

MPH on So. Atlantic Avenue on the road met with County Engineer and Don Norbut, T&M about issues by the Lloyd Road School and fixing the intersection and widening the road and change the timing of the light.

There were no further reports.

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS - Agenda Items only

Mayor Tagliarini asked anyone wishing to be heard on agenda items to come forward and state their name and address. There being no one else to be heard Mayor Tagliarini declared the Hearing of the Citizens closed.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 12-2015 –PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Tagliarini stated Ordinance No. 12-2015 introduced and passed on first reading by title on June 23, 2015 and published according to law, is now being taken up for further consideration and public hearing. Affidavit of Publication of this ordinance in the Asbury Park Press of June 26, 2015 will be submitted and it is noted that a copy of the ordinance has been posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building and that copies were available to the general public upon request.

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 12-2015 by title, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ABERDEEN APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE COMMERCE AND TRANSPORTATION CENTER IN THE VICINTIY OF THE ABERDEEN/MATAWAN TRAIN STATION PURSUANT TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW”

Mayor Tagliarini opened the meeting to the public for remarks or comments for or against the final adoption of this ordinance.

Frank Huza
43 Beacon Lane

Mr. Huza stated he has been following the Train Station redevelopment from 1999 to present. I read every single redevelopment ordinance starting from 2002. I am really glad the Council is doing their due diligence and professionals have found flaws that your predecessors have missed. This ordinance modifies items that should not have been in there. Will the property that is being removed be subject to be fenced by the developer for the exclusive use for the people within the project?

Mr. Cohen, Township Attorney stated the land being removed is on the ROSI index, Recreation and Open Space; it is parkland and will remain public parkland. It is not dedicated in any way for the use of the developer.

Mr. Huza stated that community has a total of 5,000 sq ft of recreational space. The lots you are removing total 356,758 sq ft, those 8.19 total acres is 71 times the present basketball court on Harrison Street.

Mr. Huza pointed out the phrase in the ordinance that is confusing.

Council and Mr. Cohen agreed with Mr. Huza and will clarify wording.

Mr. Huza stated the redevelopment plan that was adopted contradicts the Township's Master Plan. The Redevelopment plan states the system of roads to and from commuter parking must be comprehensively improved and expanded to enable the expected volume of traffic to access the train station. In this case, this is going to be a gated community that has 1200 linear foot of 6 foot high white vinyl privacy fence. To me it is a standalone isolated community and does nothing for the rest of the residents. That is why I was concerned on the recreational space. Anything you can do for the entire community would be welcome.

Mayor Tagliarini stated an element of this development is exciting to us is the first level which is mixed use, commercial. There will be restaurants with outdoor dining for community and other stores for the full use of entire town.

Councilwoman Montone stated we envision this development as our main street. We are very excited about this.

John Gartley

1089 Woodmere Drive

Mr. Gartley, with his grandson, a middle school graduate. There was a total of 303 graduates at the Middle School. He was one of 30 honor roll students.

Council congratulated Mr. Gartley's grandson.

Mr. Gartley asked how many residential dwellings are planned for this area.

Mayor Tagliarini stated 260 units.

Mr. Gartley stated on average 800 more students will be in the school.

Mayor Tagliarini stated that is not true.

Councilman Cannon stated if you look at Avalon, 290 units of 1 and 2 bedroom units. The last count was 9 children going to school from all those units. The train station are also 1 and 2 bedroom units.

Mr. Gartley stated the schools are getting over crowded, 303 Middle School kids are going into the High School. Do you see a problem with excessive residential development?

Councilman Cannon stated with the turning of old abandon factories into new uses that create new ratable to lower other residents property taxes, absolutely not.

Mr. Gartley stated instead of looking for ratable that wouldn't put more children in school, why not a development like in Hazlet with all the offices. Not one child goes into school system. One child costs approximately \$15,000 a year to education; offices would take that burden off the taxpayers.

Mayor Tagliarini stated the Council had many things put in front of them. We have achieved the balance between conservation and development. The actions of this council just preserved nearly 266 acres of land where there were 1500 townhouses scheduled. We do our job very diligently, preventing development when we can and have to force to develop when we can.

Mr. Gartley stated that the Council means well but there still too much development instead of ratable.

Councilman Cannon stated ride down Route 34 and see office for rent every 20 to 30 feet. No one is coming here to build a manufacturing facility. That is not the choice of this council that is what the market will bear.

Mayor Tagliarini stated the first thing I did coming into office was create the Aberdeen Economic Business Counsel. I meet with them once a month. The business attitude is so friendly between the Council and Businesses. Their successes are too numerous to mention.

There being no one else present wishing to be heard, Mayor Tagliarini closed the public hearing on Ordinance No. 12-2015.

Deputy Mayor Brenner made a motion that Ordinance No. 12-2015 be finally passed and adopted that that notice of its passage and adoption be published by title in the July 10, 2015 issue of the Asbury Park Press.

Seconded by Councilwoman Montone

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmember Cannon, Kelley, Martucci, Montone, Swindle, Deputy Mayor Brenner and Mayor Tagliarini

Nays: None

Abstain: None

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilwoman Montone made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; all items listed under 7A. Seconded by Councilman Martucci.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmember Cannon, Kelley, Martucci, Montone, Swindle, Deputy Mayor Brenner and Mayor Tagliarini

Nays: None

Abstain: None

1. RESOLUTION NO. 2015-85 – BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council that it hereby awards a contract for Department of Public Works Electrical Maintenance to Quality Electrical Construction Co.
2. RESOLUTION NO. 2015-86 – BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council that it hereby awards a contract for Department of Public Works Routine and Emergency Repair to B&W Construction.
3. RESOLUTION NO. 2015-87 – BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council that it hereby supports Monmouth County and its efforts to replace Bridge MA-14.
4. RESOLUTION NO. 2015-88 – BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council that it hereby appoints Alternate No. 1 member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS/CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS

Mayor Tagliarini asked any member of the public wishing to be heard to come forward and to state their name and address.

Edward Failla
306 Church Street

Mr. Failla stated you say you are business friendly; all I see is a one way vision. There is no bi-partisan. How come Aberdeen is the only town in Monmouth County where everyone has the same view? Why are there no Republicans on Zoning Boards?

Deputy Mayor Brenner stated he was appointed to the Zoning Board by the Democratic Council as a registered Republican.

Mr. Failla asked what party Deputy Mayor Brenner is now.

Deputy Mayor Brenner stated I am a registered Democrat because for 12 years the Republicans never reached out to me.

Mr. Failla stated what is going on with the swim club, it is sitting there.

Mayor Tagliarini stated it is private property owned by an individual.

Councilman Cannon stated we regulate the use of private property, we don't finance, we don't lend, all we do is regulate how people can use property.

Mr. Failla stated you need other views to get around those things. Property taxes keep going up. 70% go to the school board, 73% of that go to teacher salaries and benefits. Only a little bit go to the children.

Councilman Martucci stated the teachers teach the children.

Councilwoman Montone stated questions about the school budget should go to the Board of Education. You also need to be aware that a solid good school district will increase the value of your home. We want to support a school district that makes our students as wonderful as Mr. Gartley's grandson is here today.

Mr. Failla stated the taxes are eroding the foundation of the community.

Councilman Martucci stated he has been here since 1963 and I have seen a lot of great development go on in this township. I went through the school district, I worked in the school district, I do not see any eroding going on in this town.

Mr. Failla stated what about all the streets that need repair. The A section looks like a third world country.

Councilman Martucci stated it does take time and it takes money. That is why you need a plan.

Mr. Failla stated I think you need more bi-partisanship.

Mayor Tagliarini stated what you are saying is Aberdeen residents who go to the polls vote incorrectly.

Mr. Failla stated no, I didn't say that. You are supposed to be a leader. What about committees? Why don't you put Mr. Gartley on the Zoning or Planning Board?

Mayor Tagliarini stated you are looking at a Mayor that just finished one of the largest bi-partisan efforts of \$10 million working with entire republican Board of Chosen Freeholders, a republican Senator, republican Governor and salvaged 266 acres of land with republican support.

Mr. Failla stated who paid for the open space land.

Councilman Cannon stated Aberdeen paid \$100,000, the Trust for Public Land paid \$350,000, Monmouth County paid \$10.85 Million.

Mayor Tagliarini stated he was a republican since he was 18 years old and changed like Deputy Mayor Brenner when the republicans had no use for him while he is coaching the kids and running leagues. I am a very fiscally responsible democrat whose intentions are to do the best job he can for this town no matter what my label is.

Councilman Cannon stated four of the seven people sitting here were republicans in 2008. It is not about parties here, we all got together because we care about the town.

Frank Huza
43 Beacon Lane

Mr. Huza stated he was a registered republican when he came to Aberdeen from Illinois.

He was republican until 6 years ago. I and my fellow republicans served on the Environmental Board and other boards. We served and gave our time. Mr. Gartley also served and gave his time. Other folks never did anything for the township. Where were they when it comes to cleaning the beach, doing the hard work that everyone else with Council showed up and pitched in. I too changed parties, because no one ever called me. For 24 years no one ever called me. Thank you for your patience. I think the opponents in this coming election have a long road to hoe based on their community service, their public service and their understanding on how government actually works.

Noel (Mr. Gartley's Grandson)

1089 Woodmere Drive

Noel asked the Council how many children went to school from the Avalon apartments.

Councilman Cannon stated our last check was nine children.

Noel stated his graduating class was 303 children and then you add more from the development, the classes will be bigger, the rooms will be hotter. His language arts class had so many children in the class it became so hot that they had to go to the library to have more open space. If you put more children into the school district it will become even hotter and many classrooms do not have air conditioning.

Councilwoman Kelley stated you make a good point. I taught at Matawan High School from 1974 to 2004. One of the reasons I retired was because it was so hot in the building. As long as I can remember the incoming freshman class was always around 300. When I first started teaching it was around 400. Your graduating class of 303 going into the high school is about what it always was. It does whittle down, students may go to CBA, St. John's, not all 300 will go into the high school. Usually the classes start at 350, 340 and they whittle down by the time they are seniors it is only around 240. This is average.

Noel stated where is other grandfather lives in Ken Gardens, most of the children are his age. He feels like it is too big of a class.

Mayor Tagliarini thanked Noel for his comments and coming to tonight's meeting.

Gary Kravitz

15 Indigo Lane

Mr. Kravitz submitted a petition from 100% of the residents on Indigo Lane, accompanied by photographs of what our street looks like. I have been calling the Road Department for the last 10 years. When I spoke to Mr. Cannon 3 1/2 years ago, we were told we were number one on the list. The following year nothing was done. When I called we were told yes we were number one on the list but Hurricane Sandy struck and there were a number of problems with the sewers in Cliffwood. That is perfectly understandable. That had to be taken care of and was eating up the budget. We were number one on the list the following year. Last year I was told Chilton Lane was number one on the list and Indigo Lane was going to be done this year. This year I was told Inglewood Lane is number one on the list and if there is money in the budget next year

we will be number one. In the meantime, Warren Drive is done. I don't understand why Inglewood Lane is number one, Indigo Lane is number two and Warren Drive gets done. We never get a straight answer and it changes every year. For a good solid 10 years I have been after the township and every year I am told next year we are number one on the list and nothing happens.

Councilman Cannon stated we have \$3.5 million to do roads every year. If we go over that it accelerates the debt services faster then we can pay it off and would raise your taxes. Originally, 2013 was our Sandy year and we used almost our entire capital budget to pay for Sandy. In 2014 we did Lakeshore Drive and Warren Drive because the sewers were collapsing. New Jersey American Water did the water mains at the same time and paid for half the road, we would be crazy not to do it. Rose Street in Cliffwood, the culvert at the end of the street collapsed instead of costing \$400,000 it cost \$900,000. What that did was eat the rest of the money and pushed off Indigo and West Concourse. You are the last street and it will get done.

Mr. Kravitz stated he understands everyone in the town pays taxes and they all want services. However, Idlestone Lane and possibly Ivy Hill Drive were repaved more than once in the last decade. We are here representing everyone on the street.

Councilman Cannon thanked Mr. Kravitz and stated he will keep him updated.

Armand Verdolino
68 Andover Lane

Mr. Verdolino stated he has been an Aberdeen resident for the last 17 years. Unfortunately, he is a senior. Seniors are getting beat up with the taxes. All I am asking is this new train station development, how much taxes are going to be generated to alleviate some of the burden of the seniors.

Holly Reycraft stated we try to keep the tax rate stable. We are within the 2% cap every year. There are some deductions for seniors, property tax freeze, the \$250.00 deduction.

Deputy Mayor Brenner stated he too is a senior citizen. Right now it is impossible to project what the train station development will bring in. But the plan is that a certain portion will be retail space, income generating, fully taxable.

Mr. Verdolino thanked Council for their time.

Ruth Ann Mackway
113 Atlantic Avenue

Ms. Mackway stated when she received a letter for the train station redevelopment she was nervous. What is going to happen to my road? People start going to the train station at 4:00 a.m. She counted 100 cars in one day. I am worried about the Holmdel and Marlboro people.

Councilman Cannon stated one side of the road is Matawan and one side is Aberdeen.

Our Director of Public Works reached out to Matawan to split the cost of a mill and overlay. The road is really bad and that should reduce some of the noise. It was a bad winter. We are going to fix the road to make it as quiet as possible.

Ms. Mackway stated she is worried about the traffic and how fast the cars are going.

Councilwoman Montone stated we can ask the police to do a study on the road and get a speed sign up.

Councilman Cannon stated in terms of the development there will be no added cars on the road because people will walk to train station.

Ms. Mackway stated she is not worried about the development, she is worried about the road.

Councilman Cannon stated we will have Sgt. Lloyd, Traffic Sergeant look into target enforcement.

John Gartley
1089 Woodmere Drive

Mr. Gartley stated communication seems to be a problem in the town. You have to give an honest answer. I understand you can't win them all. No matter what you do, some things don't work out. I don't want to be accused of grandstanding. He was part of the effort to stop the parking garage at the train station. People will come in and go out, he would love to see the businesses in town helped.

There being no one else wishing to be heard Mayor Tagliarini declared the Hearing of the Citizens closed.

Councilman Cannon made a motion to amend the executive session resolution to include Redevelopment – South River Metals. Seconded by Councilwoman Montone.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmember Cannon, Kelley, Martucci, Montone, Swindle, Deputy Mayor Brenner and Mayor Tagliarini

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Mr. Cohen, Township Attorney read the following:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP COUNCIL TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, the Township Council are mindful of the right of the public to attend and witness meetings of Governmental Bodies at which public business is discussed, and to be involved in all phases of governmental action; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act nonetheless recognizes the authority of a public body to exclude the public from meetings in certain enumerated instances in which disclosure of matters discussed could endanger public safety, property or other public interest, or invade individual privacy; and

WHEREAS, as authorized by the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A 10:4-12(b), the Township Council have a need to meet in private session to discuss:

- _____ (1) Matters expressly rendered confidential by law;
- _____ (2) Matters, the disclosure of which would jeopardize the receipt of federal funds;
- _____ (3) Matters threatening unwarranted invasion of individual privacy;
- _____ (4) Matters affecting collective bargaining of public employees
- _____ (5) Matters involving acquisition of real property with public funds, or investment of public funds, where disclosures would jeopardize such acquisition or investments;
- _____ (6) Tactics and techniques utilizing in protection of public safety or property; matters concerning investigations of violations or possible violations of the law;
- _____ (7) Matters affecting pending or anticipated litigation to which the public body may be party; matters within the attorney-client privilege;
- _____ (8) Personnel matters concerning the employment, appointment evaluation, promotion or termination of a public officer or employee;
- _____ (9) Deliberations which may result in the imposition of civil penalty or the Suspension or loss of license or permit.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council will meet in private session at 9:10 P.M. on July 7, 2015, to discuss the following specific items:

POTENTIAL LITIGATION –UNSAFE STRUCTURES;
REDEVELOPMENT – TRAIN STATION AND COUNTY ROAD
REDEVELOPMENT – SOUTH RIVER METALS

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the matters so discussed will be disclosed to the public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

Deputy Mayor Brenner made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Kelley

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmember Cannon, Kelley, Martucci, Montone, Swindle, Deputy Mayor Brenner and Mayor Tagliarini

Nays: None

Abstain: None

ADJOURNMENT

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

Fred Tagliarini, Mayor

Karen Ventura, Municipal Clerk