

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS MEETING**

April 6, 2005

OFFICIALS PRESENT: **SUPERVISORS:** Chuck Shughart
Victor Stabile
Don Geistwhite
 SOLICITOR: Keith Brenneman
 ENGINEER: Bud Grove
 POLICE CHIEF: Barry Sherman
 ZONING OFFICER: Mark Carpenter
 SECRETARY: Mary Justh
 RECREATION: Denise Jumper - Absent

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Chuck Shughart called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM in the Township Municipal Building with the pledge to the flag being led by Keith Brenneman.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of 2 and 18 March – Mr. Don Geistwhite made a motion to approve the minutes of March 2nd and 18th, seconded by Mr. Stabile and the motion carried unanimously.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY THE MARCH BILLS – Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to pay the March invoices. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stabile and passed unanimously.

General Fund Checks #16341 - #16406		\$ 58,397.88
Transfer for Payroll #5 and #6		\$ 66,576.20
Escrow Fund Check #388	3/25/05	\$ 551.25

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

AWARDING OF THE ROAD MATERIALS – Mr. Stabile made a motion to award Hempt the bid for Redwood Hills Circle, Ridge Drive, Wheatfield Drive, and Wild Rose Circle at a cost of \$98,916.13. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion for in place materials and it passed unanimously. Mr. Stabile made a motion to accept the low bid of Pennsy Supply for 2-A @5.00 FOB and 7.69 del., 3-A @ 6.35 FOB and 8.94 del., 4 @ 6.25 FOB and 8.94 del., and ID#2 Wearing \$30.00 FOB Plant and 33.75 del. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Stabile made a motion to award Helpt Bros., 1-B @7.00 FOB and 9.50 del., @-B #57 5.90 FOB and 8.50 del., Anti Skid 5.60 FOB and 7.95 del., and ID#@ Binder \$27.00 FOB Plant. Mr. Shughart asked what the difference was between the Pennsy and Hempt Binder was and the fact is according Chief Sherman Hempt is closer for our trucks. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Stabile made a motion to award Wilson the E-2/E-3 @ 1.12 del. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and passed unanimously. Mr. Stabile made a motion to award Wilson the equipment rentals at the following prices; Milling Machine \$250.00 per hour, Road Widener \$75.00 per hour, Chip Spreader \$132.00 per hour, Loader and Operator at \$65.00 per hour and Trench Roller \$35.00 per hour. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

Solicitor – None

Engineer – None

Police – Ordered to file.

Zoning – Ordered to file.

Recreation – Ordered to file.

Fire/EMC – No Report.

Municipal Authority – Mr. Geistwhite reported that the MTMA has finished the DRAFT update for Act 537 and the Township was given a copy. Mr. Carpenter reported that it is for the northeast part of the Township.

Secretary – No Report

OLD BUSINESS

Keystone Arms Associates, LLC – A letter from Keystone Arms Associates, LLC for the proposed development of Keystone Arms, including the Carlisle Camp Grounds which was recently purchased, would be an improvement to the whole project according to Mr. Carpenter. Mr. Brenneman suggested that before anything is signed the Township needs to check with the Municipal Authority. A new set of plans is needed to make these changes. The finance security for this will be separate from the Township and it will be held by the MTMA. Mr. Shughart suggested that a dialog with Carlisle Electronics might improve the situation on Rt. 11 and limiting their access.

Fortune Land Company Temporary Waiver of Holding Tanks – Mr. Brenneman suggested that the Township not do anything at this time, but enter into an agreement with the MTMA, so that a wet well can be used as a holding tank for the display homes by Pennterra. A brief discussion followed, nothing was decided at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Pilot Relocation of Truck Scales – Mr. Carpenter presented a request from Pilot about moving the truck scales at the facility. Mr. Brenneman asked what the time frame was for moving the scales and reversing the traffic. Mr. Stabile asked if it is not a Land Development Plan what is it? After some discussion no action was taken.

Sign Ordinance Revisions/Larry Claycomb – Mr. Larry Claycomb is interested in having the sign ordinance revised, because North Middleton, South Middleton and Silver Spring have better sign ordinances than Middlesex Township. Controlling light pollution is also a concern to the Planning Commission. Mr. Shughart suggested that if a sign falls into disrepair,

we need to be able to take it down. The Supervisors suggested that the Planning Commission give some update ideas for consideration to the sign ordinance.

Silver Spring Ambulance and Rescue Association – Mr. Justh introduced a newsletter from Mr. George C. Weimer that will update the Supervisors to the Ambulance and Rescue Association. Mrs. Justh asked the Supervisors to allow the Township to advertise and distribute signs for residents and businesses in the township as we had done a few years ago.

Overview of the Emergency and Municipal Services Tax – Mrs. Justh asked the Supervisors to consider increasing the tax to alleviate the shortfall that we as a Township are experiencing. Mr. Geistwhite explained that we can set a limit of \$12,000 to protect the students and those on low income. Mr. Brenneman explained that there is a possibility of the tax being repealed. Chief Sherman commented that there are a lot of people that work at the County Home, that we do not receive any income from for the Township.

AFLAC Mandatory Distribution Amendment – Mrs. Justh told the Supervisors that Mr. Brenneman reviewed the Amendment and doesn't see any problem with signing it.

Sale of Used Equipment – Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to advertise the following vehicles for sale, a 1997 Scag Mower, 1995 Ford Crown Victoria, 2000 Ford Crown Victoria, 1986 Ford F350 Dump for sale. Mr. Stabile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 to **executive session** on a motion by Mr. Stabile and a second by Mr. Geistwhite.