

**ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2015**

Present: Gregory Cannon
Concetta Kelley
Joseph Martucci
Margaret Montone
Fred Tagliarini

Absent: Robert Swindle
Harvey Brenner

Also Present: Holly Reycraft, Township Manager
Ron Gordon, Township Attorney

Mayor Tagliarini called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and stated that notice of this meeting has been posted and published in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Holly Reycraft went through the Workshop Agenda.

Amending Chapter 12, Buildings, Construction and Housing Section 12-2.4, Entitled "Certificate of Occupancy": Ordinance is recommended by John Quinn, Director of Planning, Zoning and Development to raise Certificate of Continued Occupancy (CCO) fees from \$125.00 to \$175.00 for businesses only. The increase will be in line with surrounding towns.

2015 Municipal and Solid Waste Collection District Budgets: This is the introduction of the 2015 Municipal and Solid Waste Collection District budgets, public hearing will be held on June 6, 2015 and will have copies at the Office of the Township Clerk and will be posted on our website. The new tax rate will go up 0.019 cents with the budget as is.

Authorizing Execution of First Amendment to Contract for Purchase of Bulk Rate Water with Shorelands Water Company: There is a need for additional purchased water due to redevelopment areas within the Township. Shorelands has agreed that Aberdeen shall purchase a minimum of 40 MGY beginning January 1, 2016.

Adopting Hazard Mitigation Plan as Submitted to the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management: The Township has experienced natural hazards that result in public safety hazards and damage to private and public property. The Hazard Mitigation Plan has been developed and includes a list of mitigation actions to help minimize and reduce safety threats and damage to private and public property.

Authorizing Manager and Deputy OEM Coordinator to Execute Emergency Intracounty Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement: Agreement is between Participating Units within Monmouth County for mutual aid and assistance with each other to protect against loss, damage or destruction by fire, civil unrest, hazardous material, major criminal or emergency events, natural and man-made disaster or catastrophe and to address those situations when additional aid and assistance is needed.

Grant Allocation Increase for ADA Improvement to First Aid Building: \$73,845 was allocated by the County of Monmouth from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for aforementioned project. Additional funds in the amount of \$75,869.00 are available bringing the total amount of funds allocated for the ADA Improvements to the First Aid Building Project to \$149,714.00.

Authorizing Participation in Section 1033 Program for Procurement of Federal Surplus Property from the Department of Defense and Delegating Authority for Local Administration of Participation in the Program: Federal law permits the Department of Defense to transfer to federal and state agencies personal property of the Department that it determines is suitable for use by agencies in law enforcement activities. This resolution authorizes participation in program and directs the Chief of Police to designate a qualified individual to file necessary applications.

Authorizing Monmouth County Mosquito Control Division to Conduct Aerial Mosquito Control Operations within the Township of Aberdeen: This is a yearly resolution authorizing County of Monmouth Mosquito Control Division to apply pesticides by aircraft in certain areas.

Authorizing Agreement with CME Associates for Phase I – Woodfield Sanitary Sewer Project: David Samuel, CME Associates submitted a proposal for engineering services associated with the aforementioned project dated July 21, 2014 with a supplement to proposal dated April 2, 2015 phasing said project into 2 phases. For a cost not to exceed the sum of \$300,000 for Phase I.

Resolution Supporting the Transparent Tax Act of 2015: Assembly Bill No. A-4325 designated the “Transparent Tax Act of 2015” is being considered for adoption by the New Jersey State Assembly. Amendments will assist the general public to understand the tax bill and the level of support for each agency and would provide a more equitable structure to share the obligation of paying approved tax appeals.

Reduction of Performance Guarantees: C&M Real Estate, LLC has requested reduction of performance guarantees posted on Block 196, Lot 27 and Block 228, Lots 1 & 2. In a letter dated April 6, 2015, Township Engineer recommends reduction of guarantees.

Release of Performance Guarantees: Asset Management for Stop & Shop has requested

release of performance guarantees posted on Block 87, Lot 36. In a letter dated April 8, 2015, Township Engineer recommends release of performance guarantees.

Release of Performance Guarantees: Thomas Pieper, Esq. for Juanedy Corp has requested release of performance guarantees posted on Block 172, Lot 1.02. In a letter dated April 9, 2015, Township Engineer recommends release of performance guarantees.

Release of Performance Guarantees: Hudson City Savings Bank has requested release of maintenance bond posted on Block 104, Lot 11. In a letter dated April 7, 2015, Township Engineer recommends release of maintenance bond.

Council did not have any questions on the workshop items.

Councilman Cannon stated in 2011 it came to our attention the Cliffwood EMS had only four volunteer members and was unable to respond to many calls (10%). The Council entered into an agreement with MONOC for 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. calls. After a year of attempts recruiting members, the Cliffwood EMS disbanded. The PBA took title to the EMS building from the former EMS members. The PBA donated the building to us in return to have an office in the building for PBA activities. We applied for a grant through Monmouth County, and we were awarded a grant to rehab the building into a community center.

Councilman Cannon explained the Transparent Tax Act for the public. It is a bill that is in the Assembly, the Township collects all tax dollars, school, town, fire district, garbage, library, etc. The finance department disburses the money out. When someone files a tax appeal and they win, all the money that is refunded comes from the town. This bill seeks to make taxes more transparent so you know where your tax dollars go. This Council supports this bill.

Councilwoman Montone made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Martucci and unanimously concurred by Council.

Fred Tagliarini, Mayor

Karen Ventura, Municipal Clerk