

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2009**

OFFICIALS PRESENT:	SUPERVISORS:	Vic Stabile Don Geistwhite Steve Larson
	SOLICITOR:	Keith Brenneman
	ENGINEER:	Bud Grove - Absent
	POLICE:	Chief Barry Sherman
	ZONING OFFICER:	Mark Carpenter
	SECRETARY:	Mary Justh

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Mr. Vic Stabile called the meeting to order at 7:01PM in the Middlesex Twp Building, with Supervisor Geistwhite leading the pledge to the flag.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

Mr. Stabile turned the meeting over to Solicitor Keith Brenneman. Mr. Brenneman asked for nominations for Chairman. Mr. Geistwhite nominated Mr. Stabile for Chairman. Mr. Steve Larson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Stabile nominated Mr. Geistwhite as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Steve Larson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The following appointments were approved by motions made, seconded and approved as indicated;

APPOINTMENTS:

POSITION	APPOINTEE	MOTION	SECOND	VOTE
Secretary/Treasurer/Manager	Mary Justh	Geistwhite	Larson	Unan.
Solicitor to Board of Supervisors	Snelbaker & Brenneman, P.C.	Geistwhite	Larson	Unan.
Solicitor to Planning Commission	Snelbaker & Brenneman, P.C.	Geistwhite	Larson	Unan.
Solicitor to Zoning Hearing Board	Michael Rundle	Geistwhite	Larson	Unan
Engineer	Grove Associates	Geistwhite	Larson	Unan
Sewage Enforcement Officer	Vince Elbel	Geistwhite	Larson	Unan
Assistant Sewage Enforcement Officer	Edward Elbel	Geistwhite	Larson	Unan
Zoning Officer	Mark Carpenter	Geistwhite	Larson	Unan
Planning Commission	Tracy Gleim	Geistwhite	Larson	Unan
	01/01/2014			
	Steve Zeigler	Geistwhite	Larson	Unan
	01/01/2014			
Zoning Hearing Board Member	William Shover	Geistwhite	Larson	Unan
	01/01/2014			
	Anthony Deluca	Geistwhite	Larson	Unan

Municipal Authority Member	01/01/201 Randy Waggoner	Geistwhite	Larson	Unan
Recreation Board	01/01/2014 Marian Smyser	Geistwhite	Larson	Unan
	01/01/2013 Vacancy			
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Letort Regional Authority	01/01/2013 Herbert Weigl, Jr.	Geistwhite	Larson	Unan
	01/01/2013 Vacancy			
Vacancy Board Member	01/01/2013 Mary Justh	Geistwhite	Larson	Unan
Depositories for Funds	Orrstown Bank	Geistwhite	Larson	Unan
	& Commerce Bank			
BOS Representative to the Municipal Authority	Don Geistwhite	Stabile	Larson	Unan.
Building Committee	Steve Larson	Stabile	Geistwhite	Unan.
	Don Geistwhite	Stabile	Larson	Unan.

Mr. Stabile made a motion to have Mrs. Justh **advertise the vacancies** on the Recreation Board and Letort Regional Authority. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

2009 – 1 Identifying Don Geistwhite & Mary Justh for Safety Deposit Access – Mr. Larson made a motion to identify Don Geistwhite and Mary Justh for Safety Deposit Access. Mr. Stabile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2009 – 2 Identifying All Three Supervisors and Secretary/Treasurer/Manager as Signatories for Township Funds - Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to identify all three Supervisors and Secretary/Treasurer/Manager as signatories for Township Funds. Mr. Larson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2009 – 3 Reducing Member Contribution to Police Pension Plan from 5% to 0% - Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to reduce member contributions to police pension plan from 5% to 0%. Mr. Larson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ESTABLISHMENT OF NON-UNIFORM SALARIES PER 2009 BUDGET - Mr. Geistwhite made a motion. Mr. Larson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of 31 October 2008 – Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to approve the minutes of the 31st of October, 2008. Mr. Larson seconded the motion and was unanimously approved.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS – per December bill list – Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to pay the December bill list. Mr. Larson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – Mr. Larry Rowdy of Union Fire Company and he looked over the boxes for his house and according to his calculations it is 2.96 miles from Union Fire Company, and it is ½ mile to a hydrant. You need 2,600 feet of hose to reach his front door. Union's tanker is 2.96 miles and North Middleton's tanker is 7.72 miles. New Kingstown's tanker is 5.47 miles and Sherman's Dale is 11.16 miles. He did this from his house for his own benefit. Mr. Stabile stated that the budget for this year is a little scary considering what is happening in the country at this time. Mr. Stabile indicated that you need to see what we do as a township to save money, and when these fire companies come and ask for more money, we feel really bad, but with a clear conscious we can't raise taxes at this time. Fire Chief Ed Bean addressed Mr. Rowdy's concerns. We know where the water supplies are and how we would run the lines. Carlisle Barracks would have a 4 minutes response, #33 New Kingstown would have a 9 minute response, #39 North Middleton would have an 8 minute response, 12 minutes for Monroe, and 13 minutes for Silver Spring. This would be a perfect scenario according to Fire Chief Ed Bean. Mr. Stabile thanked Mr. Rowdy and stated that there are other factors that had to be considered in our decision.

REPORTS

Solicitor – Mr. Brenneman told the Board that he is awaiting a return call from Mr. Ed Schorpp and that he is working on some other items such as the Gulf sign on Rt. 11.

Engineer – No Report

Police – Order to File

Zoning – Ordered to file. Lower issuance of building permits for the Township last year. The new county building will have a new tower at that location according to Mr. Carpenter. .

Municipal Authority – The well testing was stopped over the holidays according to Mr. Geistwhite.

Recreation/Recycling Coordinator – No Report

Fire/EMC – Ordered to File

Secretary – Mrs. Justh reported on the funds from PMRS that need to be distributed. We must have a resolution for the Funds from Ron Kepner to the member accounts or they will need to be used for this year or returned. Mr. Stabile made a motion that we resolve effective as of December 31, 2008 to transfer \$3,544.93 from Ron Lee Kepner's account to be allocated to the active member accounts with PMRS Retirement allowing our Solicitor to produce the resolution making it available to the Township Secretary as requested in the letter of December 22, 2008. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Cumberland Recycling Release of Security – Mr. Stabile made a motion to accept the Township Engineer's recommendation of December 31, 2008 in response to Cumberland Recycling's request to have the security released, and that we grant that request based on the release of security and to post maintenance security in the amount of \$1,040.00 to the Township. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Fire Company Contracts for 2009 – Mr. Brenneman reviewed the fire Company contract 2009. Fire Chief Ed Beam will give us the allocation at a later date. Mr. Stabile made a motion to approve and execute the Fire Protection Agreement with Sherman's Dale Community Fire Company for 2009 as prepared by them and approve by our Solicitor. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Stabile made a motion to approve and execute the Fire Protection Agreement with North Middleton Fire Company for 2009 as prepared by them and approve by our Solicitor. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Stabile made a motion to approve and execute the Fire Protection Agreement with New Kingstown for 2009 as prepared by them and approve by our Solicitor. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Pictometry License Agreement with Cumberland County - Mr. Brenneman asked the Board to table this item until the workshop meeting on January 30.

NEW BUSINESS

ABF Freight Systems Assessment Appeal – Mr. Brenneman explained that the ABF appeal would cost the Township \$1,509.52. Mr. Brenneman reported that 2009 has not been calculated yet, but 2010 will be a reassessment year. Mr. Stabile stated that it would cost us more to fight it. Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to have Mr. Brenneman approve and execute the proposed stipulation and joint motion for agreed order regarding ABF Freight Systems Inc. that was recommended to us by our Solicitor on docket 2008-1953 in Cumberland County Court of Common Pleas. Mr. Larson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Geistwhite talked to project engineer from the **Turnpike** about signs for the turnpike. He is willing to correct the signage for the turnpike. They will be adding to the sign on the right is truck terminals and plazas. Before you go through the tollgates there will be another sign with this information on. He will respond with a letter to the Borough and the Township.

Mr. Stabile commented that the **Petro** has not progressed at all so far according to a memo from Mr. Grove.

Mr. Stabile stated that we are officially reorganized. Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10. Mr. Stabile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

