

**ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2016**

Present: Gregory Cannon  
Arthur Hirsch  
Concetta Kelley  
Robert Swindle  
Margaret Montone  
Fred Tagliarini

Absent: Joseph Martucci

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.

Bond Ordinances for Woodfield Sanitary Sewer System: Bond Ordinance introduction for Sewer Utility to authorize Woodfield Area Sanitary Sewer Collection System Installation and Stormwater System Upgrade and Water Utility to authorize Woodfield Area Water System Rehabilitation.

Acquisition of Easements for the Woodfield Sanitary Sewer Project: Ordinance authorizes the acquisition of easement interests for Block 50, Lot 1; Block 120, Lot 47; Block 120.01, Lot 1; Block 51, Lot 7 in Matawan Borough and Block 146, Lot 3&5 and Block 38, Lot 28 in Aberdeen Township for the purpose of aforementioned project.

Vacating a Portion of Hoover Drive: Ordinance authorizes vacation of a portion of Hoover Drive and an unnamed street and conveying such lands to the County of Monmouth as the adjacent property owner.

Fixing Salaries and Wages and Fringe Benefits of Various Officials, Officers and Employees: Ordinance amends and supplements range of salaries for non-union employees of the Township.

Requesting Planning Board Review of Designating Certain Properties as an Area in Need of Rehabilitation: The Council decided to conduct an investigation to determine whether certain areas along the Route 35 Corridor in the Township of Aberdeen should be

designated as an area in need of rehabilitation and is referring Planner's Report dated March 8, 2016 to the Township of Aberdeen Planning board for its review and recommendations.

Emergency Temporary Appropriation: Emergency Temporary Resolution is need due to emergent condition with respect to adopting the 2016 budget pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20.

Reduction of Performance Guarantees: Dennis Bruno requested a reduction of performance guarantees posted on Block 183, Lots 11.01, 11.02, 12.01, Cliffwood Avenue. In a letter dated March 9, 2016, CME Associates recommends reduction. Cash Bond in the amount of \$7,982.40 will be reduced to \$3,242.40.

Granting Permission for Keyport Fire Department to Launch Fireworks: Keyport Fire Department requested the use of Aberdeen Township Public Works property at Matawan/Cliffwood Point as a launch site for fireworks display on August 10, 2016 and August 13, 2016.

Discussion: Vacant and Abandoned Properties – Councilman Cannon stated the house on 357 Riverdale has been taken down. The Clerk and Code Enforcement Officer have been working on vacant properties and tracking. They are working on an ordinance to give our code enforcer more tools to enforce them. The Township Attorney is reviewing and has an issue with registration fees so we are not ready to move forward at this time.

Ron Gordon stated we are looking for a list of owners of vacant and abandoned properties to register with the municipality so we can keep track of them and know who is responsible for maintaining the property. We want to ensure we have the ability to recoup whatever costs the town incurs as part of that process, including inspection fees. The issue is if we have the right to charge a fee for the registrations of those properties. We are in the process of researching that as we speak.

Council did not have any questions on the workshop items.

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

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Fred Tagliarini, Mayor

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Karen Ventura, Municipal Clerk