

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS MEETING
April 1, 2009**

OFFICIALS PRESENT:	SUPERVISORS:	Vic Stabile Don Geistwhite Steve Larson
	SOLICITOR:	Keith Brenneman
	ENGINEER:	Bud Grove
	POLICE:	Chief Barry Sherman
	ZONING OFFICER:	Mark Carpenter
	SECRETARY:	Mary Justh

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Mr. Vic Stabile called the meeting to order at 7:05pm in the Middlesex Twp Building, with Supervisor Geistwhite leading the pledge to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes 27 February and 4 March. Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to accept the minutes of 27 February and 4 March . Mr. Larson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to accept the minutes of March 27 and it was seconded by Mr. Larson and passed unanimously.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS – March Bill List. Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to pay the bills for March and Mr. Larson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Stabile asked if Mrs. Justh had the quarterly report ready for tonight. She stated that she will have it for the end of the month.

REPORTS

Solicitor – Mr. Brenneman stated that he had no report, but a reminder that there was a Public Hearing scheduled for the Supervisors Meeting in May.

Engineer – Mr. Grove reported that he had taken a look at the intersection of South Middlesex Road and Trindle Road in the Township. The primary problem concerning the site distance at this intersection is the rise in the roadway to the west on Trindle Road, which is a state controlled and maintained road, and not the location of the house owned by Mr. Deitch. For this reason, Mr. Grove stated that it would be better to spend the money for a traffic signal at the intersection rather than pursue an arrangement with Mr. Deitch involving removal of the house. Mr. Stabile asked when the last traffic study was done on Trindle Road. Chief Sherman thought it may have been last year. After some discussion Mr. Stabile asked Mrs. Justh to place this on the next agenda on April 24th. Mr. Grove will be researching the intersection and it will be back on the agenda for April 24th.

Mr. Stabile asked Mr. Grove where DEP is with stormwater? Mr. Stabile asked Mr. Brenneman about the Gulf sign on Rt. 11. Mr. Stabile asked Mrs. Justh to place this on the agenda for the next meeting.

When Kabro was in they indicated that they would make a contribution toward their portion of the traffic signal. Mr. Stabile asked Mrs. Justh to place this back on the agenda, based on the discussion and what steps have been taken in the past and what else could be done for the future through PennDOT.

Police – Ordered to file. Mr. Stabile asked Chief Sherman about the demolition. Mr. Stabile stated that the cost to the Township was \$12,298.32 for demolition. Julie Johnsen was present and asked what amount would be needed to be paid if she were to pay it off in full. Mr. Brenneman stated that Ms. Johnsen needed to call Mary and find out what the total for the costs with interest would be. Ms. Johnsen was also told that she can make monthly payments as she is able.

It was discussed about a grant application to hire another police officer with an application date of 4/11/09. Mr. Stabile made a motion to give the Chief the go ahead to apply for the stimulus money to hire a full time police officer, with the understanding that we may or may not get the money and that we examine the future business plan before we accept that money. Mr. Larson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Zoning – Ordered to file. Mr. Carpenter gave the Board a report on the expected loss of revenue from building permits so far this year. He also reported on Camping World off of South Middlesex Road and the loss of that project. There was some discussion about the state permits and the amount of time it takes to acquire these permits. Sometimes it is up to a year.

Recreation – Ordered to file. Mrs. Justh reported on an accident at the park, where a woman sat on a hypodermic needle. Mr. Stabile gave Mrs. Justh a phone number for Mr. DeLack and asked that she get in touch with him to see if he is interested serving on the Rec. Board.

Fire/EMC – Ordered to file. Mr. Stabile asked Fire Chief Ed Beam some questions about the fire in Carlisle Springs, and who responded to the fire. Fire Chief Beam reported that North Middleton, Shermans Dale, Carlisle Barracks, Silver Spring and Friendship Empire. Fire Chief Beam reported that Mrs. Justh has a letter from County that questioned the fire arrangements of Middlesex Township. Mrs. Justh was asked to write a letter in response and send it over to Mr. Stabile for review before mailing.

Municipal Authority – Mr. Geistwhite reported on the well test of the Municipal Authority and that results are expected next week sometime.

Secretary – Mrs. Justh reported that she is working on a less expensive accounting system for this year or next year.

OLD BUSINESS

Donald S. & Louise M. Vaughn, Jr. Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan – Mr. Carpenter reported that the plan is located on Ridge Drive close to Old Stone House Road and there are two properties and the problem is that they will have to have a separate septic system. Mr. Carpenter reported that there is additional information that is required to be shown on the plan. Mr. Stabile made a motion for the Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan for Louise M. Vaughn dated October 28, 2008 revised February 27, 2009 that we grant the requested waivers for curbing and sidewalks as reflected on the face of the cover sheet of that plan. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Stabile made a motion in connection with that same plan that the plan be approved the conditions that the applicant satisfy the review comments of Cumberland County Planning dated January 23, 2009, that the applicant satisfy the comments of Mr. Grove dated March 23, 2009 comments in a letter dated March 26, 2009. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Stabile made a motion to approve and adopt a Resolution for the sewage planning module and to submit to DEP for its approval. . Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Todd E. Paulus – DEP Sewage Facilities Planning Module – Mr. Carpenter explained to the Board that there is a piece of property off of Mountain Road on a dirt road where there are several houses and they want to sell a lot for a house so they have to install a small flow treatment system for the 4 acre lot. Mr. Carpenter indicated that the system uses chlorine treatment and that there is no problem with the use of chlorine in the system. Mr. Grove stated that use of chlorine would be within allowed limits. Mr. Stabile made a motion with respect to the Todd E. Paulus property off Mountain Road that the Board adopt and recommend for approval the Sewage Facilities Resolution to DEP for a small flow treatment system. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Appointments to the Letort Authority and Recreation Board – Mr. Stabile asked Mrs. Justh to talk to the Rec. Director Denise Jumper about John DeLack filling the open Recreation Position. Mr. Stabile made a motion to appoint Bonnie Fields to the Letort Authority for the existing unexpired term. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Letter of Support for the Letort Authority – Mr. Stabile made a motion to sign and support the letter for League of Women Voter's Water Resources Education Network. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Letters of Support for Cumberland County Department of Public Safety – Mr. Stabile made a motion to have Mrs. Justh sign and send the letters of support for the Cumberland County Department of Public Safety. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Bonding of Clinton Avenue – Mr. Brenneman explained that he considered trying to have Clinton Avenue bonded to address the continuing maintenance and repair caused by heavy vehicle use and he came to the conclusion that we cannot bond it. According to Chief Sherman we are going to buy the materials and fix what is bad.

Mr. Stabile explained that when the trees at the Route 81/Route 11 interchange were cut down he called PennDOT to find out why this was happening. The Chief called and found out that all the trees were taken down because the trees were blocking the view that the PennDOT surveillance camera had of the ramps.

Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm. Mr. Larson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.