing body to approve memorandum of agreement for mosquito spraying. This is a yearly event and the police department will be contacted upon spraying. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Sale of Surplus and Obsolete Motor Vehicles: Bids were received by the Township Manager on February 20, 2008 for the aforementioned project. Jersey One Auto Sales, Jersey City, NJ was the highest bidder for 2004 Ford Crown Victoria, 1999 Ford Crown Victoria and 1999 Ford Crown Victoria; Garden State Auto/Dan Dames of Manasquan, NJ was the highest bidder for 1997 Jeep Cherokee, 1988 Dodge 8350, 2004 Ford Crown Victoria. In a memo dated February 25, 2008, Barbara Riddle, Purchasing Agent recommends awarding the contract as stated. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Closeout Changeorder and Final Pay Estimate No. 11 for 2003 Road Improvement Program: In a memo dated January 21, 2008, Tim Gillen, CME Associates recommends approval of Closeout Change Order and Final Pay Estimate No. 11 to F. Montecalvo Contracting Co. with a final contract amount of \$1,656,439.69 which is a reduction in the original contract price of (\$199,393.98). A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Reduction of Performance Guarantee: Ciaglia Custom Builders requested a reduction in performance guarantees for property known as Block 68, Lot 16, Cambridge Drive. In a memo dated February 27, 2008, Tim Gillen, CME Associates recommends said reduction as follows: Schedule A - reduced from \$12,301.80 to \$3,809.82; Schedule B - reduced from \$333,897.12 to \$108,546.34. Mayor Sobel stated he knows there are issues with the Cross of Glory Church. The money that is left is sufficient for any remaining items. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to the next public meeting.

Presentation: Art Perri and Greg Gunther made a presentation to Council regarding a Ultimate Sports and Recreation Center in Aberdeen. Art Perri stated this would not just be sports it would be for everyone from Pre-K to adults. It is recreation as well as sports complex. Art has been in the community for 39 years and has been in different sports. The reason for Development is the growth of elementary and middle school children, gangs and homicides, single/working parent population is increasing, child obesity, increased population of senior citizens and fitness facility for Township Employees. The partners in development should be Township of Aberdeen, Borough of Matawan, YMCA, Skate America, Local Sports groups, Senior Citizens, Board of Education, Congressional Earmark (Congressman Pallone).

Art Perri envisions a "Husky Community Center", state of the art facility which accommodates multitude of youth, senior and interscholastic sports. 75,000 square feet with retail pro shop, meeting rooms, party facilities, concessions. Buildings would house

pool, climbing wall, golf/batting cages, basketball/volleyball courts, running/walking track, fitness rooms, ice hockey, soccer. The economic impact would be a world class facility for Matawan/Aberdeen, create need for hotels, additional patrons for restaurants, stores, small businesses, new jobs, enhance housing values and new tax revenues. Benefits to Aberdeen is a venue for related local sports, facility for parks and recreation department, climate controlled venue for schools and colleges, activity center for youth and senior citizens, enhance the quality of scholastic sports. Financial requirements would be to secure land, secure Township participation, secure financing (Township Grants, Federal Earmarks, Bond Issue/mortgage, Corporate Donations/Sponsors).

The wish list is seed money from Township or other government agency to cover a feasibility study and business plan.

Councilwoman Gallo asked how many employees would it employee.

Mr. Perri stated approximately 12.

Mayor Sobel stated you have a 75,000 square foot building, how much land is required.

Mr. Perri stated 5 or 6 acres.

Mayor Sobel asked where in Town would be a good location.

Mr. Perri stated the swim club would be perfect or County Road.

Mayor Sobel stated the Train Station or Anchor Glass would be good.

Mr. Perri stated that might be a safety issue.

Mayor Sobel stated you are looking for us to finance a feasibility study and finance plan.

Mr. Perri stated yes. It would costs \$10,000 - \$12,000.

Councilman Perry asked if Matawan Borough will help pay for the study.

Mr. Perri stated if the Borough gives them the opportunity he will ask them.

Mayor Sobel stated that \$10,000 - \$12,000 is a lot of money. We just went through three weeks of budget workshops and worked to come under cap. What he could do is write letters stating we heard your presentation and we fully support this. We all need to share in this project (Matawan, School, Legislature).

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

David G. Sobel, Mayor

Karen Ventura, Municipal Clerk