

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS MEETING
April 6, 2016**

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Anyone wishing to make public comment was asked by Chairman Geistwhite to please state their name, address and whether they are a resident of Middlesex Township.

Mr. Charles Shughart, 10 Ridge Drive, resident of Middlesex Township and previous Supervisor of Middlesex Township for 12 years, discussed his support of the Director of Public Safety Mr. Sherman and how he has done more for this Township than any other person in the history of the Township.

Mr. Carroll Healy, 1243 Claremont Road, resident of Middlesex Township discussed his concern of job title change for Mr. Sherman that occurred without his knowledge as a tax payer until he read the newspaper and questioned why the information wasn't put in the quarterly newsletter.

Mr. Paul Dagan, 11 Beagle Club Road, resident of Middlesex Township discussed the help he received from Mr. Sherman when his son was in an automobile accident and expressed his support and gratitude for Mr. Sherman.

Ms. Lynde Blymier, 132 Rex Drive, resident of Middlesex Township, asked for clarification of Mr. Sherman retiring from two positions and collecting pensions from both. She then questioned the new position being created with no one knowing.

The Solicitor Mr. Keith Brenneman mentioned that the Public Comment for a public meeting of the Board of Supervisors is an opportunity for comment. The Board will not engage in a back and forth conversation.

Mr. Stanley Tarka, 210 N. Stonehouse Road, resident of Middlesex Township mentioned that he has the highest regard for Mr. Sherman for all that he has done from the standpoint of law enforcement, road maintenance and road crew. He feels Mr. Sherman has been very responsive and supportive of the community.

Ms. Allison Goodhart, 7711 Wertzville Road, resident of Middlesex Township discussed how she has known Mr. Sherman her whole life and how he isn't just a leader of this Township he is a member of her family.

Mrs. Cindy Gleim-Pool, 216 N. Middlesex Road, resident of Middlesex Township and elected Township Auditor for over 10 years, discussed her support for Mr. Sherman and the Supervisors. The consolidated new title given to Mr. Sherman carries a supervisory position for 5 areas – the police department, highway department, compost site, park maintenance and public relations. This is a good business decision of the Township since several individuals would have to be hired to cover what Mr. Sherman does. With Mr. Sherman's retirement he will have access to his police pension which is legal. This change would have no effect on taxes since Mr. Sherman is being compensated at the same rate. All this information is found in the minutes on the Township website.

Mr. Pat Stellwag, 1241 Claremont Road, resident of Middlesex Township, discussed that he was not present to assassinate Mr. Sherman's character. There are other good police officers who deserve a chance to hold what is no longer a position since a new position was created for Mr. Sherman. Mr. Stellwag is concerned as to how this happened and not having a chance to have a voice on the matter. He mentioned that public safety is an issue on Claremont Road since enough enforcement is not being given to traffic issues there.

Township Solicitor Mr. Brenneman stated that Mr. Sherman does not collect two (2) pensions and doesn't know where that came from. He also stated that the Board of Supervisors does not have to announce who it is hiring, why it is hiring and when it is going to hire prior to hiring. Mr. Brenneman has been to every meeting of this Township for 20 years on the last Friday of the month at 7:30 a.m. and the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. and everything you want to know about what is happening in the Township is done at a public meeting, put in the minutes and on the website. Mr. Brenneman encouraged everyone to attend meetings and to read the minutes.

Mrs. Barbara Gleim, 450 Sherwood Drive, resident of Middlesex Township, discussed her support for Mr. Sherman. She heard an accounting as to why the township made the decision it did that would satisfy the residents as well as the Auditor General. She believes this issue can be explained and settled both privately and publicly but doesn't make sense to call for resignations. It is okay to request and expect accountability, but it is done in a mature respectful fashion that does not tear down people and affect their livelihood. Mrs. Gleim is concerned if the allegations are incorrect and being done by an employee or employees and whether this is an internal HR issue, EEOC issue, and or social media policy violation. Mrs. Gleim discussed the Emergency Action Plan for CV School District that took two years to complete and that was spearhead by Mr. Sherman's initiative, knowledge, history, years of service and multiple management capabilities. Mrs. Gleim respectfully requested consequences for the misinformed and their actions.

Susan Peiffer, Bernheisel Bridge Road, resident Middlesex Township, stated that no one is attacking Mr. Sherman's demeanor, but why was a position formed for him that should be performed by others. Based on Mrs. Gleim's comments, she also doesn't feel that Mr. Sherman should be handling safety issues at the high school when CV High School should be taking care of that since Mr. Sherman is employed by Middlesex Township.

There being no further public comment, the meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m. for a short break and reconvened at 7:35 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of February 26, 2016.

On the motion of Vice-Chairman Larson, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of March 2, 2016, with Chairman Geistwhite abstaining since he was absent from the meeting.

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 2016 bills.

REPORTS:

Solicitor – No report.

Engineer – Absent. No report.

Director of Public Safety – Mr. Sherman submitted the monthly Police 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 Recreation Report. Report entered into record. Mrs. Jumper commented that the park is looking great and the crew has done a good job getting it ready for the spring and summer.

Fire/EMC – Absent. Report entered into record. The Township Manager reported that the President has declared a Disaster Declaration for Pennsylvania for winter storm Jonas. This means that the Township should receive about 75% of the expenses that were submitted. Mrs. Gault and Mr. Sherman will be attending meetings with PEMA/FEMA to finalize any paperwork needed for reimbursement.

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

Manager – Mrs. Gault reported that she has heard back from Representative Bloom's office regarding the scheduling of a meeting with the Township, Turnpike Commission and PennDot to continue discussions on ways to handle potential issues that occur during winter snow storms. Representative Bloom is looking at dates towards the end of May.

OLD BUSINESS:

Skelly and Loy, Inc. Municipal Separated Storm Sewer System (MS4) proposal: The Township Manager reported that this is the revised proposal from Skelly and Loy, Inc. that the Township Solicitor has reviewed and finds acceptable. This proposal outlines the project, the approach to be taken, the scope of the services and the cost and scheduling which includes the tasks the Township would perform in house. It is estimated that it will take 12 to 18 months for completion. As of now the permit submission deadline is September 2017 which is 180 days

prior to the effective date of the permit. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to accept and execute the revised proposal from Skelly and Loy, Inc. for assisting Middlesex Township prepare a Municipal Separated Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit application for the 2018 to 2023 permit cycle, for an estimated cost range of \$96,000 to \$108,300.

NEW BUSINESS:

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 2016 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 Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to execute the 2016 contract for fire protection between the North Middleton 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 2016 contract for fire protection between the New Kingstown Fire Co. and Middlesex Township.

United States Army War College and Carlisle Barracks Contract for Fire Protection: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to execute the 2016 contract for fire protection between the Army War College and Carlisle Barracks Fire Co. and Middlesex Township.

Authorization for the Director of Public Safety to obtain bids for road materials: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Director of Public Safety to obtain bids for road materials through Co-Stars to repave Pin Oak Drive, Spruce Drive and to mill and repave Tiffany Drive.

Proposed Resolution 2016 – 5 adopting and approving an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Middlesex Township Municipal Authority: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to adopt Resolution 2016 – 5 approving an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Middlesex Township Municipal Authority.

Proposed Resolution 2016-6 calling on the state to amend the Covered Device Recycling Act, Act 108 of 2010: The Township Manager reported that this resolution was adopted by the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners in February. It was shared throughout the County asking municipalities to join in calling on the state to amend the covered device recycling act to address several challenges that are preventing effective recycling of electronic waste and is leading to illegal dumping. This is a legislative issue that requires a legislative fix, therefore, the County is asking that Middlesex Township adopt this resolution which highlights many of the key issues. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to adopt Resolution 2016 – 6 calling on the state of Pennsylvania to amend the Covered Device Recycling Act, Act 108 of 2010.

There being no further business, on the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.