

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS MEETING
February 3, 2016**

OFFICIALS PRESENT:	SUPERVISORS:	Chairman Donald S. Geistwhite, Jr.
		William H. Goodhart
	SOLICITOR:	Keith O. Brenneman
	DIRECTOR OF	
	PUBLIC SAFETY:	Barry L. Sherman
	ZONING OFFICER:	Mark D. Carpenter
	MANAGER:	Eileen M. Gault
	FIRE CHIEF:	Ed Beam

OFFICIALS ABSENT: SUPERVISOR: Vice-Chairman Steven Larson
ENGINEER: Bud Grove

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Chairman Geistwhite called the meeting to order with Mr. Sherman leading the pledge to the flag at 7:00 p.m. in the Middlesex Township Building.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mrs. Tracy Baird Heiter was present to meet the Board of Supervisors and discuss her being appointed to the Recreation Board. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to appoint Mrs. Tracy Baird Heiter to the Recreation Board to fill a vacancy, term to expire on January 1, 2020.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of December 18, 2015.

On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of January 4, 2016.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the payments of the January 2016 bills.

REPORTS:

Solicitor – No report.

Engineer – Absent. No report.

Director of Public Safety – Mr. Sherman submitted the monthly Police Report. There was a brief discussion of the report. Report entered into record. He then reported that they are currently in the testing stages of e-filing citations.

Zoning – Mr. Carpenter submitted the monthly Zoning Report. There was a brief discussion of the report. Report entered into record.

Recreation/Recycling Coordinator – Recreation Report was submitted and entered into record. Mrs. Gault reported that the available bus trips have been scheduled and the Egg Hunt is coming up.

Fire/EMC – Chief Beam submitted the monthly Fire/EMC Report as well as his annual report. There was a brief discussion of the reports. Report entered into record.

Municipal Authority – Chairman Geistwhite reported that he was reappointed to the Municipal Authority Board. Things are going well with the Municipal Authority and the turbidity at the well is excellent.

Manager – Mrs. Gault reported that the audit is going well and should be completed soon. There has been approximately 14 hours put into the audit thus far. A phone call was received today by a young man that is working on his Eagle Scout project and he would like to erect a flag pole at the roundabout. He is aware that he will need to confer with PennDOT as well to continue this project. The Supervisors are in support of this idea. It was happily reported that the Township received a little over \$4,300 in cash rewards this year. Mrs. Gault commended Administrative Assistant Robin Rohrer for her excellent job of keeping up with obtaining the rewards.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance Prohibiting the use of Exploding Targets: Township Solicitor Mr. Brenneman reported that he completed the draft Ordinance prohibiting the use of exploding targets. The Ordinance claims it unlawful for a person in the Township to detonate an exploding target and it also has a provision that indicates that any property owner in which exploding targets are located that allows the use of them will be in violation of the Ordinance if it is detonated within 500 yards of a dwelling. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Township Solicitor Mr. Brenneman to advertise for adoption at the February 26, 2016 Workshop Meeting the Ordinance prohibiting the use of exploding targets.

NEW BUSINESS:

Advanced Disposal One Year Contract Extension: The Township Manager reported that the Township is at the end of its two year contract with Advanced Disposal with the option to extend for one year. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to extend for one year the contract with Advanced Disposal.

There was a brief discussion of MS4. There had been some password issues with the GIS mapping that has since been resolved. It was agreed that we need to move forward with this process.

Mr. Sherman reported that he received a quote from Floss Flooring of \$5,730.25 to redo the floor in the maintenance garage. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the purchase of the new flooring.

Curtis Hall, Fire Chief from New Kingstown Fire Company and Mr. Shawn Brickner, Fire Chief from North Middleton Fire Company were present at the meeting to discuss with the Board of

Supervisors a possible funding increase with a fire tax. After much discussion, the Supervisors are not opposed to the idea, but for now have budgeted an additional \$20,000 to split between the fire companies. The Supervisors along with the staff will continue to do some research on the issue. The Supervisors thanked the Fire Chiefs for coming in for the open dialogue and for the job they do at servicing the residents of Middlesex Township.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. to Executive Session, for a personnel matter.

The Board reconvened from Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Director of Public Safety to engage labor counsel on an as needed basis with assistance of the Township Solicitor.

There being no further business, on the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m.