

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
WORKSHOP MEETING
MARCH 26, 2010**

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

Supervisor Mr. Geistwhite called the meeting to order at 7:34 am in the Middlesex Township Building

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

REVIEW BIDS FOR MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT: The bid amounts for materials and equipment were presented by Mr. Sherman. On the motion of Mr. Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Larson it was unanimous to accept the following as the low bids for materials and equipment.

<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>MATERIAL</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
Hempt Bros., Inc.	1-B Stone	\$ 8.95 ton
Union Quarries	2-B #57 Stone	\$ 8.50 ton
Hempt Bros., Inc.	2-A Aggregate	\$ 6.25 ton
Union Quarries	3-A Aggregate	\$ 8.50 ton
Hempt Bros., Inc.	Anti-Skid	\$ 7.95 ton
TDF Services, Inc.	E-3 Emulsion	\$ 2.28 gallon
Wilson Paving	Asphalt 25 mm	\$47.40 ton
Wilson Paving	Asphalt 9.5 mm	\$53.50 ton

<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>EQUIPMENT</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
Schlusser Paving	Milling Machine	\$ 2.50 hour
Schlusser Paving	Road Widener	\$ 45.00 hour
Wilson Paving	Chip Spreader	\$155.00 hour
Wilson Paving	Force Feed Loader	\$ 65.00 hour
Schlusser Paving	Drum Roller	\$ 45.00 hour
Schlusser Paving	Asphalt Paver	\$100.00 hour
Schlusser Paving	Dump Truck	\$ 60.00 hour

ORDINANCE NO. 1-2010 PENSION ORDINANCE: Mr. Brenneman stated that Act 51 was passed last year which states the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will provide killed-in-service benefits to the surviving spouse and other family members of law enforcement and emergency services personnel. Until that point the required benefit was provided by insurance carried by Municipalities. On the motion of Mr. Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Larson, it was unanimous to enact Ordinance No. 1-2010 repealing prior Ordinances and Resolutions providing for killed-in-

service benefits for police officers of the Township under the Municipal Police Pension Law since they now will be provided by the State.

YORK WASTE FALL LEAF COLLECTION DATES: Mr. Geistwhite prefers that the Township have dates scheduled for sometime after Thanksgiving. Mr. Geistwhite stated that this will give the residence more time to have the leaves raked up for the collection. Mrs. Gault will contact York Waste about alternate dates.

COMMITTEES – HATS (Harrisburg Area Transportation Study): Mr. Geistwhite stated that this committee decides how the money allocated for highway improvements is spent. Mr. Geistwhite is willing to go to the meetings as a representative for Middlesex. Mr. Geistwhite stated that the Supervisors would like to continue being informed of the dates of the meetings or any other information provided to Middlesex Township by HATS.

STEERING COMMITTEE: The Board of Supervisors reviewed a letter about the 150th Civil War Steering Committee. Mr. Geistwhite asked that the Board continue to be informed about the meeting dates and any other information provided by the Steering Committee.

PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – NEW REGULATIONS FOR WIND TURBINE GENERATORS: Mr. Carpenter reported that the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment adds some criteria stating what an applicant would have to submit to put up a Wind Turbine at their home or business. This criteria prevents the turbines from being placed everywhere with setbacks to the property line and a maximum height of 75 ft. with a minimum of 20 ft. from the ground to the bottom of the turbine blade. Mr. Carpenter also stated that the whole Ordinance was re-organized to make it more legible. Mr. Grove was satisfied with the Ordinance and only had a few concerns. Mr. Carpenter stated that Mr. Grove's concern had to do with large windmills being put up in the Township. These large windmills could be up to 400 ft. tall. Mr. Grove reported that the Ordinance is complicated but there are certain performance standards that have to be met in order to grant acceptance or denial. Mr. Grove also stated that he is happy with the way the Ordinance is laid out and the content and the reasoning behind it. Mr. Carpenter mentioned that he was out on an inspection and saw a house where solar panels had been installed. Mr. Brenneman suggested that this would be something the Planning Commission might want to look into because large solar panels ground mounted arrays are being installed in rear yards. Mr. Carpenter asked that the Supervisors consider adopting the Ordinance, however, Mr. Geistwhite would like this matter tabled until the meeting on April 7, 2010 so that all the Supervisors can be involved in this matter.

PA TURNPIKE COMMISSION: Mr. Geistwhite stated that he has no problem with notifying the Turnpike Commission about any changes or work being done, but this communication goes both ways. Mr. Geistwhite wanted the other Supervisors to be aware of his opinion regarding this matter. Mr. Carpenter stated that a pro-active approach would be a good way to respond to this. Mr. Geistwhite asked that this matter be tabled until the April 7, 2010 meeting.

PEMA MEETING: Mr. Beam stated that he will be meeting along with Mr. Stabile, Mr. Sherman & Senator Pat Vance to give her some advance information prior to the PEMA meeting that has been scheduled for March 31, 2010 at 2:00 pm at the Governor's Office.

COMPOSTING SITE UPDATE: Mr. Sherman reported that he met with Mr. Lester Britner, the Highway Department Manager from North Middleton and the two of them discussed in further detail constructing the composting site. DEP agreed to allow only 3 ½ acres to be paved,

but 4 ½ acres would be fenced to allow room for future expansion. Mr. Sherman is confident that this project can proceed with the flexibility that DEP is allowing. Mr. Sherman would like to begin this project this summer. Mr. Brenneman stated that April 8, 2010 is the deadline to accept the funds however; the Township has six months to sign the contract. Mr. Brenneman also suggested that the Township have in writing the details of the flexibility that DEP has stated they will allow for this project prior to the Supervisors accepting the funds.

PRESENTATION OF 2009 AUDIT: Mrs. Gault presented a letter from the Auditors regarding the 2009 Audit. Mr. Brenneman suggested that the Auditors present the Audit themselves. This matter is tabled until the April 7, 2010 meeting.

FINE LINE AUTO BODY: Mr. Carpenter reported that Fine Line Auto Body has modified their Zoning Hearing Board Application to include another special exception request. This request will include having rental cars available using a national company. Fine Line's Land Development Plan was delayed at the Planning Commission last month since they had received Mr. Grove's comments and to allow them time to go on April 14, 2010 to the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Carpenter stated that Fine Line has modified the application stating that they are willing to move all storage of vehicles being repaired to the back of the building and have it fenced in. Mr. Brenneman stated that a finite area should be designated and fenced in and shrubbery screening would be a good idea. Mr. Geistwhite asked that this matter be tabled until the April 7, 2010 meeting.

MR. SHERMAN reported that the Township would like to trade the 2004 Crown Victoria to New Holland Ford for \$3,000.00. On the motion of Mr. Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Larson it was unanimous to accept the trade offer from New Holland Ford. Mr. Sherman stated that he had some old radios some of which are 20 years old and would like to sell them on Municibid. On the motion of Mr. Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Larson it was unanimously agreed to sell the radios on Municibid.

MR. BRENNEMAN reported that the Township received notice that Pro-logis had filed an assessment appeal on its property. The assessed value was set at approximately sixteen million dollars. Pro-logis then had an assessment appeal before the Board of Assessment to reduce the value to thirteen million dollars and now Pro-logis has appealed that amount to the Court for an even lower assessment. Mr. Brenneman stated that once he finds out the position on the amount, he will notify Mrs. Gault as to what the impact this has on the township tax revenue.

There being no further business, on the motion of Mr. Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Larson, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 A.M.