

MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS MEETING
February 6, 2002

OFFICIALS PRESENT:	SUPERVISORS:	Robert Eppley Chuck Shughart Vic Stabile
	SOLICITOR:	Keith Brenneman
	ENGINEER:	Bud Grove
	POLICE:	Chief Barry Sherman
	ZONING OFFICER:	Mark Carpenter
	RECREATION:	Eileen Ettleman - Absent
	FIRE CHIEF:	Ed Beam - Absent
	SECRETARY:	Mary Justh

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CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Chairman Robert Eppley called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM and the Middlesex Township Pack 182 led the pledge to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mr. Chuck Shapely, MYBA president, asked for permission to place a shed between field #11 and #12 to house a tractor that was purchased to help maintain the fields. According to a letter that was submitted the shed will have a Lowe's advertisement on it because they are donating the shed. Opening day for baseball will be April 20th and Mr. Shapely is asking that the Supervisors and Board Members come out for the ceremonies.

Cub Scout Benjamin Shughart asked if the Supervisors would allow **Cup Pack 182 to collect trash along the trails in the park**. Mr. Stabile made a motion that will remain on the book of this Township that recognizes Cub Pack 182 in order to earn a service badge will pick up the trash along the trail in the park. Mr. Shughart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Stabile made a motion to approval the minutes of 28 December, 7 and 25 January. Mr. Shughart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

On a motion by Mr. Shughart, seconded by Mr. Stabile, approval was given for payment of bills represented by the bill list for January, summarized as follows:

General Fund Checks #12323 thru #12410	\$ 52,002.53
Escrow Fund Check #191	500.00
K-9 Fund Check #108	33.76
Pension Fund Check #118	3,200.88
Transfer for Payroll #01 & #02	54,973.74

REPORTS

SOLICITOR: No report at this time. Mr. Stabile asked Mr. Brenneman if Mr. Olson's appeal is still pending? Mr. Brenneman stated that it is still pending.

ENGINEER: Mr. Grove explained that **Meadowbrook Farms Phase I** is requesting that the Board of Supervisors give them a reduction in security by an amount of \$12,214.00 bringing the balance to \$8,635.00. Mr. Grove recommends that the security be reduced. Mr. Grove also recommends that \$500.00 be placed in escrow for Engineering inspection fees. The second request is to have the streets dedicated. They have 69% of the built out complete and we allow dedication when they reach 75%. Mr. Grove suggested the Township have maintenance security in place if they decide to accept dedication of the streets. Chief Sherman asked if the Township trucks would have an area to turn around in the event that the streets are dedicated. Mr. Stabile made a motion to reduce the sight improvement security that is being held for Meadowbrook Farms Phase I from \$20,849.00 to \$8,635.00 on the conditions that \$500.00 be placed in escrow for Engineering inspection fees and \$500.00 will need to be held for sidewalk maintenance for 18 months after the sidewalk site improvements have been completed. Mr. Shughart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Stabile made a motion in connection with Meadowbrook Farms Phase I, even though the developer is one unit short of reaching the 75%, to accept the developer's request for dedication of the streets with the following conditions, 1. that the streets be inspected and approved by the Township Engineer and Chief Sherman, 2. that a deed of dedication be submitted in a form that is agreeable to the township solicitor, 3. that maintenance security be an amount agreeable with the Engineer and Solicitor being held for 18 months after reaching 75% completion, 4. that a resolution be drawn for dedication, 5. that an additional \$500.00 be posted for maintenance of the street signs, and 6. that these conditions be satisfied within 60 days of this date, so that dedication enables the Township to receive Liquid Fuels Tax. Mr. Shughart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Stabile made an amendment to the first motion reducing the security to \$8635.00 to include as a condition that once the sidewalks are completed that the developer will still be required to post \$500.00 that will be held as security for 18 months. Mr. Shughart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Grove stated that he received another request of reduction of security dated January 9, 2002 for **Meadowbrook Farms Phase II**, and this needs to be acted upon at the workshop meeting in February. Mr. Grove received another request to release security for the wetlands, which Mr. Grove suggested that the wetlands be released last February. Mr. Grove thinks that the credit was already approved for release. Mr. Grove explained that **ABF** is requesting release of security for **the eastern terminal**. The as-built has been checked and the security can be released. Mr. Grove stated that this is only advisory in nature, no action is necessary. Mr. Grove explained that Mr. **Jack Beitzel** is asking for an inspection of public improvements that have been completed at the **Cedar Road Development**. Mr. Grove explained that what was shown on the original plan is not what is built, but it is equivocal. Mr. Grove explained that it does not have to be held as a revised plan, but since it is an improvement it can be handled as an as-built. Mr. Stabile is questioning the authority of the Township to legally make these changes to plans. Mr. Stabile asked if there has been any response to the letter concerning the **Faulkner Plan**. Mr. Ralph Wright from Redneck has been in contact with Solicitor Brenneman. Mr. Brenneman also received a letter from Mr. Steve Weingarden, Faulkner's attorney. Mr. Stabile asked Mr. Grove about the Unified District. Mr. Grove has some items to finish with respect to the **Unified District** and should have it to the Monday night meeting. There may be some opposition to nursing homes and assisted living because of the nature of a residential area. Mr. Carpenter stated that the RF District does allow nursing homes.

POLICE: Presented by Chief Sherman and ordered to file. Chief Sherman requested that the Supervisors consider **accreditation for the Township Police Department** through the Pennsylvania Police Chief Association at a cost of \$100.00. There could be a 15 to 20% reduction in insurance, plus the Township would use standards that are statewide. Mr. Shughart made a motion to approve \$100.00 fee for the police department to apply for accreditation. Mr. Stabile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ZONING OFFICER: Presented by Mr. Mark Carpenter and ordered to file. Mr. Shughart suggested that Mr. Carpenter write a letter to **Pyrotech** concerning the lighting on the building. Mr. Carpenter agreed to write the letter. Mr. Carpenter wrote enforcement letters to **Mr. Boyer and to Julie Johnson concerning junked cars**. They have until the end of the month to get rid of the junked cars. Mr. Carpenter will be writing a letter concerning **Mountain View Trailer Park**. Mr. Carpenter commented that he has been working with Gannett Fleming on a draft and trying to save money by doing some of the changes himself.

RECREATION: Report ordered to file. Mr. Brenneman submitted a new contract for the groups that perform for park concerts.

FIRE/EMC: Report ordered to file. Discussion followed with regards to the drought and wells going dry.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY: Mr. Stabile reported that the refinancing for the Municipal Authority has been completed and they have realized a significant savings by doing the bond sale over the Internet. The savings amounted to \$980,000.00 on the bond issue. The Municipal Authority is anxious to have the Comprehensive Plan enacted so that they can move forward with Mr. Long.

SECRETARY: Mrs. Justh stated that Mr. Mel Spahr had called the Township asking if he had been exonerated from the trash contract since he produced so little. The Supervisors directed Mrs. Justh to write him a letter stating that there are no exonerations.

OLD BUSINESS

Trash/Recyclables Bids – Mr. Brenneman stated that the bids have been opened and everything is in place, except there was one bidder IESI that bid incorrectly for a 2 year contract. They had an escalation in the fee for the second year. It appears that York Waste has the low bid, based on price alone according to Mr. Stabile. Mr. Brenneman stated the 3 types of services that were bid. 1. Monthly price, per tag price and one bulk cleanup per year, 2. Monthly price, per tag price and two bulk cleanup per year, and 3. Monthly price, per tag price and one bulk item each week. Mr. Shughart made a motion to select option #2, two bulk clean-ups annually. Mr. Stabile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Shughart made a motion to accept **York Waste as the lowest bidder for 2 years at \$12.13 per month and \$2.55 per tag** based on all conditions being satisfied. Mr. Stabile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Groundwater Protection Ordinance – Mr. Brenneman gave the Supervisors a letter with his findings on the hazardous materials and how they should be recorded to the Township. Discussion followed on how the Supervisors can resolve the hazardous materials issue. Mr. Brenneman stated that he came across an Ordinance for consideration to regulate the use, storage and disposal of hazardous and toxic substances in the township. He will get the information to the Supervisors for consideration.

Grass/Weed/Vegetation Ordinance – Mr. Stabile made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2-2002 Grass/Weed/Vegetation Ordinance as advertised. Mr. Shughart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Resignation of Frances Socha/Recreation Board- Mr. Stabile made a motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Fran Socha. Mr. Shughart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mrs. Justh was asked to write a letter thanking Mr. Socha for his contributions to the Rec. Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05PM on a motion by Mr. Shughart and seconded by Mr. Stabile.