

MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING

March 3, 2004

OFFICIALS PRESENT:	SUPERVISORS:	Chuck Shughart, Chairman Vic Stabile, Vice Chairman Donald Geistwhite
	SOLICITOR:	Keith Brenneman
	ENGINEER:	Bud Grove (Absent)
	POLICE:	Chief Barry Sherman
	FIRE:	Chief Ed Beam
	ZONING OFFICER:	Mark Carpenter
	SECRETARY:	Mary Justh

CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Chuck Shughart called the meeting to order 7:00 p.m. at the Middlesex Township Building.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG – Mr. Eppley led the assembly in the pledge to the flag.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Mr. Stabile moved to approve the February 5 regular meeting minutes as well as the February 27 workshop meeting minutes. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS – Mr. Stabile made a motion to approve payment of bills for February. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

General Fund Checks #15026 - #15115	\$86,642.07
Escrow Fund Checks #240 - #241	\$ 1,536.87
Transfer for Payroll #4 - #5	\$62,745.37

PUBLIC COMMENT – Three residents living on Fieldstone Drive in the Meadows (Kimberly Gilreath - 142 Fieldstone Drive; Christine Hodges – 144 Fieldstone Drive; and Maria Marunyak – 146 Fieldstone Drive) came forward with a complaint against their neighbors, Jeanne and John (no last name given) residing on Goldenrod Drive, concerning their dogs barking continuously at all hours, disturbing the peace. Chief Sherman responded that officers have been out there in the past due to this complaint, but since the Township has no specific ordinance to govern dogs, they can do nothing. Mr. Geistwhite suggested the residents' check with their local homeowner's association to see what can be done. Mr. Shughart offered to speak with John and Jeanne who live on Goldenrod, to see what can be done to help alleviate the problem. It was then noted that if the noise is bad enough, the Township could take action on the basis of a nuisance. It was agreed that Mark Carpenter should send a letter to the dog owners advising them of a possible zoning violation.

REPORTS:

Solicitor: Deferred to Executive Session.

Engineer: Nothing to report.

Police: Ordered to file.

Zoning Officer: Ordered to file.

Recreation: Ordered to file.

Fire: Ordered to file.

Municipal Authority: The Municipal Authority is currently working on drilling a well for the Township. Mr. Geistwhite reported they are still drilling site #7.

Secretary: Mrs. Justh reported that Dr. Jean Walker from the Cumberland Valley School District paid a visit to the Township office. Dr. Walker stated she would support the Township in any way to control the families living at the motels and campgrounds. Her position is that many of these children end up being truant during the year. It was proposed that the Township control their length of stay in the motels. Mr. Brenneman stated that their length of stay cannot be controlled, but they must register for school. Mrs. Justh will send a letter to the motels regarding the occupancy ordinance and reporting methods for the Township.

Mrs. Justh reported that Bob Morrison, Director of the West Shore Tax Bureau, has resigned his position.

Mrs. Justh suggested recognizing community volunteers in the Township newsletter. The Supervisors agree this would be appropriate.

OLD BUSINESS:

UCC Building Code – Mr. Carpenter stated that the Township should adopt the UCC Building Code sometime between April 8 and July 9. Property maintenance codes will need to be adopted at that time. Mr. Stabile asked Mr. Brenneman to research and advise the Supervisors on this at the next Workshop meeting.

Eagle Fairgrounds Car Show – Jim Greene, one of the sponsors of the Eagle Fairgrounds Car Show, has asked the Township for a special exception that will cover what needed to be completed last year. Mr. Brenneman stated that the Township should require Eagle Fairgrounds to obtain the required special

exception to resolve the issue. Mr. Stabile asked Mr. Carpenter to contact Mr. Greene to inform him of the appropriate conditions for this modification.

Keystone Development – The development is proceeding in South Middleton Township. Mr. Stabile sent a letter stating he would be attending as many meetings as possible, and his previous testimony will be entered into the record. Zoning amendments were discussed regarding truck stops located in the industrial area. Mr. Stabile will keep the Supervisors updated on the Keystone Development project.

NEW BUSINESS

At Mr. Stabile's suggestion, the Supervisors asked Mrs. Justh to draft a letter to the school district expressing concern on the building of a new area school due to the downturn in student population and the increase this will create in school taxes.

Mr. Shughart made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. Mr. Stabile seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned for Executive Session.