

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
WORKSHOP MEETING
March 27, 2015**

OFFICIALS PRESENT: **SUPERVISORS:** Chairman Donald S. Geistwhite, Jr.
Vice-Chairman Steve Larson
William H. Goodhart
 SOLICITOR: Keith O. Brenneman
 POLICE: Chief Barry Sherman
 ZONING OFFICER: Mark D. Carpenter
 MANAGER: Eileen M. Gault

OFFICIALS ABSENT: **ENGINEER:** Bud Grove

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

TPF 15-8 CUMBERLAND RANGE ESTATES PHASE 1 FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAN: Zoning Officer Mr. Carpenter report that this is a Final Plan of Phase 1 for Cumberland Range Estates. Comments and recommendation for approval of the plan have been provided by the Township Engineer Mr. Grove, Township Planning Commission, Municipal Authority and County Planning Commission. After much discussion of the plan the Supervisors propose to take action on the plan at the Supervisor's meeting on April 1, 2015.

DEP 902 RECYCLING GRANT AGREEMENT EXECUTION: Last year Recreation Director Mrs. Jumper applied for a recycling grant reimbursement for the purchase of a Scrap Grapple Bucket being used at the Compost Facility. Middlesex Township was awarded a reimbursement in the amount of \$14,625.00. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to execute the DEP 902 Recycling Grant Agreement.

DEP 902 RECYCLING GRANT AGREEMENT PROJECT OFFICER APPOINTMENT: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to appoint the Recreation Director Denise Jumper as the Project Officer for the DEP 902 Recycling Grant.

PROPOSED 2015 LINE PAINTING BID AWARD: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to award the line painting bid to Mid Atlantic of Gaithersburg, MD, in the amount of 0.078 FL for double yellow line and 0.039 FL for single white line.

PROPOSED 2015 EQUIPMENT BID AWARD: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to award Schlusser's Paving the bid for the Milling Machine at \$300.00 per hour.

On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to award Schlusser's Paving the bid for the Road Widener at \$45.00 per hour.

On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to award Wilson Paving the bid for the Chip Spreader at \$180.00 per hour.

On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to award Schlusser's Paving the bid for the Drum Roller at \$45.00 per hour.

On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to award Schlusser's Paving the bid for the Asphalt Paver at \$135.00 per hour.

On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to award Schlusser's Paving the bid for the Dump Truck at \$70.00 per hour.

PROPOSED 2015 MATERIAL BID AWARD: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to award Wilson Paving the bid for the Emulsion CRS – 2 PM at \$2.48 per gallon.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY – BERNHEISEL BRIDGE ROAD DETOUR – MOU: Mrs. Gault report that Cumberland County has commissioned HRG to provide design services for the Bernheisel Bridge Replacement Project. As part of recent changes to PennDOT procedures for coordinating detours, it is anticipated that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) permitting the County to detour traffic onto Township roadways will be required. This will be an approximate twelve (12) week detour. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to execute the MOU permitting the County to detour traffic onto Township roadways for the Bernheisel Bridge Replacement Project.

WOLF BRIDGE CLOSURE UPDATE: Mr. Carpenter reported that he received an e-mail from Mr. Kirk Stoner, Director of Cumberland County Planning requesting information for a feasibility study for the Federal Highway Administration (FHA) for Wolf Bridge Road Bridge. Mr. Stoner knew the bridge has been used by farm equipment and would likely be used by farming operations in the future and requested any specifics pertaining to such. He was also aware that existing zoning did not support a warehousing or distribution center and if future zoning would likely be changed to support such land uses near Wolf Bridge. Mr. Carpenter responded to this feasibility study providing contact information of local farmers and their use of the bridge that came with some restrictions due to weight and size limitations of farming equipment. He also mentioned the benefit of a modern two lane bridge that would shorten the travel time and help the farmers to avoid further traffic congestions. Mr. Carpenter then reported that the existing zoning ordinance regulations do not allow warehouse or distribution center uses along the Wolfs Bridge Road corridor between the Harrisburg Pike and Spring Road. No change to allow such use is anticipated. The Supervisors ask that the staff remain informed of the Wolfs Bridge Road Bridge closure. Mr. Carpenter suggested that Mr. Stoner attend a meeting in the future to update the Supervisors on the status of the closure.

Mr. Carpenter reported that on Army Heritage Drive and Trindle Road where Stringfellows Used Furniture is located there is a buyer for that entire property and he is proposing to build a Hardy's. They will be going to the Planning Commission next month and the Zoning Hearing Board in May for a special exception to allow a drive thru window.

Mr. Carpenter reported that there is a party interested in the property between Flying J and Carolina Way. The interest is to put another Flying J at the property. The Supervisors are not in favor of another truck stop in the township. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Township Solicitor Mr. Brenneman to prepare an ordinance amendment to exclude truck fueling in the Commercial Highway (CH) District and allow it in the Industrial General (IG) District. This will be reviewed at the April 1, 2015 Supervisor Meeting.

Mr. Carpenter reported that the Planning Commission was meeting to make a recommendation on the Love's Travel Stop expansion of their truck repair facility. The Planning Commission was not happy with the documentation that was provided so they are having a special meeting on Monday, March 30, 2015 for further review.

Mr. Carpenter reported that the Cumberland Valley (CV) Commons Development, RSR Realtors, have not provided a good design as to how they will improve the intersection at Claremont Road and South Middlesex Road. A traffic study will need to be done. The Township would like to see an improvement of a 4 way intersection.

Chief Sherman reported that the police truck detail has been moved to night shift.

The Township Manger reported that while cleaning out offices and organizing files she came upon on-lot septic tank applications. After talking with the Authority manager and since they administer the on-lot program, it makes sense that all paperwork pertaining to the on-lot program is filed in the account folders at the Municipal Authority. The Supervisors are in agreement with this change.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: There being no further business, on the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 a.m. to Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter, with no action being taken by the Board as a result of the Executive Session.