

**ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2008**

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

Absent: None

Also Present: James Lauro, Acting Township Manager
Diane Dabulas, Township Attorney
Tim Gillen, Township Engineer

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.

Bid for Grass Cutting & Lawn Maintenance: Bids were received by the Township Manager on March 26, 2008. Five bids were received with D'Onofrio & Son, Inc. of Maplewood, NJ 07040 being the lowest bidder. Having the Cooperative Pricing Agreement with Matawan Borough and Matawan Aberdeen School we saved \$2,600. In a memo dated March 27, 2008, Barbara Riddle, Purchasing Agent recommends awarding a contract to D'Onofrio & Son, Inc. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Pedestrian Bridge Grant: This resolution needs to be added to tonight's agenda. It is for the application for the NJDOT grant funds to offset costs of the Pedestrian Bridge. The application has a deadline of April 8th. We are applying for \$200,000 Safe Bikeways to School. Mr. Gillen stated they wrote to the Board of Education to share the costs of this project. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Mayor Sobel asked about Ciaglia and the Cross of Glory Church.

Diane Dabulas stated Jim, Tim Gillen and herself met with the Church and we reviewed their concerns and what they believe Ciaglia was suppose to do and hasn't done. The issue with holding performance guarantee is that there are certain statutory parts of a guarantee. The things Church is requiring Ciaglia to do does not fall in the performance guarantee. It was important that we established that. With respect to Ciaglia and what he should do, we don't have an agreement with Ciaglia, it was between the Church and

Ciaglia. The Church is filing a civil part claim, it is an easy process. The Church understands it is a private matter. Ciaglia never attended the meeting.

Councilwoman Gallo stated she would like to acknowledge accommodations for Patrolman Campbell from the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office for Safety Awareness Program that was held at the Firehouse.

Councilwoman Gallo stated in regard to the paramedics, we should look at an Adhoc committee to look into how we want to proceed with this. We are not getting the volunteers, it may have to be a paid service.

Mayor Sobel he attended a Bayshore Mayors meeting last week and that is one of the items they talked about. The problems we are experiencing are not uncommon. Mayor Sobel will take Chief Powers to the next meeting to discuss this issue.

Councilwoman Gallo asked how the revaluation is going.

Mr. Lauro stated they are starting very shortly.

Mayor Sobel stated last evening the Deputy Mayor and Councilwoman Gallo hosted a meeting with Matawan and the School. It is still two weeks away from a vote. They felt they did a good job in the lean budget that was presented. There is no fat and any cuts would directly effect the children. Other years there may have been wiggle room but that is not the case this year.

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