ANDOVER TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

GAIL PHOEBUS, MAYOR BOB SMITH, DEPUTY MAYOR ALEX GILSENAN CHARLES GROTYOHANN THOMAS WALSH

MARCH 10, 2008

WORKSESSION MEETING

The Worksession meeting of the Andover Township Committee was called to order at 6:36 P.M. by Mayor Phoebus, followed by a salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mr. Grotyohann, Mr. Gilsenan, Mr. Walsh,

Mr. Smith, Mayor Phoebus

Also present: Administrator Alfano, Attorney Semrau

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT Statement of compliance with Chapter 231, P. L. 1975 was made by Mayor Phoebus.

Mayor Phoebus stated that due to a concern with starting the regular meeting on time, she will call for the public comments at 7:15 and if time allows the work session items discussion will continue.

WORKSESSION AGENDA

DRIVEWAY ORDINANCE DRAFT

Engineer Golden was present for this discussion. He explained the purpose of this Ordinance, siting drainage issues due to slopes of driveways and certain materials such as stone and gravel washing into the travelled roadway. He stated that the homeowner/developer would post escrow for the required preinspections and inspections. Mr. Smith suggested that seal coating be added in this Ordinance, under page 1. He also explained that this Ordinance covers soil erosion in that if a storm washed soil into the roadway, the homeowner is responsible to remove the debris. He also explained that a driveway over 8%, 250 feet from the roadway has to be paved. After that distance, the remainder of the driveway can remain unpaved. The driveway has to be paved until the slope is less than 8%, which is the standard DEP water quality swale regulation.

He then explained that if there are problem driveways where silt is going into the roadways, we are not asking for repair of the driveways, only asking for the owners to clean the debris within 24 hours and they need to come up with a measure to prevent the materials from washing into the public right-of-way. He further stated that this debris is a safety concern.

Mayor Phoebus asked if there is consensus and the governing body agreed to move forward on this Ordinance for discussion at a future meeting. Attorney Semrau will review the Ordinance implementing the changes discussed and forward same to the Planning Board for their review. Administrator Alfano stated that this Ordinance will be discussed at the next meeting under Old Business.

WELL TESTING ORDINANCE

Attorney Semrau explained that there has been quite a bit of litigation regarding well testing and because of this it Mr. Walsh had suggested that we explore this type of ordinance. He stated he worked on this ordinance with Hydrogeologist Matt Mullhall who then took the lead due to his experience. Attorney Semrau stated that Mr. Mullhall spent a great of time with the Land Use Board regarding this subject.

Mr. Mullhall was present for this discussion explaining that this ordinance was modified over a number of years in other municipalities he represented and each time it has become much improved. He stated that this ordinance has been tested in court. He explained that when there is an application before the Land Use Board, this would require the applicant to ensure that there are adequate water resources beneath the site to sustain the water supply demands of those homes. At the same time, that in sustaining the water supply demands, you will not have adverse impacts to any of the existing neighbors, wetlands, streams and other natural resources in the area and not ultimately cause dewatering to the aquifer. This ordinance also mandates the monitoring of pond site wells.

He continued to explain the procedure that would be necessary to abide by the ordinance, which it allows the applicant to provide hydrogeologic report and data from testing to the Land Use Board to ensure the board that there are adequate water resources to meet the demands of their proposed development. There was discussion regarding the sample letter to the residents that is part of this ordinance.

Following this discussion Mayor Phoebus suggested that this ordinance be placed on the next agenda for introduction and all were in agreement.

ETHICS ORDINANCE

Administrator Alfano asked the governing body if they wished to pursue this type of ordinance. Mr. Gilsenan and Mr. Smith both stated that this is something they would like to pursue. Mr. Walsh stated that he feels this type of ordinance may be inconsistence with the township's form of government and not able to be enforced. Mr. Grotyohann stated he did not want to address such an ordinance. There was discussion regarding the content of this ordinance. Mayor Phoebus suggested research be done of other municipalities be done to ascertain who has such an ordinance and if they do how is it enforced.

Attorney Semrau stated he will review the concept and report back under Old Business for the next meeting.

REVISED ANIMAL ORDINANCE

There was a brief discussion regarding this ordinance and except for some minor amendments which are consistent with State Statute, it will be placed on the next agenda for introduction.

ABANDONED PROPERTIES ORDINANCE

Attorney Semrau stated he will discuss this ordinance during his report later in the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

RULES FOR THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING

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- 5. Anyone that is disruptive and speaks when they are not recognized will be considered to be disruptive to the meeting and maybe asked to leave.

Mr. Walsh moved to open the public portion, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried unanimously.

Hearing nothing from the public, Mr. Walsh moved to close the public portion, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT No further business appearing before the Committee at this time Mr. Gilsenan moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:22 P.M., seconded by Mr. Smith and carried unanimously.

	Respectfully submitted,		
Gail Phoebus, Mayor	Vita Thompson, R.M.C.		
Can i nocodo, mayor	Municipal Clerk		

ANDOVER TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

GAIL PHOEBUS, MAYOR BOB SMITH, DEPUTY MAYOR ALEX GILSENAN CHARLES GROTYOHANN THOMAS WALSH

MARCH 10, 2008

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular meeting of the Andover Township Committee was called to order at 6:36 P.M. by Mayor Phoebus, followed by a salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mr. Grotyohann, Mr. Gilsenan, Mr. Walsh,

Mr. Smith, Mayor Phoebus

Also present: Administrator Alfano, Attorney Semrau

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT Statement of compliance with Chapter 231, P. L. 1975 was made by Mayor Phoebus.

<u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u> Mr. Smith asked that Resolution #R2008-55 be removed from the consent agenda for separate motion to approve. Mr. Gilsenan moved to amend the consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried unanimously.

<u>APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA</u> Mr. Walsh moved the following consent items be approved, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried unanimously.

*CONSENT AGENDA:

***OTHER BUSINESS:**

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT

(See Insert Attached to These Minutes)

ACCEPTANCE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR'S FEBRUARY REPORT - \$3,354,946.39

ON-PREMISE 50/50 RAFFLE LICENSE #R.L. 815 – HAMPTON TOWNSHIP EDUCATION FOUNDATION - TO BE HELD ON APRIL 5, 2008 AT THE HILLSIDE PARK HALL AT 7:00 P.M.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2007 ANNUAL TAX COLLECTOR'S STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA (CONTINUED)

*RESOLUTIONS:

#R2008-53 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP

OF ANDOVER, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY
TO RETAIN PIA SECURITY PROGRAMS AS HEALTH BENEFITS
CONSULTANT/FIELD SERVICES COORDINATOR FOR THE
TOWNSHIP'S DENTAL BENEFITS PLAN ADMINISTERED THROUGH

THE NORTH JERSEY EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND FOR 2008

#R2008-54 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP

OF ANDOVER, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY
TO APPOINT MARY SPECTOR TO THE POSITION OF CLERK-TYPIST
TO PROVIDE SECRETARIAL SERVICES FOR THE OPEN SPACE,
RECREATION AND FARMLAND AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
COMMITTEE FOR 2008

(See Inserts Attached to These Minutes)

REGULAR AGENDA

RESOLUTION

#R2008-55 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP

OF ANDOVER, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR THE GOODALE ROAD DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT TO MITSCHELE EXCAVATING

Mr. Walsh moved to approve the foregoing Resolution as presented, seconded by Mr. Gilsenan. Roll call vote:

Mr. Gilsenan – yes Mayor Phoebus – yes Mr. Grotyohann – yes Mr. Smith – abstain

Mr. Walsh – yes

(See Inserts Attached to These Minutes)

REPORT FROM THE FIRE CHIEF He reported there were 4 activated fire alarms, 2 motor vehicle accidents with entrapment, 1 garbage fire, 2 carbon monoxide alarms, 1 meeting, 2 mutual aids – out of town, 4 motor vehicle accidents, 2 appliance fires, 3 work drills, 1 ice rescue drill, 1 standby at the fire house, 2 down power lines, 5 public assists, 1 landing zone, 1 chimney fire, 1 pump detail. There were a total of 37 calls for the month, 440 hours for the month of February. Year to date totals are 102 calls, 1378 hours.

He referenced the 5 public assists adding that the Fire Department did a great job of doing clean up detail the morning of the ice storm and they were able to open the road so people had access. He then reported that due to the storm the department pumped out Mr. Quist's property. Many thanks for all they do went to the entire department from the governing body.

He announced the Venison Dinner Fundraiser to be held at the end of March.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC Mr. Smith moved to open the public portion, seconded by Mr. Gilsenan and carried unanimously.

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Carla Kostelnik of 50 Greendale Road stated that as a representative of the farming community, she asked the governing body if they would consider a resolution to Governor Corzine requesting that he does not eliminate the Department of Agriculture and she cited the reasons. The Township Committee agreed and a resolution will be on the next agenda.

Peter Spinney of 74 Andover-Sparta Road stated behind his home is about 800 feet of Tar Hill Brook which is one designated as a C-1 Stream by the State. While acknowledging the last rain storm was extraordinary in its intensity, the amount of sediment that came down that stream was also extraordinary and he knows of a development upstream on a tributary. He requested that the Township Committee direct the Township Engineer or whoever is in charge of the sediment control plans to re-inspect. Mayor Phoebus asked Administrator Alfano to handle this matter.

Anthony Massaro of 100 Current Drive voiced his opinion and concerns regarding the attempt to discontinue health benefits for the governing body. He then asked Mr. Gilsenan about his comment regarding the filing of charges against some of the members of the Township Committee. Mr. Gilsenan replied that this is no longer an issue. Mr. Massaro stated that since Mr. Gilsenan made this comment, he has to question every vote.

Fire Department Chief Eric Danielson stated while the department was out caring for those residents with flooding issues, Mr. Walsh and Mayor Phoebus were out. He added that everything went according to the command structure. All the details were discussed on Friday and everyone was set to go on Saturday.

Diane Gillespie stated that with the start of Spring, courtesy of the Environmental Commission, she visited the ASPCA website and gathered information regarding plants that can be harmful to dogs and cats. She distributed the information to the governing body and the public.

Phil Boyce of 19 Victoria Pines Lane stated that he believes that the governing body has the ultimate, thankless job which is time consuming, stressful and thankless. He added that sometimes there are rewards but they are few and far between. He remarked that why would anyone think that stripping two members of their health benefits is a good idea. He added that he would like to think that we would use all resources to attract better candidates to the board and making it more difficult for someone to serve seems to make no sense. He then stated he knows the argument that when the budget gets tight, everyone has to feel something but of the three members who are in favor of discontinuing the benefits have waived their benefits. He stated that he thinks people serve on the Township Committee because they care, not because of benefits, adding that the board should be made up of all that care not just those who do not need health benefits. With all the time, effort and attention that they all pay to the town, it is a small price to pay and he asked for reconsideration of this attempt.

<u>OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (CONTINUED)</u> Fred Gillespie, 115 Andover-Mohawk Road confirmed what Peter Spinney reported earlier. He said he took a ride through Ballantine Road and saw a considerable amount of runoff from the development cascading into the stream on the Roberts' property and it was filthy. He stated that there probably could be more precautions or obstacles to prevent that runoff from occurring which ultimately pollute streams and lakes. He stated that the Township Engineer should investigate that area.

Jeff Wolk, 34 Payne Road asked if the Township Committee could consider having copies of the proposed ordinances and resolutions available for the public. The committee agreed and copies will be available beginning at the next meeting.

He then remarked about the Mayor's Committee and he stated that there have not been any reports about the meetings. Attorney Semrau stated that at the last meeting he reported on the Mayor's Committee progress and will do so again tonight.

Linda Golonski asked about the executive session items. Attorney Semrau explained what each item listed was about.

Hearing nothing further, Mr. Walsh moved to close the public portion, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

#R2008-56 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ANDOVER, COUNTY OF SUSSEX
AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO OPPOSE THE FAILURE OF THE
GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED STATE BUDGET FOR THE 2008-2009 FISCAL
YEAR TO TREAT PROPERTY TAX RELIEF AS OUR PRIORITY

Mr. Walsh moved to open discussion to the Committee, motion was seconded by Mr. Gilsenan and carried unanimously. Mayor Phoebus stated that last week she and CFO Tim Day traveled to Trenton for a 9:00 a.m. meeting. She stated that she commends Governor Corzine courage and tenacity to cut this budget for the State of New Jersey. That being said, she personally thinks it is terribly wrong on how he is penalizing municipalities that have 10,000 residents or less and 5,000 or less. She further stated that at the meeting Governor Corzine could not even be present. He chose to be in Atlantic City. Instead of 200 mayors, councilmen and professionals, there were 400 at this meeting. He came with a video that was watched on why he wants to make these cuts. His formula to say little of nothing is very flawed. She continued that how he has based this percentage she has no idea nor does anyone else. He sent the State Treasurer and Commissioner Joe Doria to speak to those present, along with the League of Municipalities. At one point, two presenters left the stage which she found extremely rude for those who travelled a great distance. She stated that those municipalities with 5,000 or less are considered by them as a donut community and the governor would like to see us merge with donut communities and he would like to see shared services. She stated that those municipalities with 10,000 or less are doing just that now. She stressed that we should be the model for what happens in these large cities instead of being penalized. She said that after many spoke, it was clear that would not happen and Andover Township will lose \$223,000. Even though Corzine does not want taxes to increase, it is the only option left since the funding was cut.

Mr. Smith stated that all communities should bond together in this effort. All agreed.

Following Mr. Walsh's motion and second by Mr. Smith the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

RECREATION PLAN PRESENTATION AS SUBMITTED BY BERNIE HATTERSLEY

Bernie Hattersley, a representative from the Lackawanna Little League was present along with Scott Price, President of the program. They began by stating the organization has no problem with the fields as they are, adding that the playing fields are perfect. They commended the Road Department for a job well done is the regular maintenance. They did however choose to address the infrastructure, the fencing, bleachers, trash receptacles and the parking lot. Mr. Hattersley then referred to the Recreation Master Plan he designed outlining the objectives. He asked that this evening he requests that the governing body formally recognizes this plan as a place to move forward for the future of Andover Township sports. He stated that the idea is to locate as many fields at Hillside Park as possibly can, hoping for four or five. There was also discussion regarding plans to construct a snack bar/storage building. He then stated that the majority of these concerns stem around safety precautions, adding that the current fencing is not high enough to place bleachers behind them.

Mr. Grotyohann stated he has been presented during some of these games and can attest to the safety concerns.

There was discussion regarding the possibility of some of the construction being performed by the Department of Public Works. They also discussed an open drainage ditch along the side of one of the fields. Mr. Hattersley stated he sent letters to local lumber yards asking for any donation they could offer to assist with some of the costs.

Mr. Hattersley stated that approval is need from the Township Committee to construct these structures, asking again for assistance from the DPW to dig the footings for the foundation.

Following further discussion regarding this matter, Mr. Walsh stated that until more fields are located, the fields at Hillside Park must be designated an all purpose field. It was then decided that Mr. Hattersley and Mr. Price should meet with Road Supervisor Dickinson to discuss these plans further. Mayor Phoebus added this would be a place to start and then come back before the governing body when the details are set. Mr. Walsh stated a meeting should be scheduled to brainstorm these ideas.

COAH LETTER DISCUSSION

Attorney Semrau explained that this is about a draft letter prepared by Planner McGroarty with respect to the third round COAH rules, adding that he tried to tailor this to the concerns raised by the township. He stated that if the governing body is in concurrence with the comments in the letter, authorization is needed to have the letter sent to COAH. Approval should be made subject to the Land Use Board also concurring with the comments.

Following a short discussion, Mr. Walsh moved to authorize that this letter be signed and forwarded to COAH, subject to the Land Use Board concurring with the comments. Motion was seconded by Mr. Smith and carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

CONTINUED DISCUSSION REGARDING THE 2008 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

CFO Tim Day was present and he stated that at the last meeting the budget was presented with a \$.04 tax increase. There was discussion at that time to attempt to reduce that number. The Finance Committee was able to cut that amount to 3.5 cents. He reminded everyone that following that cut, Governor Corzine then announced that State funding would be cut. He added that the 3.5 cents has now become 7 cents.

There was a lengthy discussion and many options explored on what could be done to lower the amount. Mr. Walsh reminded everyone that there was no municipal increase the past two years.

Administrator Alfano asked if the township committee is comfortable with the budget as it is presented this evening. Though the committee commented that they are not comfortable with the budget, there is nothing left to do at this time. CFO Day recommended that the governing body introduce the budget on March 24th and if something does change, an amendment can be done.

Based on a consensus of the township committee, all were in agreement to introduce the budget as presented on March 24th except for Mr. Smith who stated no.

COMMITTEE REPORTS Mayor Phoebus asked the Township Committee to waive their reports at this time due to the late hour and the amount of work yet to address this evening. All were in agreement.

REPORT FROM THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR She began by revisiting the computer discussion where Mr. Smith was provided his services but she had asked him to step away from that responsibility. She added that it is not wise or a good practice to have an elected official be the person in charge of all the computer services and passwords, although it has been great to have him when there is an issue. Attorney Semrau added that the day to day responsibility is something that though is a benefit to the township, doing so does not always fit in the structure. She wanted everyone to be clear that she asked Mr. Smith to step away from this role.

Mr. Smith commented that he has been providing this service for about 2 ½ years and started before he was on the committee. He stated that he truly enjoyed the work, something he is good at and providing a good service, but he certainly respects the opinion of the committee, administrator and attorney. If that is their wishes he will respect that. He then added that he did some estimates on replacing the services he has provided, for the first year the cost would be approximately \$57,000. He stated that though he is happy with stepping down, he would also be happy with continuing.

She then reported that Mayor Morgan of Andover Borough wants to meet with her about shared services, a meeting scheduled for the end of this month. She asked the governing body how they would like her to proceed. She stated that she will let them know that services may be available but not how it was in the past.

Administrator Alfano stated she spoke with officials from Lakeland Emergency Squad regarding their issues with the Subacute Center. She and Mayor Phoebus will be meeting with them on March 19th.

She then reported that Greener/Cleaner Andover Day will be held on April 12th, from 9:00 to 12:00.

REPORT FROM THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR (CONTINUED) She reported that she met with Keith Armstrong, County Shared Services Coordinator to discuss several possibilities that are either being offered or may be offered in the future. Some of the issues were truck washing, computer services, animal control and fleet maintenance to name a few. She stated that something that we could do now is take part in the fuel system services, adding that there are always pros and cons. Though the cost of upgrading our system will no longer be an issue, our municipal force will have to travel to the county facilities for fuel. She asked everyone to think about this proposal and further discussion will continue at the next meeting.

She reported that on March 26th the Board of Education they will have the public hearing on their budget. She added that the numbers proposed have not been introduced publically but they are looking at 3.1% increase overall, 2.5 cents on debt service and 5 cents on the general fund. The biggest increase is in heat and electricity which went up \$100,000. School Board officials will be attending the April 14th Township Committee meeting to give their budget presentation. She reminded everyone that April 15th is the School Board Election.

REPORT FROM THE MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY

He reported that in past conversations, a Growth Share Ordinance has been recommended to address third round affordable housing obligations for development. He asked permission of the committee to coordinate with the township planner and see if such an ordinance could be fast tracked so we are ready for the third round. All agreed.

Attorney Semrau then reported that during the workshop there was discussion regarding the well testing ordinance as well as the driveway ordinance. Because time did not allow during the workshop, Attorney Semrau stated he will report on the abandoned properties ordinance.

He explained that he drafted an ordinance and copies were provided. Changes were made to the model ordinance which was previously discussed. This draft sets forth criteria which are consistent with the State Statute so if such an abandoned type structure exists, the committee can identify the property and if necessary, take action to pursue rehabilitation or demolish a structure that is in danger.

Following this discussion it was determined that this ordinance be scheduled for introduction at the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Smith, the resolution to go into executive session to discuss

Personnel Matters:

1. Lieutenant's Test

Contract Negotiations:

- 1. Waste Management
- 2. Drew Smith
- 3. Hemlock Road
- 4. Ascot Apartments
- 5. The Abbey

Attorney-Client Privilege:

Potential Litigation

1. Limecrest Road Drainage Situation

Pending Litigation

- 1. Tax Appeals
- 2. Szatkiewicz v. Andover, was carried unanimously.

(See Insert Attached to These Minutes)

Mayor Phoebus announced that the Committee may take action when the meeting resumes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Committee went into executive session at 9:15 P.M. Mr. Walsh moved to adjourn executive session at 10:19 P.M., seconded by Mr. Smith and carried unanimously.

REGULAR MEETING RESUMED

At this time Mayor Phoebus turned the meeting over to Deputy Mayor Smith. Mayor Phoebus stepped down from the dais due to a conflict on the following resolutions. Deputy Mayor Smith stated that during the executive session there were three resolutions discussed regarding pending tax appeals.

RESOLUTIONS:

#R2008-57 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF

ANDOVER, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY

AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF THE 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007

AND 2008 TAX APPEALS RELATING TO THE NEWTON COUNTRY CLUB

Attorney Semrau recommended that Mr. Walsh recuse himself from voting on this resolution because he lives near the property. Mr. Gilsenan moved to accept the foregoing resolution as presented, seconded by Mr. Grotyohann. Roll call vote:

Mr. Gilsenan – yes Deputy Mayor Smith – yes Mr. Grotyohann – yes

#R2008-58 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF

ANDOVER, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY

AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF THE 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 AND

2008 TAX APPEALS RELATING TO THE ROLLING GREENS GOLF CLUB

Mr. Gilsenan moved to accept the foregoing resolution as presented, seconded by Mr. Walsh and carried unanimously.

#R2008-59 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF

ANDOVER, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY

AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF THE 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 AND

2008 TAX APPEALS RELATING TO YOUNG REALTY

Attorney Semrau explained that the township was represented by Anthony Bucco as special counsel.

Mr. Walsh moved to accept the foregoing resolution as presented, seconded by Mr. Gilsenan and carried unanimously.

(See Inserts Attached to These Minutes)

Attorney Semrau stated that there was discussion in executive session relating to the Abbey property and Mayor Phoebus asked for a motion for the Administrator to obtain proposals/bids for services relating to asbestos and/or lead evaluation and removal from the Abbey stone building. There are no funds expended at this time, only the ability to obtain these proposals. Motion was made by Mr. Walsh and seconded by Mr. Smith and carried unanimously.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS: Monday, March 24, 2008 6:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Monday, April 14, 2008 6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting 7:30 p.m.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u> No further business appearing before the Committee at this time, Mr. Walsh moved the meeting be adjourned at 10:27 P.M., seconded by Mr. Gilsenan and carried unanimously.

	Respectfully submitted,
Gail Phoebus, Mayor	Vita Thompson, R.M.C. Municipal Clerk