

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
WORKSHOP MEETING
April 24, 2009**

OFFICIALS PRESENT:	SUPERVISORS:	Vic Stabile Don Geistwhite Steve Larson - Absent
	SOLICITOR:	Keith Brenneman
	ENGINEER:	Bud Grove
	POLICE:	Chief Barry Sherman
	ZONING OFFICER:	Mark Carpenter
	SECRETARY:	Mary Justh

Chairman Vic Stabile called the meeting to order at 7:35 am in the Middlesex Township Building.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

RESOLUTION 2009-8 RE-DESIGNATING A MUNICIPAL CODE OFFICIAL AND ESTABLISHING FEES AND ASSESSMENTS FOR ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT – Mr. Stabile asked Mr. Carpenter about this Resolution. Mr. Carpenter explained that he was not a grandfathered Codes Official, but a registered Codes Official based on the number of categories he has. Mr. Carpenter explained that he does not have all the categories, but the Township will need to use third party inspectors for the categories he does not hold certification. Mr. Kepner had all of his categories when he left and that is why Mr. Carpenter did not get his certification. Discussion followed on the fee schedule and what charges were changed for the Resolution and they are consistent with other municipalities in the area. Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-8 for re-designating municipal code official and establishing fees and assessments for administration and enforcement of the codes. Mr. Stabile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

HEAVY DUTY TIRE AND TREADS, INC. RELEASE OF SECURITY – Mr. Grove will provide a report to the Board for Heavy Duty Tire and Treads at the May 6 meeting.

BERNHEISEL BRIDGE BWM-GP-11 GENERAL PERMIT – This is strictly a letter of notification to the Township about cleaning up around the bridge. . Mr. Stabile asked about Wolfs Bridge and the status of replacement of the bridge, with additional discussion.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – ENERGY PROGRAM – Mr. Geistwhite asked Mrs. Justh to attend the Chamber of Commerce meeting for On-Demand Electric for a savings to the Township. Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to have the Township join the Carlisle Area Chamber of Commerce so that we can be part of the On-Demand Energy Program. Mr. Stabile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

MUNICIPAL- ACCEPTING CREDIT CARD – Mrs. Justh reported that this would be an opportunity for residents to use a credit card for payment of recreation fees. After discussion it was decided that Middlesex Township did not need to offer credit cards to the residents.

SUPPORT AND CONTRIBUTION LETTER FOR FIRE COMPANIES – Mr. Stabile made a motion to authorize the publication in our next newsletter requesting voluntary contributions to our fire companies and to authorize Mrs. Justh with funds being held in a separate account with the Treasurer and the Board of Supervisors signing the checks. Mr. Geistwhite suggested that we might put a sign up at the park for contributions. Mr. Stabile explained to Mrs. Justh about responding to Carlisle Borough. Mrs. Justh reported on the Cash Flow chart for the Board. It is not looking very good at this time according to Mrs. Justh.

APPALACHIAN TRAIL NATURAL, SCENIC, HISTORIC AND AESTHETIC PRESERVATION – ACT 24 – Mr. Carpenter explained that the Act is to protect the Trail from developers. The buffer should be approximately 150 ft. from the Trail, we should create a set back of 150 feet for homeowners and businesses. Mr. Carpenter stated that a sample ordinance will be coming and we need to get something together before August 10th, but they are working on an extension. Mr. Stabile asked Mrs. Justh to place this on the agenda by June 3rd.

ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE – Mrs. Justh reported that this is the list of accounting software companies that she has interviewed so far. Mrs. Justh explained that she would like to consider Accufund at this time. Mr. Stabile asked Mrs. Justh to come back to the May 6th meeting with references. Mrs. Justh reported that this accounting system is much more user friendly than some of the other ones that we have viewed. Mr. Stabile asked Mrs. Justh to check the references of the other firms and place this on the agenda for Wednesday, May 6.

Mr. Grove reported on the intersection of **Trindle Road and South Middlesex Road** and that the Kensington Traffic Study revealed that if they developed the property on South Middlesex Road intersection improvements would be warranted. Chief Sherman reported that we need to work with the manager of South Middleton since this is a joint venture. Mr. Carpenter spoke with Mr. Deitch and reported to him that the Township would not be tearing down his house, because the problem is site distance with the crest of Trindle Road not with the house on his property.

Mr. Geistwhite complained about the For Sale sign at **Claremont Road and South Middlesex Road**. Chief Sherman will take care of the sign.

Mr. Stabile asked about the vacant house on South Middlesex Road owned by **Mr. Snyder** and the broken windows on the second floor. Mr. Carpenter will take a look at it under the property maintenance code.

Mr. Grove reported on the **Subdivision Ordinance** progress and he is conscious of the available funds.

Mr. Grove also reported that he has not heard from **Petro** and the oil/water separator.

Mr. Grove also report on **Rex from Flying J** told him that a report will be forth coming.

Mr. Geistwhite reported that someone wanted to come into the Township and have a **Gentlemen's Club**.

Mr. Carpenter reported about indoor **Soccer Fields** at the Carlisle Sports Emporium.

Mr. Carpenter reported that the Township lost the construction of **3 Hotels** that wanted the higher limits for height, about 50 feet.

Chief Sherman reported that the bridge on Rt. 34 will be closed on June 11th. There will be on truck traffic on township roads in North Middleton. The trucks will be coming across **Wagner Drive**. Mr. Stabile made a motion to authorize the Chief to do what is necessary to have an Ordinance for weight restriction and a study for Wagner Drive at a length of 2,110 ft. long, 20 ft. wide and no shoulder and no drainage. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Brenneman reported that there is a Codes loophole in the **Property Maintenance Code**. Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to advertise to have an Ordinance automatic update to the codes. Mr. Stabile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session for litigation at 9:55 am with no action being taken.