

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.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA

Deputy Mayor Gumbs made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, all items listed under 6A. Seconded by Councilman Drapkin

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmember Drapkin, Gallo, Perry, Raymond, Vinci, Deputy Mayor Gumbs and Mayor Sobel

Nays: None

Abstain: None

1. RESOLUTION NO. 2008-54 - BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council that it hereby authorizes the reduction of performance guarantees for Ciaglia Custom Builders, Cambridge Park Estates.
2. RESOLUTION NO. 2008-56- BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council that it hereby awards a contract for Grass Cutting & Lawn Maintenance.
3. RESOLUTION NO. 2008-57 - BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council that it hereby supports application to New Jersey Department of Transportation - Safe Routes to School Grant.
4. EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION - BE IT RESOLVED that the general public shall be excluded from discussion held during executive session - Negotiations Contractual and Personnel.

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.

Christine Balint

127 Wilson Avenue

Ms. Balint asked if Aberdeen has a Clean Communities coordinator.

Mr. Lauro stated Bob Brady.

Ms. Balint stated Aberdeen has a lot of through streets, Lloyd Road, Van Brackle, Line Road. As I look around these streets there is a lot of trash but none as bad as Wilson Avenue.

Mr. Lauro stated we are in the process of hiring someone from our Clean Communities Grant to go around and clean the roads.

Ms. Balint stated it is all over, not just in the woods, by the mailbox, in the driveway.

Paul Rinear

109 Wilson Avenue

Mr. Rinear asked the progress of the Township Manager.

Mayor Sobel stated we are still going through the process of advertising and receiving resumes and reviewing.

Mr. Rinear asked about the Train Station Redevelopment, any meetings on it.

Mayor Sobel stated there was a meeting on the Train Station with a potential developer. It is not uncommon to have developers come in and make a presentation. No decision was made or asked of us.

Mr. Rinear asked if it was recent.

Mayor Sobel stated last week.

Mr. Rinear asked if Silver Oaks was present.

Mayor Sobel stated no.

Mr. Rinear asked regarding pay to pay ordinance. At a recent article on the Aberdeener website which states CME Associates is the third on list of State defined contributions dated October 10, 2007. Mr. Rinear stated he found this article disturbing.

Mayor Sobel stated he finds it disturbing too. Everyone is entitled to their opinion. But at some point freedom of speech is not good if you don't have all the correct information.

Diane Dabulas stated there are 3 or 4 major engineering firms in the State. CME Associates is a major engineering firm and we are lucky to have them in Aberdeen. There is a lot of engineering work that is required in a community like this. We do not make up permits that residents have to pay for. There are law that governs applications. That is just a portion of what CME does for this community. There is a multitude of services needed which they get paid for. There are two processing for pay to play, fair and open and non-fair and open. We engaged in fair and open which allows everyone to see who is applying for what position and they let everyone know who they are contributing too. Just because there are contributions doesn't mean there is any wrong doing.

Michael Ouben

51 Chilton Lane

Mr. Ouben asked for a budget update and South River Metals Property.

Mayor Sobel stated we introduced the budget at the last meeting with a 9.9 cent increase

which on the average house is approximately \$149. Almost the entire increase is contributed to increase in pension funds and health insurance, loss of aide. We filed for extraordinary aide and we will continue to look for more efficiencies.

Diane Dabulas stated regarding South River metals, we are presently awaiting DEP approval of the clean up of the site. It has been over 9 months waiting for approval.

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

David G. Sobel, Mayor

Karen Ventura, Municipal Clerk