

MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
FEBRUARY 23, 2001

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| OFFICIALS PRESENT: | SUPERVISORS:    | Robert Eppley<br>Chuck Shughart<br>Vic Stabile |
|                    | SOLICITOR:      | Keith Brenneman                                |
|                    | ENGINEER:       | Bud Grove                                      |
|                    | 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

**BID OPENINGS:** Chief Sherman opened the Portable Low Speed Scales Bid from Loadometer in the amount \$16,800.00. This was the only bid received for the scales and does not include the portable computer needed to make the scales operational. Chief explained that he can get one for less money on his own. Mr. Stabile made a motion to accept the bid for the Portable Low Speed Scales for \$16,800.00. Mr. Shughart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Chief Sherman opened the bid for the Service Supply Corporation in the \$28,615.00 and Groff Tractor in the amount of \$27,900.00 and the bid will be awarded at the Supervisors Meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup> after examination of the bids.

**GRASS/WEED/VEGETATION ORDINANCE** – Solicitor Brenneman explained that this Ordinance would be addressing the antiquated grass/weed Ordinance. Mr. Stabile asked Mr. Brenneman if a multi-flora hedge being used for a specific purpose would be allowed under State law. Mr. Brenneman responded that multi-flora hedge is consisted a noxious weed under state law. After some discussion Mr. Brenneman suggested that noxious weeds be removed from the Ordinance and after a weed reaches 6" the Ordinance can be enforced as a weed, not necessarily as a noxious weed. Mr. Stabile suggested that time be taken to review the Ordinance. The question of how fines are levied will remain as written in the Ordinance.

**ORDINANCE 2-01 AMENDING ORDINANCE 6-66 TO PROVIDE FOR A PLANNING COMMISSION CONSISTING OF EIGHT MEMBERS** – Mr. Brenneman stated that this Ordinance was advertised and can be accepted today. Mr. Shughart made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2-01 amending Ordinance 6-66 to provide for a Planning Commission consisting of eight members. Mr. Stabile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Stabile then made a motion to appoint Mr. Larry Claycomb and Mr. Steve Zeigler to the Planning Commission. Mr. Stabile then amended the original motion to include the following explanation. That Mr. Steve Zeigler will fill the unexpired term of Mr. Bob Meredith to June 1, 2001 and Mr. Larry Claycomb to fill the new member position expiring June 1, 2003 the same

year as Kathy Holtry and the motion is to confirm and ratify the existing terms of all other members of the Commission. Mr. Shughart seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**GANNETT-FLEMING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PROPOSAL** – Mr. Koch presented his plan for completion of the Comprehensive Plan. The plan will incorporate the Overlay activity in the southern part of the Township, the Country Club Road Study, Mr. Grove's corridor study will be incorporated as well as the Amendments to MPC. Gannett-Fleming will do thorough review of the Township Ordinance, Zoning and Subdivision. There will be a 45 day review and comment period. He is hoping to have the Plan completed by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Koch stated that the price is \$7,000. Copies will cost \$25. to \$30. Mr. Koch explained that he has not reviewed the comments as yet and doesn't know what might be involved, but if comments required extensive additional work he added it as a caveat, if that is the case. Changes will be coming back to the Supervisors. The final plan will not include any copies or color maps. The Planning Commission can forward their recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for review before the changes go to Gannett-Fleming. Everything needs to be consistent when the Comprehensive Plan is complete. Mr. Stabile made a motion to accept the proposal outlined in a letter from Gannett-Fleming dated 2/19 for \$7,000. for the scope of work amending the present contract. Mr. Shughart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**MEADOWBROOK FARMS WETLAND MITIGATION PLAN SECURITY** – Mr. Grove has conducted the final inspection of the Wetland Mitigation Pond and a recommendation was made by Mr. Grove to release a Letter of Credit in the amount of \$2,750.00. Mr. Stabile made a motion to release security for Meadowbrook Farms as stated in a memo from Township Engineer Grove.

Chief Sherman asked the Board of Supervisors to allow advertisement of road materials for bid. The bids are to be opened on March 30<sup>th</sup> at the Workshop meeting. Mr. Shughart made a motion to advertising for road materials. Mrs. Stabile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – The meeting was excused for executive session.

After the Executive session the Board met Mr. Brown and Mr. Vogelsanger from PennDOT, Mr. Sam MacDonald of J. Michael Brill and Associates representing Giant, Dave McKay and Bob Basehore representing Pilot to discuss the PA Turnpike entrance onto Rt. 11 and trucking problems associated with these companies.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 AM.