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**FEBRUARY 18, 2010  
REGULAR & WORK MEETING  
MINUTES**

**FLAG SALUTE** – Mayor

**PRAYER** – Reverend Tom Douglass, Highland Community Church, Galloway

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Seher, Fishman, Green, Vizthum, Gorman, Caterson

**Absent:** Falivene

**Also Present:** Mayor Elco, Terry Dolan, Jessica Thompson, Carie Crone, Mike Blee, City Solicitor

**PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT ON THE SUNSHINE LAW  
NOTIFICATION THAT THIS MEETING IS ELECTRONICALLY RECORDED**

**PUBLIC PORTION**

Motion to open to the public – Councilman Green – second – Councilwoman Gorman  
All were in favor.

**Gerald Greenberg - 110 Cedar Hill Ave.** – wanted council to be aware that they have formed an Absecon Shores Community Association. Out of 85 homes presently there, 72 of those have joined and each donated \$300 each for legal funds to bring suit. Each house has 2 and 3 votes.

**Karen Doody – 101 Park Circle** – wanted the city to know that everyone's taxes will go up, not just the Shore properties. This trailer park is going to affect everyone negatively.

Motion to close public – Councilman Green – second – Councilman Vizthum  
All were in favor.

**WORK MEETING AGENDA**

**2010 RESOLUTIONS**

**46** Amending Resolution 15-2010, designating the interest and penalty rate on unpaid taxes.  
**Lynn** – Agnes requested this, which will extend time for the late fee due to weather and mail delay. This would be for the payment due for February only and the deadline would be Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>. **MOVED**

- 47 Amending Resolution 184-2009, authorizing a refund of an overpayment of taxes on the property located at 406 Burning Tree Blvd. **MOVED**
- 48 Re-appointing a Fire Official for the Absecon City Fire Department, namely Jerry Cohen. **MOVED**
- 49 Authorization for an application for Community Development Block Grant Funding. **MOVED**
- 50 Appointing a member to the Zoning Board, namely William Fritz. **MOVED**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion to move consent agenda consisting of Res. # 46 to 50 made by Councilwoman Gorman – second Councilman Green

ROLL CALL: Seher, yes; Fishman, yes; Green, yes, abstain on 48, Vizthum, yes; Gorman, yes, Caterson, yes

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST- \$ 1,426,421.80**

Motion to accept – Councilman Green – second – Councilman Vizthum

ROLL CALL: Seher, yes; Fishman, yes; Green, yes, Vizthum, yes; Gorman, yes, Caterson, yes

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

**Clerk’s Office** - \$7,438

**Tax Collection** - \$1,379,330

**Construction** - \$8,327

**Fred** – questioned the construction office report and if the number was correct.

**Terry** – yes, it reflects the permit for the AutoZone project.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Meeting Minutes – 1/7/10 and 1/21/10

Budget Meeting Minutes – 1/14/10 and 1/26/10

Motion to accept – Councilman Green – second – Councilman Vizthum

ROLL CALL: Seher, abstained; Fishman, yes; Green, yes, Vizthum, yes; Gorman, yes, Caterson, yes

**REPORTS**

**Mayor** – thanked Public Works, public safety groups and any residents who extended their time during our recent snowstorms this year. With regards to ACUA contracts, he spoke to Terry and asked him to report.

**Terry** – as you have heard there are certain municipalities in Atlantic County that will now have their waste accepted by ACUA where they used to go to neighboring counties to dispose of it. As a result, they thought the costs would go up. He thinks if those towns join the ACUA, Absecon’s costs would go down a little bit for the next three years at \$5 a ton. It’s not a lot of money, but \$16-20,000 a year helps.

**Chris** – we met tonight and reviewed bills.

**Drew** – also thanked the Public works and Public Safety groups on a job well done. Parks and Playgrounds met and discussed the Kunkley property potential development.

**Fred** – also thanked everybody for their work during the storms. New Jersey Ave. paving alleviated some of the flooding problems on Highland Blvd. We are applying for a grant from FEMA to try to repair all the problems. Hopes to hear by the spring or summer.

**Jim** – no economic development report but we are moving forward with the police chief at looking into the purchase of furniture.

**Bobbie** – also wanted to recognize all the residents who helped their neighbors out during the storms. A few seniors mentioned it to her and that is why our community is the way it is. Announced upcoming events around the area.

**Lynn** – thanked everyone for the support for this difficult winter. Explained that residents could go to our website now and find events posted, agendas for meetings, minutes after they are approved and election and voting information.

**Terry** – thanked council for the kind words for the employees for their work during the storm.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – Carie read

### **PUBLIC PORTION**

Motion to open – Councilman Fishman – second – Councilman Vizthum

All were in favor.

**Bill Fritz – 820 New York Ave.** – thanked council for his appointment and thanked Chris Seher for his many years of service on the Board.

Motion to close – Councilman Green – second – Councilman Vizthum

All were in favor.

### **CLOSED SESSION – # 51-2010**

**Mike Blee** – stated the reasons as litigation, specifically Gerald Greenberg et al v. City of Absecon and/or other parties. Those minutes can be disseminated if in fact, if in fact a final outcome of that litigation is reached or all appeals are exhausted. No action will be taken after closed session.

Motion to enter closed session – Councilman Green – second – Councilman Vizthum

All were in favor.

**Mike** – It's 8:10 pm. and we are now out of closed session and issues discussed were those announced earlier and no action will be taken.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn meeting – Councilman Green - second – Councilman Vizthum

All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carie A. Crone, Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_