

**ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2014**

A Regular Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Aberdeen in the County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey was held on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 7:15 p.m. in the Municipal Building at One Aberdeen Square and was called to order by Deputy Mayor Margaret Montone, who presided at the meeting.

Deputy Mayor Montone said that this meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, and that notice of same has been posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and was published in the appropriate newspapers.

ROLL CALL Present: Harvey Brenner
 Gregory Cannon
 Concetta Kelley
 Robert Swindle
 Margaret Montone

 Absent: Joseph Martucci
 Fred Tagliarini

 Also Present: Holly Reycraft, Township Manager
 Dan McCarthy, Township Attorney

A Moment of Silence was offered by Deputy Mayor Montone, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORTS

There were no reports.

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS - Agenda Items only

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

MINUTES

Councilman Brenner made a motion to approve the Workshop, Regular & Executive Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2014. Seconded by Councilwoman Kelley.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Councilmember Brenner, Cannon, Kelley, Swindle and Deputy Mayor Montone

Nays: None

Abstain: None

CONTINUED BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 2-2014 – PUBLIC HEARING

Deputy Mayor Montone stated Ordinance No. 2-2014 introduced and passed on first reading by title on February 4, 2014 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 February 7, 2014 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. 2-2014 by title, "ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ABERDEEN, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY ADOPTING THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN RELATING TO THE PROEPRTY AT 1337, 1341-1343 AND 1355 ROUTE 34, COMMONLY KNOWN AS BLOCK 114, LOTS 6, 7.-1. 13 AMD 13 Q-FARM IN THE TOWNSHIP OF ABERDEEN"

Deputy Mayor Montone opened the meeting to the public for remarks or commends for or against the final adoption of this ordinance. There being no one present wishing to be heard, Deputy Mayor Montone closed the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2-2014.

Councilman Brenner made a motion that Ordinance No. 2-2014 be finally passed and adopted that that notice of its passage and adoption be published by title in the March 7, 2014 issue of the Asbury Park Press.

Seconded by Councilman Swindle

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

ORDINANCE NO. 3-2014 – PUBLIC HEARING

Deputy Mayor Montone stated Ordinance No. 3-2014 introduced and passed on first reading by title on February 18, 2014 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 February 21, 2014 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. 3-2014 by title, "CALENDAR YEAR 2014 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

Deputy Mayor Montone opened the meeting to the public for remarks or commends for or against the final adoption of this ordinance. There being no one present wishing to be heard, Deputy Mayor Montone closed the public hearing on Ordinance No. 3-2014.

Councilman Swindle made a motion that Ordinance No. 3-2014 be finally passed and adopted that that notice of its passage and adoption be published by title in the March 7, 2014 issue of the Asbury Park Press.

Seconded by Councilman Brenner

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

ORDINANCE NO. 4-2014 – PUBLIC HEARING

Deputy Mayor Montone stated Ordinance No. 4-2014 introduced and passed on first reading by title on February 18, 2014 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 February 21, 2014 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. 4-2014 by title, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ABERDEEN, SECTIONS 6-3 AND 6-4, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL LICENSES”

Deputy Mayor Montone opened the meeting to the public for remarks or comments for or against the final adoption of this ordinance. There being no one present wishing to be heard, Deputy Mayor Montone closed the public hearing on Ordinance No. 4-2014.

Councilwoman Kelley made a motion that Ordinance No. 4-2014 be finally passed and adopted that that notice of its passage and adoption be published by title in the March 7, 2014 issue of the Asbury Park Press.

Seconded by Councilman Swindle

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Cannon made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; all items listed under 8A. Seconded by Councilman Swindle

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Consent Agenda

1. RESOLUTION NO. 2014-27 – BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council that it hereby authorizes renewal in the Mid Jersey Municipal Joint Insurance Fund for a period of three years.
2. RESOLUTION NO. 2014-41 – BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council that it hereby complies with the promulgation of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey relating to the 2012 Municipal Audit.
3. RESOLUTION NO. 2014-42 – BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council that it hereby adopts the Corrective Action Plan in response to the 2012 audit findings.
4. RESOLUTION NO. 2014-43 – BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council that it hereby authorizes Mayor and Clerk to execute an agreement for the year 2014 with Monmouth County Mosquito Extermination Commission.
5. RESOLUTION NO. 2014-44 – BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council that it hereby authorizes settlement of William Parker tax appeal.
6. RESOLUTION NO. 2014-45 – BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council that it hereby authorizes settlement of Bruno tax appeal.
7. EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION – BE IT RESOLVED that the general public shall be excluded from discussion held during executive session – Redevelopment – Train Station and South River Metals; Land Acquisition – Freneau and First Aid Building; Contractual - Shared Services; Litigation – Tax Appeal; Potential Litigation – County Road, Training and Snow Removal.

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS/CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS

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

Toni Ann Kennedy
34 Charles Street

Ms Kennedy submitted a petition of residents in her neighborhood regarding the need for sewers. The septic systems are failing, the smells are terrible. It is unhealthy, this is getting serious.

Deputy Mayor Montone stated the Council is fully aware of the situation. The Council has come up with three or four different ways to put sewers in Freneau area. We have also applied repeatedly for grants trying to find some relief for the costs it would take to put the sewers in place. There are some people who are against putting in sewers.

Ms Kennedy stated she feels we shouldn't have to pay for it because we waited many

years and there are other people in this town that had their sewers and streets done twice. We cannot even get ours done once. You can't even go out in the snow. The septic systems are failing and were told the soil has too much clay and cannot hold the septic. Something has to be done. This is an emergency.

Councilman Cannon stated we are well aware of this situation. In 1998, there was a plan in place to put the sewers in and ultimately the people in the neighborhood voted it down. Now, the septics have gotten worse. We put together a committee to find a way. The costs estimate we have to put in sewers in Freneau is \$5.2 million. We realize it is not fair that you are paying taxes and everyone gets their streets and sidewalks done and you get nothing. We have been applying for grants every year, there is no magic pot of money to solve this problem. We could put up half the money, there are 110 lots in your neighborhood, and the breakdown would be \$50,000 a house. This is not a good solution. We have been adding surplus in the sewer budget and are prepared to raise the sewer rates on the entire town. I am talking about relatively soon. We cannot give a timeline because we have to go to the Department of Environmental Protection to get this done and start digging up streets and I can't tell you what the State Government is going to do. We are prepared to put funding together to put sewers in your neighborhood. We are talking of the near future. There are certain costs; the residents will have to pay only the required costs. Once the sewer is in the street everyone in your neighborhood will have to hook up to the sewer and we cannot waive any of the connection fees, which do not come entirely from us, Bayshore Regional Sewerage Authority and other authorities that we do not have control to waive the fees. It will cost around \$10,000 per house. What you are asking for, we are working on.

Mr. Rodriguez
Charles Street

Mr. Rodriguez stated we have to get this done. We went through this before. We have to do something because it is becoming a health issue.

Oswald Castro
49 Charles Street

Mr. Castro stated he heard the same thing for years. \$52,000 is the cost for a new septic tank. I am here 43 years and I have heard it all. We are not getting serviced.

Councilman Cannon stated by putting sewers in your area, you open it up to development, which there was a huge development that was approved. Now, we stopped that by preserving all the land. That risk is gone. I promised you, we will get it done.

Walter Kosmowski
142 Willow Avenue

Mr. Kosmowski asked why we couldn't tie into the sewer on Route 516.

Councilman Cannon stated the sewer line on Route 516 is a Matawan Borough sewer line. The pump station is down by the lake, they are gravity sewers and that is the lowest point in Matawan. The land continues to slope through your neighborhood, and you can't

just take a sewer line and connect. You would have to pump it. That is why that will not work. A large majority of the costs is the pump station which will have to be located at the back end of your neighborhood, because that is downhill. It is \$1.2 million for the pump station, \$3 million to run the pipes in the road and pave the road and \$800,000 to put a big force main to connect to the rest of the system. We looked at many options, this is the best.

Deputy Mayor Montone stated we are making progress; we are trying to do things for your neighborhood. Let's not forget the funding that is going to buy the property behind you by Monmouth County, which will make it the largest most northern Monmouth County Park. This is in our backyard; it is going to be beautiful. Once we get this sewer issue handled and the park, it will be wonderful for the prices of our homes. We are not going to have 900 low income houses which were going to happen many years ago. There is progress, we are working very hard.

Mr. Castro asked how long will this take.

Councilman Cannon estimated 3 to 5 years. We need to deal with New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection; we have no control over them. We would like to have a meeting with all the residents of Freneau to explain to them what we just explained to you. We need more answers to our questions first. We have been working very hard for you.

Deputy Mayor Montone thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Brenner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Swindle and unanimously concurred by Council.

Margaret Montone, Deputy Mayor

Karen Ventura, Municipal Clerk