

MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP WORKSHOP MEETING

February 27, 2004

OFFICIALS PRESENT:	SUPERVISORS:	Chuck Shughart, Chairman Vic Stabile, Vice Chairman Donald Geistwhite, Jr.
	SOLICITOR:	Keith Brenneman
	ENGINEER:	Bud Grove
	POLICE:	Chief Barry Sherman
	ZONING OFFICER:	Mark Carpenter
	SECRETARY:	Mary Justh

Chairman Chuck Shughart called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m. in the Middlesex Township Building.

MTMA REQUEST FOR ACT 537 UPDATE – Mr. Morrison from the Municipal Authority met with officials from DEP regarding their role in the Pennterra project and reported to the Supervisors that ACT 537 needs to be updated so the Authority can move forward with their project. The cost would be borne by reimbursement from the State to the MTMA and by the Developer. Mr. Stabile made a motion for the Municipal Authority to proceed with the update. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

(#04-4) PENNTERRA – PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SEWAGE FACILITIES PLANNING MODULE FOR LAND DEVELOPMENT – Delays have been experienced due to the Planning Commission's inability to hold regular meetings due to quorum requirements and weather constraints. The Municipal Authority has approved a resolution for the plan and the Planning Commission must also approve it. Mr. Stabile made a motion to approve the Plan Revision for New Land Development contingent upon approval from the Planning Commission. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

(#04-2) SECOND STATE ENTERPRISES – PRELIMINARY/FINAL SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN – A plan was submitted to the Township at the end of December 2003 for construction of a new Best Western on Shady Lane. Due to costs, the developer has asked for approval of the plan by next Wednesday, March 3. Mr. Stabile asked Mr. Grove to report on the plan. Mr. Grove stated that the developer has been sent memos in three separate instances citing areas that need to be addressed in the plan. Mr. Grove further stated that the proposed west wing of the hotel would be sitting in a natural drainage area. After a thorough discussion, it was determined that this area must be avoided in order to provide for natural drainage there. Mr. Grove stated the plan is substantially incomplete and the developer needs to address the issues brought forward in his previous memos. Mr. Brenneman stated that there is reasonable time for the developer to make the suggested plan revisions, as the deadline

for submission to the Planning Commission is not until April 10. The Supervisors were not inclined to permit development in the drainage area. They suggested the buildings be moved, even if that requires variances, which the Board might support.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mr. Scott Shirey brought forth his and other neighbor's complaints regarding the Peggy Drive sign that is erected at the end of a private drive. Due to the location, Mr. Shirey and several of his neighbors contend it poses a safety hazard due to emergency personnel becoming confused as to their location on North Middlesex Road. After questioning Chief Sherman on the sign, Mr. Stabile asked Mr. Brenneman to research the Township ordinances and laws regarding this issue.

ORDINANCE 6-2004 – ADOPTING THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE AND INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE OF 2003 – After discussion regarding this issue, Mr. Stabile moved to adopt the International Building Code and International Residential Code of 2003, caveat that this was being done pursuant to State law; and in connection with this, to adopt the existing building permit fee schedule. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

DRAFT ORDINANCE TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS FROM 8 TO 7 – Mr. Carpenter gave the Supervisors a draft ordinance to reduce the number of Planning Commission members from 8 to 7. This ordinance would reduce the number of members, which would enable the group to more readily achieve a quorum. Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to authorize the advertising of the ordinance. Mr. Stabile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

CONODOGUINET CREEK WATER TRAIL GUIDE – CUMBERLAND COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION – Mrs. Justh gave the Supervisors a handout of the Conodoguinet Creek Water Trail Guide and informed them that the Cumberland Planning Commission has asked for feedback for the guide. Mr. Stabile suggested that the Recreation Director, Mrs. Nelson review the guide and provide them with comments.

APPLICATION FOR HIGHWAY COUNTY AID – Chief Sherman proposed to the Supervisors that the money from the county for the Highway Department be used to make repairs on Conrad Drive. Mr. Stabile made a motion to approve the county aid for improvements to Conrad Drive. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

MATERIAL BIDS FOR HIGHWAY PROJECT – Chief Sherman proposed to utilize employees in-house for labor and bid the equipment rental for the highway project. This way the Township will save money and receive more bids on the projects. Mr. Stabile made a motion to allow Chief Sherman to advertise the bids for the highway materials and equipment. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PSATS SCHOLARSHIP FUND – Mrs. Justh asked the Supervisors if a check in the amount of \$25.00 could be generated for the PSATS Scholarship Fund as has been done

in the past. Mr. Stabile made a motion to approve the \$25.00 check for the PSATS Scholarship Fund. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2004 PRPS ANNUAL CONFERENCE AT SEVEN SPRINGS – Mrs. Nelson has requested permission to attend the 2004 PRPS Annual Conference at Seven Springs. Mrs. Justh stated there is money available in the Recreation fund for this purpose. Mr. Stabile made a motion to approve Mrs. Nelson's attendance at the 2004 PRPS Annual Conference. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

CARLISLE BARRACKS FACT SHEET – Mr. Geistwhite summarized the meeting he attended at the Carlisle Barracks with the Supervisors and provided them with a fact sheet.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY BOARD – Mr. Geistwhite attended a meeting of the Cumberland County Municipal Advisory Board. He gave a brief synopsis of the meeting to the Supervisors.

LETTER FROM CUMBERLAND GOODWILL FIRE, RESCUE, EMS – Mrs. Justh provided the Supervisors with a letter from the Cumberland Goodwill Fire, Rescue, and EMS, asking for permission from the Township to ask for donations from Township businesses. Chief Sherman stated that this requires a soliciting permit. A letter will be drafted to them on how to conduct the process.

Mr. Shughart made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 AM. Mr. Stabile seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.