

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS MEETING
April 3, 2019**

OFFICIALS PRESENT: **SUPERVISORS:** Chairman Donald S. Geistwhite, Jr.
 Vice-Chairman Steven Larson
 William H. Goodhart
 SOLICITOR: Keith O. Brenneman
 DIRECTOR OF
 PUBLIC SAFETY: Barry L. Sherman
 ZONING OFFICER: Mark D. Carpenter
 MANAGER: Eileen M. Gault
 FIRE CHIEF: Ed Beam

OFFICIALS ABSENT: **ENGINEER:** Bud Grove

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Chairman Geistwhite called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Middlesex Township Building, with Mr. Robert Horning leading the pledge to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mrs. Paula Whitman, 97 S. Middlesex Road asked if the Township had an ordinance to address the use of dirt bikes and 4-wheelers on properties, such as time of day, the size of properties, etc. Mrs. Whitman was informed that unfortunately, there is no ordinance in place to address this issue.

Chairman Geistwhite thanked Mr. Whitman for his help directing traffic when there was a tractor broke down in the area where he lives.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of February 22, 2019.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the payments of the April 2019 bills.

REPORTS:

Solicitor – No report.

Engineer – Absent. No report.

Director of Public Safety – Chief Sherman submitted the monthly Police Report. There was a brief discussion of the report. Report entered into record.

Zoning – Mr. Carpenter submitted the monthly Zoning Report. There was a brief discussion of the report. Report entered into record.

Mr. Carpenter reported that since the Supervisors had authorized the Planning Commission to begin working on updating the Comprehensive Plan, they have been in contact with the County Planning Department and received a proposal as to how it can be updated at a minimal cost. The County also has funding available.

Recreation/Recycling Coordinator – Mrs. Jumper submitted the monthly Recreation Report. Report entered into record.

Fire/EMC – Chief Beam submitted the monthly Fire /EMC Report. There was a brief discussion of the report. Report entered into record.

Municipal Authority – Chairman Geistwhite reported that things are going well with the Municipal Authority.

Manager – Mrs. Gault reported that an email was received regarding a PPL project in which the removal of transmission lines that run through part of the Township will take place. The work is to begin in June 2019 and be completed in September 2019. Property owners affected by the project will receive a letter from PPL.

OLD BUSINESS:

Appoint Zoning Hearing Board Member: Mr. Wesley Beard, 129 Briar Patch Drive submitted a resume and letter of interest to serve as a new member on the Zoning Hearing Board. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to appoint Mr. Wesley Beard to the Zoning Hearing Board to fulfill a vacant term until 2021.

Request for reduction of Improvement Security for Final subdivision Plan of Meadowbrook Farms Phase VIII: On the motion of Supervisor Goodhart, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed, acting on the written recommendation of Township Engineer Bud Grove in memorandum dated April 2, 2019, approve the request for reduction of the \$332,349.30 Improvement Security being held for the Final Subdivision Plan for Meadowbrook Farms Phase VIII, by \$153,025.09, to \$179,324.21, subject to receiving the reduction amount of Improvement Security in a form acceptable to the Township Solicitor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Local Bridge Inspection Program: The County Commissioners have appointed HRG as County Bridge Engineer for the 2019-2023 Local Bridge Inspection Program. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to participate in the County bridge inspection program.

Shermans Dale Community Fire Co. Contract for fire Protection: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to execute the 2019 contract for fire protection between Shermans Dale Community Fire Co. and Middlesex Township.

North Middleton Township Fire Co. Contract for fire Protection: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to execute the 2019 contract for fire protection between North Middleton Township Fire Co. and Middlesex Township.

New Kingstown Fire Co. Contract for fire Protection: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to execute the 2019 contract for fire protection between New Kingstown Fire Co. and Middlesex Township.

Authorization to purchase trailer for hauling: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Director of Public Safety to purchase a trailer for hauling equipment in the amount of \$11,049.10.

There was a brief discussion about the need to continue enforcement of the clean up of the businesses in the Township.

Mr. Carpenter reported that North Point Warehouse plan has had a substantial revision and will be reviewed by the Planning Commission and County Planning Commission before re-submission to the Board.

There being no further business, on the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.