

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS MEETING
April 4, 2012**

OFFICIALS PRESENT: **SUPERVISORS:** Chairman Donald S. Geistwhite, Jr.
Vice-Chairman Steven Larson
William H. Goodhart
 SOLICITOR: Keith O. Brenneman
 POLICE: Chief Barry L. Sherman
 MANAGER: Eileen M. Gault
 FIRE CHIEF: Ed Beam

OFFICIALS ABSENT: **ZONING OFFICER:** Mark Carpenter
 ENGINEER: Bud Grove

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Chairman Donald S. Geistwhite, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Middlesex Township Building, leading the pledge to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of March 7, 2012.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Larson, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the payments of the March 2012 bills.

REPORTS:

Solicitor – No report. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to have Mr. Brenneman represent the Board of Supervisors at the Zoning Hearing Board regarding Clean Energy and the application for a height variance for natural gas storage tanks.

Engineer – No report.

Police – Chief Sherman gave the monthly Police Report.

Zoning – Report entered into record.

Recreation/Recycling Coordinator – Report entered into record.

Fire/EMC – Report entered into record. Mr. Beam informed the Supervisors that in two weeks the Emergency Management monthly meeting will be held. There will be a discussion of the County Hazard Notification Plan and declaring a loss from a disaster. Any projects that arise from the declaration of a disaster may be eligible for funding and we should notify Chief Beam so that he is able to present it at a meeting. These projects can even be done for preventive measures.

On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Larson, it was unanimously agreed to execute the Fire Protection Agreement between Middlesex Township and Shermans Dale Community Fire Co. of Shermans Dale, between Middlesex Township and New Kingstown Fire Co. of New Kingstown and between Middlesex Township and North Middleton Township Volunteer Fire Company of North Middleton Township.

On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to nominate Chief Beam for the Harrisburg Volunteer Citizen of the Year Award Program.

Municipal Authority – No report.

Secretary – Mrs. Gault reported that she and some of the staff met with Don Isabella from York Waste in response to the letter the Supervisors had asked her to send regarding the mishandling of recycling bins. York Waste provided the Township with some replacement recycling bins. Mr. Isabella discussed municipalities utilizing 65 gallon totes as recycling bins, therefore, more recycling is being done and less trash is taken to the landfills.

OLD BUSINESS: The Supervisors asked Mrs. Gault to write a letter to the County Commissioners regarding the loss of communication for Police and other emergency personnel to the county in a high call volume area. This matter has gone on long enough and the Supervisors feel that they have done everything to co-operate with the county to get this issue resolved, even obtaining a right-of-way in this high call volume area for a pole and repeater to assist in transmission. The Supervisors are frustrated and find the failure to resolve this issue to be unacceptable and would like a response from the Commissioners as to what action is going to be taken. Chairman Geistwhite asked that Chief Sherman as well as Township Solicitor Mr. Brenneman review the letter.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

There being no further business, on the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m.