

**ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2015**

Present: Gregory Cannon
Concetta Kelley
Joseph Martucci
Margaret Montone
Robert Swindle
Harvey Brenner
Fred Tagliarini

Absent: 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.

Bid for Maintenance/Repair of Heating/Cooling System for Municipal Building: Bids were received by the Township Manager on August 11, 2015 for aforementioned project. POW-R-SAV of Bloomfield, NJ was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder with a total amount of \$3,274.00 for preventative maintenance.

Bid for Rehabilitation of Various Basketball Courts: Bids were received by the Township Manager on August 12, 2015 for aforementioned project. The Racquet Shop of Colts Neck was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder with a total amount of \$156,491.00.

Accepting Grant from Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund Public Entity Program: Resolution accepts grant from aforementioned program through the New Jersey Economic Development Authority and Department of Environmental Protection for Remedial Action for South River Metals Product Site in the amount of \$1,549,521.

Accepting Grant from Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund Public Entity Program: Resolution accepts grant from aforementioned program through the New Jersey Economic Development Authority and Department of Environmental Protection for Remedial Action for South River Metals Product Site in the amount of \$766,408.

Councilman Cannon stated New Jersey Natural Gas replaced pipelines in the A section and came back several weeks later and started paving and milling and overlaying the road particularly on Avondale Lane which is schedule for reconstruction. The resident who was at our last Council Meeting mentioned speed bumps and we sent out the survey. The residents believed that this was a job the town was doing after promising reconstruction. We did a facebook and electronic message to clarify this. Only a small portion of our residents are signed up so there is no guarantee we would reach everyone. I feel they deserve a personal letter from the town to let them know what is going on. Council agreed.

Holly Reycraft stated she sent out a Code Red to the residents in the A section clarifying this.

Mayor Tagliarini stated he wrote to the Manager of Government Affairs at New Jersey Natural Gas and received a long letter. They did not communicate with us and apologized for not contacting us and will make sure this does not happen again.

Councilman Cannon stated we had another issue with respect to the Recycling Program. Recycling is picked up in clear plastic bags to determine if they are recycling or not. The recycling company was going to charge us because there was garbage in the bags and not recycling. Department of Public Works made a decision to enforce the ordinance on very short notice with very short communication via electronic means. Many residents did not change their practice and there was recycling left in the streets which infuriated residents and the Environmental Board which has been working very hard to get people to recycle. We have to resolve this problem. It is costing us money to go to the recycling yard. He disagreed with how this was handled.

Mayor Tagliarini stated it has been brought up that single stream may not be as good any more. We need to form a committee to dive into this.

Councilman Cannon stated every plastic container and every pound of recycling that goes into the recycling can is less money we pay at the landfill. We need to make a decision as to whether we will pay for recycling or continue to enforce it as written.

Mayor Tagliarini stated we need to alert DPW to follow up through town so we don't have garbage all over.

Councilwoman Montone stated there is an environmental component to this. I think we need to help people along and help educate residents.

Councilman Cannon stated whatever the solution we can not have garbage in the streets.

Council did not have any questions on the workshop items.

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

Fred Tagliarini, Mayor

Karen Ventura, Municipal Clerk