

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS MEETING
April 4, 2018**

OFFICIALS PRESENT: SUPERVISORS: Chairman Donald S. Geistwhite, Jr.
Vice-Chairman Steven Larson
William H. Goodhart

DIRECTOR OF
PUBLIC SAFETY: Barry L. Sherman
ZONING OFFICER: Mark D. Carpenter
MANAGER: Eileen M. Gault
FIRE CHIEF: Ed Beam

OFFICIALS ABSENT: SOLICITOR: Keith O. Brenneman
ENGINEER: Bud Grove

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Stan Tarka, 210 Old Stonehouse Road was present to discuss the issue of all the garbage located at the Roadway Inn once again. Chief Sherman responded that the issue was addressed, cleaned up and now it is back to where it was again. He assured Mr. Tarka that the issue will be attended to in the morning.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of March 7, 2018.

Workshop Meeting March 23, 2018 canceled - no minutes.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the payments of the March 2018 bills.

REPORTS:

Solicitor – Absent. 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.

Recreation/Recycling Coordinator – Mrs. Jumper submitted the monthly Recreation Report. The Township Manager then read the following on behalf of the Recreation Director and Recreational Advisory Board.

Memorandum for Record**To:** Board of Supervisors**From:** Recreation Advisory Board**Date:** March 28, 2018

The Recreation Advisory Board would like to extend sincere appreciation to the Township Supervisors for supporting our family events throughout the year including our Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 24, 2018. We would also like to extend special thanks to Director of Public Safety Chief Barry Sherman for his support of our Egg Hunt on March 24, 2018. Just days after a foot of snow and many extra hours of plowing roads, Terry Garman cleared the way for our eggs to be scattered in the grass and on the basketball court. Several people commented that they couldn't believe we were having our hunt- and in the grass! A couple people were impressed that the snow was pushed off with a loader and the grass wasn't even torn up, so many thanks to Barry, Terry and the rest of the highway and park crew. We truly appreciate them coming thru for us during our most unusual Egg Hunt.

Fire/EMC – Chief Beam submitted the monthly Fire /EMC Report. There was a brief discussion of the report. Report entered into record. Chief Beam then submitted a proposed division of the Fire Tax based on the percentage of calls to the fire company. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the distribution of the Fire Tax Collection based on the percentage of calls to the fire company.

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

Manager – Mrs. Gault reminded the Supervisors about the letter of interest received from a college student for the Letort Regional Authority Board. The student will be back in the area next month. An interview will be set up sometime in late May or early June.

OLD BUSINESS:

Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan of Burger King / Popeye's Restaurants request for extension of plan review time: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to grant the request of extension of plan review time of the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan of Burger King / Popeye's Restaurants until July 12, 2018.

NEW BUSINESS:

Authorization to sell surplus property: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to sell on Municibid the 1995 & 2009 Ford Pickups and the Roadmower.

Burn Ordinance 13 – 2007: Director of Public Safety Chief Sherman wanted to have a discussion on the Burn Ordinance permitting for outdoor campfires, small fires for cooking, ceremonies or recreational provided they don't cause a nuisance. In some cases the small recreational fires are creating problems with neighbors that don't get along and are burning trash, leaves, etc. which are not allowed. Chief Sherman would like the Supervisors to consider

possibly having to get a permit for allowable burning so that some control and knowledge of the fires are noted.

Chief Sherman who is the Township Representative on the Steering Committee for the Yard Waste Equipment Program reported that in October the City of Harrisburg inquired about becoming a member of this program. The members voted against the idea of expanding the program. The City of Harrisburg recently suggested making a donation to the program to gain entry. Several members since the initial request have a concern about the levels of contamination of yard waste in Harrisburg and the high risk of equipment damage that an urbanized environment brings. A unanimous vote by the Steering Committee was taken to end the consideration of adding the City of Harrisburg to the program. The Middlesex Township Board of Supervisors agreed with the Steering Committee's decision.

Mr. Stan Tarka, 210 Old Stonehouse Road mentioned that he is aware of the County issue of air quality that has been polarizing in the past. With all the trucks that come through Middlesex Township he questioned whether the trucks are checked on site if they are running and if it is enforced. Chief Sherman stated that some trucks have a seal on the door that says Certified Clean Idle and nothing can be done. Chairman Geistwhite stated that some trucks do have an internal climate system that allow for the truck to be shut down.

There being no further business, on the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. to Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter with no action to be taken by the Board as a result of the Executive Session.