

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 3, 2010**

OFFICIALS PRESENT:	SUPERVISORS:	Vic Stabile Don Geistwhite Steve Larson
	SOLICITOR:	Keith Brenneman
	ENGINEER:	Bud Grove - Absent
	POLICE:	Chief Barry Sherman
	ZONING OFFICER:	Mark Carpenter
	FIRE CHIEF:	Ed Beam
	MANAGER:	Eileen Gault

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Mr. Vic Stabile called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM in the Middlesex Township Building, with Mr. Herb Weigl leading the pledge to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On the motion of Mr. Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Stabile, it was unanimous to approve the minutes of February 3, 2010 with an amendment to the Executive Session stating on the motion of Mr. Stabile seconded by Mr. Geistwhite instead of Mr. Larson since Mr. Larson was not present at that meeting. On the motion of Mr. Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Larson, it was unanimous to approve the minutes of February 26, 2010.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS: On the motion of Mr. Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Stabile it was unanimously approved to pay the February bill list.

REPORTS:

Solicitor: Mr. Brenneman reported about Comcast sending a letter initiating the process for renewal of its Cable Franchise Agreement. Mr. Brenneman did speak with a representative of Comcast about the timing of the public hearing which is required. Both parties are in agreement that it should be done within six months of February 17, 2010. Mr. Brenneman stated that the public hearing could be done at anytime during that period however; it should be done before August 17, 2010. This would give Comcast time to address any concerns that are raised at the public hearing. Mr. Stabile suggested that this hearing take place in late spring and the hearing should be advertised in the next newsletter. The Supervisors agreed to schedule the hearing for June 2, 2010 at the regular meeting. Mandatory subjects that have to be covered are enhancements and modification expansions that Comcast would be proposing for the township and any comments on Comcast performance.

Engineer: Entered into record.

Police: Chief Sherman reported on his February 2010 County Control Calls.

Zoning: Mr. Carpenter reported that for the first month ever since he has worked for Middlesex Township he didn't issue a single permit. He is optimistic that things will pick up.

Recreation/Recycling Coordinator: Entered into record.

Fire/EMC: No report other than what is on the agenda.

Municipal Authority: Mr. Geistwhite reported that the Authority has finally sent its last letter to SRBC (Susquehanna River Basin Committee) for Well #1 testing all under the guidance of ARM Group and now puts things back in the hands of SRBC.

Secretary: No report other than what is on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS:

Newsletter Articles: Mr. Stabile asked to readdress this issue from the Workshop Meeting. One of the churches asked to advertise in the newsletter a partial daycare program for toddlers. The Supervisors decided that as long as it was providing a community service that attributes to the health, safety and welfare of the residents then they would allow it to be in the newsletter. Mr. Geistwhite suggested that Mrs. Jumper look into other establishments in the area that provide such a service that can be listed in the newsletter for the residents to be made aware of.

Planning Commission / Letort Regional Authority Vacancy: Mr. Carpenter stated that Mrs. Gillespie had resigned from the Planning Commission leaving a vacancy and that there is currently a vacancy on the Letort Regional Authority as well. Mr. Herb Weigl reported that he had spoken to both Mr. Cornfield and Mrs. Thornton in regards to their filling the Letort Regional Authority Vacancy. Mr. Weigl stated that he had spoken to Mr. Cornfield who had originally volunteered for the Planning Commission at which time had been filled, so speaking with him in regards to the Letort Regional Authority was a backup. In speaking with Mrs. Thornton, Mr. Weigl learned that she had volunteered specifically for the Letort Regional Authority and has been in the Township for at least twelve years. Mr. Weigl then recommended Mrs. Thornton for the Authority even though both volunteers were qualified. On the motion of Mr. Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Larson it was unanimously agreed to appoint Mrs. Thornton to the Letort Regional Authority. On the motion of Mr. Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Larson, it was unanimously agreed to appoint Mr. Cornfield to the Planning Commission to fill the vacancy of Tracey Gillespie.

Recycling Grant: Mr. Stabile stated that at the Workshop Meeting there was discussion in regards to the grant for the composting site. The estimated cost was \$454,192.00 and the state grant would be \$408,773.00 with the Township providing the difference. Mr. Sherman then reported that the costs for this project has increased since 2008 when this project was first estimated. Mr. Sherman stated that the two largest costs are stone and asphalt and the difference between now and then is an increase of \$150,802.00. Mr. Geistwhite asked whether the size of the composting site could be decreased and Mr. Sherman stated that the scope has been determined based on the size of Middlesex and North Middleton Township since this is a joint effort. Mr. Sherman reported that each Township is to split the costs not provided by the grant in which some of the costs are in kind. Mr. Geistwhite and Mr. Larson both asked whether the size

of the site could be reduced or if the paved area could be reduced. Mr. Stabile suggested that Mrs. Gault contact DEP to ask whether anything can be done since this grant was submitted two years ago and now there is a cost increase of materials since the original estimate of the project. Mr. Geistwhite also suggested that Mrs. Gault inquire as to whether the size of the site could be decreased to meet the amount of the grant. Mr. Brenneman stated that someone should calculate the size of the site that can be built for the amount of money there is available and to make sure that North Middleton is aware of the additional costs as well. This matter was tabled until North Middleton has some input into the matter and DEP can answer some questions regarding the scope of the project.

NEW BUSINESS:

February Winter Storms: Mr. Beam stated that he and Chief Sherman share some concern as to the way the recent storm, particularly on February 9, 2010 had been handled. One of Mr. Beam's concerns was that the Governor had closed Interstate 81 and the Turnpike with no consideration on the impact that would have on the local municipalities. Mr. Beam reported that there were 500 tractor trailers in a grid lock on Route 11 which closed it down for two hours which would have made it difficult for emergency services to get through had there been a need. Mr. Geistwhite asked if anyone had been notified by the Pennsylvania State Police regarding this matter. Mr. Beam stated that from the emergency stand point there was no notification until it had been done. Mr. Beam reported that they were able to secure a large warehouse in Silver Spring Township in which they had approximately 300 tractor trailers parked there. Mr. Beam was co-coordinating with Silver Spring and Cumberland County EOC'S to get assistance from the National Guard which then took PEMA 2 ½ hrs. to approve. Mr. Stabile was concerned about the break down in the communication from the Governor, to PEMA, the State Police and then the municipalities. Mr. Stabile suggests a meeting with the Governor's Office and PEMA to find out where the system failed and that Middlesex needs to take a pro-active approach to resolve this issue and have a plan in place. Mr. Stabile will contact the Governor's Office and PEMA to schedule a meeting.

Resolution for Escalator Clause: Mr. Sherman reported that he will be bidding road materials and with the price changing every 30 days he asked the Supervisors to adopt Resolution 2010-5 which allows for equitable price adjustments of materials. On the motion of Mr. Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Larson, it was unanimously agreed to adopt Resolution 2010-5 to authorize an Escalator Clause for small quantity materials under Penn Dot Spec.110.04.

Road Material Bid: On the motion of Mr. Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Larson, it was unanimously agreed to authorize Mr. Sherman to let out bids for road materials for 2010.

Equipment Rental Bid: On the motion of Mr. Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Larson, it was unanimously agreed to authorize Mr. Sherman to let out bids for equipment rental for 2010.

The next meeting will be Friday, March 26, 2010 at 7:30 AM. There being no further business, on the motion of Mr. Stabile, seconded by Mr. Geistwhite, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 P.M.