

**ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 6, 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  
Angela Morin, Chief Financial Officer  
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.

Bids for 2007 Road Improvement Program: Bids were received by the Township Manager for aforementioned project on April 8, 2008. Eleven (11) bids were received. Lucas Brothers Inc. of Morganville, NJ was the low bidder with a base bid of \$1,885,583.82. One irregularity was noted in Lucas Brothers bid, it did not contain a certified financial statement prepared within the last twelve months as required with the submission of the bid. The second lowest bidder was Lucas Construction Group, Inc. of Old Bridge, NJ with a base bid of \$1,942,943.57 with no irregularities. It is the opinion of Township Attorney and William Skorton, CME Associates that the contract be awarded to Lucas Construction Group, Inc. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this resolution to tonight's public meeting.

Proposal for Engineering Services: CME Associates, Inc. has submitted a Scope of Work - Remedial Investigation for the former South River Metal Products Site dated April 28, 2008, revised May 5, 2008. This is for environmental services related to implementation of the remedial investigation workplan which was approved by the NJDEP on April 16, 2008. CME Associates prepared an application for funding through the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund. The application requested a grant of \$365,690. The NJDEP HDSRF program manager in a letter dated April 28, 2008 indicated the application has been approved for \$402,259 for a project costs of \$365,690 for remedial investigation and \$36,569 to estimated department oversight fees.. This grant would cover the majority of remedial investigation costs. CME also proposed the Matawan Borough Water Facility preliminary assessment of \$61,200 with a approved grant of \$55,340. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of adding both resolutions to

tonight's public meeting.

Ernst Zobel Site: A proposal was submitted by CME Associates for the Ernst Zobel Site. The Zobel Site is at the end of Harrison Avenue. The amount of \$14,250 is to prepare funding application to DEP for Site Remediation. The Township owns the property which can be used as a possible parking lot. Tim Gillen stated this can be done at a later date.

Proposal for Engineering Services - Pedestrian Bridge Improvements: CME Associates has submitted a proposal for engineering services for aforementioned project dated April 15, 2008. The project replaces the existing pedestrian footbridge to the Aberdeen-Matawan Regional High School over the Mohingson Brook. Tim Gillen stated they filed for two grants for this project. Total costs is \$327,500 of project, grants submitted was for \$292,000 for design application and construction application. We will probably not hear back for at least 30 days for the grants. CME proposal is for \$57,500. The school district looks like they are willing to participate but there is nothing in writing. The Council will wait to see how the School District and Matawan Borough will help out. The Township Attorney was directed to write a letter to the School District and Matawan Borough.

Supplemental Authorization, Recreation Master Plan: February, 2006 CME was authorized to prepared a overall Master Plan for Aberdeen. Beyond the scope, CME prepared detailed conceptual designs for several specific Township owned properties requested by members of Council and staff. The additional work amounts to \$13,081.25 as stated in the November 12, 2007 proposal from Tim Gillen, CME Associates. A draft of the Master Plan was given to Jim Colabelli for his review. Mr. Lauro stated we are currently working off of it. It needs to be completed. A straw poll vote was unanimously in favor of bringing this to the next public meeting.

Line Road Speed Limit: Holmdel Township changed the speed limit on Line Road to 30 MPH. Holmdel does have jurisdiction of Line Road from curb to curb. Tim Gillen stated Holmdel did a study on Line Road and received permission from DOT to change the speed limit to 30 MPH from 35 MPH. Holmdel requested Aberdeen change the signs on our side of the road. In a memo dated April 18, 2008, Chief Powers reviewed proposed speed limit change and concurs with the 30 MPH speed limit change and stated the Township Ordinance should be amended accordingly. The Council directed the Township Attorney to prepared ordinance.

Mr. Gillen stated regarding the blinking light, it has been approved by DOT and will be made a four way stop. Advanced notification is needed before signal is changed.

Mayor Sobel stated the next council meeting will be Monday, May 19, 2008. We need to take action on the defeated school budget. Matawan is meeting that night also.

Mayor Sobel stated the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Home Away from Home Academy Art Show will be at

Bank of America on May 21, 2008, purposed is to promote art in our schools.

Mayor Sobel stated on May 20, 2008 the Keyport Food Pantry has invited Council to visit facility and meet their staff.

Councilwoman Gallo stated the Matawan Aberdeen Educational Foundation is having a dinner at the Buttonwood, the proceeds will be used for technology.

Mr. Lauro stated Clean Shores came and cleaned the beach. They removed four dumpster loads of garbage.

Mr. Lauro stated we have an employee who has been with the Public Works Dept since 2006. He is in the Marine Reserves and is being deployed May 17<sup>th</sup> to do a tour in the Iraq. A flag will be hung at the public works garage in his honor until he returns.

Mayor Sobel stated he attended the Bayshore Conference of Mayors meeting with Councilman Raymond and Chief Powers. Three speakers from ProActive Energy Solutions, instead of dealing with JCP&L to purchase energy, they would be the middleman. At a minimum they would save five cents per kilowatt. They would like to review our most recent utility bills and do an analysis to see how much they could save the Township.

Deputy Mayor Gumbs stated the Mayor and herself attended the Choirfest, it was very nice and well attended.

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

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David G. Sobel, Mayor

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Karen Ventura, Municipal Clerk