

MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
WORKSHOP MEETING
February 22, 2002

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

Chairman Robert Eppley called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM in the Middlesex Twp Building.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

JEFF FIELDS HOME BUSINESS – Mr. Carpenter explained to Jeff that home businesses are not allowed in any residential districts in the Township. Mr. Stabile stated that this is something the Supervisors are going to have to address. After a brief discussion Mr. Stabile directed Mr. Carpenter to send a letter to Mr. Fields stating that home occupations are not a permitted use.

CUMBERLAND VALLEY COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE LETTER – Mrs. Justh presented a letter requesting a contribution from the Supervisors for their organization. The Supervisors were not interested in making a contribution.

B KENNETH GREIDER/PA STATE ASSOCIATION OF TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS FELLOWSHIP IN PUBLIC POLICY – Mr. Eppley asked what was given in the past for this Fellowship. Mrs. Justh stated that it was \$25.00. Mr. Stabile made a motion to contribute \$25.00 for the B. Kenneth Greider/PA State Association of Township Supervisors Fellowship in Public Policy. Mr. Shughart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

COMCAST LETTER – Mrs. Justh explained that the letter from Comcast was to inform the Supervisors that Federal Regulations now require that we list the franchising authority's name, address, community unit and phone number on the monthly Comcast statements being sent to Township residents. But, if we responded in writing to Comcast we could have our phone number taken off the invoice. Mr. Shughart made a motion not to have the Township phone number on Comcast invoice. Mr. Stabile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION – Mrs. Justh presented a grant application concerning signage for the Letort. Chief Sherman asked if this is PennDOT approved. Mr. Stabile made a motion to agree to enter into an agreement with the Susquehanna River Basin with #6 Indemnification and #7 Disputes deleted from the Agreement. Mr. Shughart asked that we not be held responsible to replace the signs if they are damaged.

Mrs. Justh announced that pictures will be taken at the next meeting on March 6th at 6:30 PM.

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Chief Barry Sherman presented a request from **Giant to do a traffic study** for the Giant Signal on Rt. 11. Apparently they feel that the signal doesn't stay green long enough for their employees to get out of the parking lot. The Supervisors agreed that if Giant is absorbing the costs they could certainly do a traffic study. Mr. Shughart suggested that Giant should stagger the shifts so they don't all come on to Rt. 11 at the same time. Chief Sherman also stated that it was once again time to **bid road materials** for the highway department next month. Chief Sherman would like to rent a machine for paving to help get maintenance on the Township roads done. The dates to advertise are the 1st and 8th of March, with the opening on the 25th at 8:30 AM. Mr. Shughart made a motion to advertise for road materials and rental of highway equipment. Mr. Stabile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Stabile reported that a survey received from the **South Central Assembly** is requesting that the Township complete the survey on the upcoming codes to see what can be done and how it will affect compliance with these new codes and enforcement. Carlisle Borough will be sending a letter out to try to organize a meeting for the purpose of finding out what the choices could be for the Township. Mr. Grove stated that there will be consultants looking to help municipalities comply with the regulations. According to Mr. Carpenter, if the codes were adopted prior to being forced onto the Township, he would have more time to obtain certification for enforcing the codes by being grandfathered in. Mr. Stabile would like to have the survey completed.

MEADOWBROOK FARMS PHASE II – Mr. Grove reported on a request for reduction of financial security of Phase II. Mr. Grove explained that the work is not completed, so he advised the Supervisors to deny the request. Mr. Stabile made a motion to deny Meadowbrook Farms request for reduction in security because what they indicated as completed to support the reduction was not found to be the case upon inspection by the Township Engineer. The applicant can come back to the Township with a request that accurately portrays what in fact has been completed and how that corresponds with the reduction request in security. Mr. Shughart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Brenneman made it clear that the denial needs to go out by certified mail as soon as possible.

ABF FREIGHT SYSTEMS, INC SKETCH PLAN – Mr. Jim Snyder with HRG Engineering and Mr. Walter Echols with ABF presented a Sketch Plan to the Supervisors. Mr. Walters explained that they have an opportunity to purchase land from CF and would like to get a feel from the Supervisors as to whether they would possibly approve an expansion. Mr. Stabile asked if ABF purchased the 18 acres and would they add this to the existing parcel or keep it separate. Mr. Snyder explained that rezoning would be the ideal solution. Mr. Stabile stated the they do not have to combine the lots, but if they do not combine the lots they are limiting the number of dock doors that would be allowed. Mr. Stabile asked what the traffic impact might be with an expansion. Mr. Walters stated that if an expansion occurs, traffic will not increase immediately. A discussion followed concerning improvements to the lighting at ABF. Mr. Stabile would like to look at the property. Mr. Brenneman stated that something to consider would be a rezoning of the Township and this would not be considered spot zoning under the proposed future land use map. Mr. Stabile suggested that ABF propose a zoning application and the Supervisors will look at a development agreement.

GROUNDWATER PROTECTION/RT DISTRICT ORDINANCE – Mr. Stabile questioned definitions to be used and which manual we should be using in the Township. Mr. Stabile

suggested that we make the changes Mr. Brenneman presented. Mr. Brenneman suggested that the Supervisors have the Ordinance ready for next months regular meeting on March 6th and decide if it is ready to be advertised. A special hearing will need to be scheduled before April 11th. All comments will need to be addressed at the March 6th meeting so that the Ordinance can be advertised.

CUB PACK 182 BLUE BIRD HOUSES – Mr. Ron Jumper wrote a letter to Eileen Ettleman requesting permission to install 8 Blue Bird houses at the Township Park. The Supervisors agreed to allow Cub Pack 182 place Blue Bird houses in the park.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 AM after the executive session.