

**ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2014**

Present: Gregory Cannon
Joseph Martucci
Robert Swindle
Margaret Montone
Fred Tagliarini

Absent: Harvey Brenner
Concetta Kelley

Also Present: Holly Reycraft, Township Manager
James Polles, Township Attorney

Mayor Tagliarini called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and stated that notice of this meeting has been posted and published in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Participation in Homeland Security Grant Program: Authorizes Participation in a Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Agreement with the County of Monmouth for the purchase of automated license plate reader system. Total costs is \$26,615, reimbursement through Monmouth county HSGP is \$13,900.

Fire District Utility Truck for OEM: Fire District # 1 has made a utility truck available to the Township. Rick Derechailo, Deputy Chief, Aberdeen Township Police Department stated the vehicle has about 20,000 miles and has been well maintain. It will suit our purposes for Emergency Management, CERT and the Police Department in a number of different ways. The Office of Emergency Management's responsibilities have risen going back to 911, Hurricane Irene and Hurricane Sandy. There is a need for this vehicle. We hope we never need to use it, but its value will help us. It has the ability to carry people, carry equipment (it already has equipment on it) and can be a command post. This is an opportunity that we can make work and Deputy Chief appreciates the Council entertaining this.

Mayor Tagliarini stated after the last Council Meeting Councilman Cannon and Councilman Martucci met with Lou at Fire District #1. We are totally on board with this.

Deputy Chief stated this is a tremendous piece of equipment. There are questions that we need to overcome and moving forward we can address all of them to Councils satisfaction.

Mayor Tagliarini stated he has the Council's support and we hope you never need it. We will direct our Manager and CFO to work out terms with Fire District #1. We are very excited.

Fourth of July Fireworks: July 3rd has been approved for Fireworks with the rain date to be Aberdeen Day.

Men/Women's Softball at Storyland Park: Holly Reycraft stated we had a complaint from resident that adults are playing in Storyland Park. We do not give out permits for adult softball because of problem with balls coming through the yards. We do not have an ordinance prevent people to go there and play a pickup game.

Joe Valenza
23 Woodland Place

Mr. Valenza stated the problem is the park is designed for Little League play; it is a small park and cannot support hitters on adult teams. Compounding the matter, there is an elevation difference between the playing field and our properties, approximately 3 to 5 feet. When the balls enter our properties they are coming quickly on a fly. The real issue is the balls are coming in pretty quick, if you are outside you can get hurt or windows broken. There was a team that came out two weeks ago, they played for an hour, and there were 3 softballs in three of our yards. There is also tension and anxiety that goes along with this. I suggested to the Town to put up signs. We have no problem with teams, it is dangerous.

Mayor Tagliarini stated the Recreation Director agrees with the points you made. It is certainly not an adult field. We would like to find out who they are and find them another field. We will work on this and for a speedy conclusion.

Deputy Chief stated put up a fence and make it a Little League field.

Mayor Tagliarini stated a sign might work right now.

Dedicated Recreation Trust Account: Holly Reycraft stated she found more information. It has to be according to the Local Finance Board a use for fees. She has a couple of calls out and is waiting for more information.

Holly Reycraft stated we have a resolution to add to tonight's public meeting, Township Planner; T&M Associates have a conflict of interest regarding the Aberdeen Wilson Associates Redevelopment Project. We need to appoint CME Associates as Planner for this project.

Council did not have any questions on the workshop items.

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

Fred Tagliarini, Mayor

Karen Ventura, Municipal Clerk