

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
WORKSHOP MEETING
April 25, 2008**

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

Chairman Vic Stabile called the meeting to order at 7:31 am in the Middlesex Township Building.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mr. Tracy Gleim stated that he has had many builders come to him about the Township Codes Officer. He proceeded to read several of the comments that were in a letter from a builder and later presented it to Mr. Stabile for the record. Mr. Stabile stated that if the Codes Officer is enforcing the code and doing his job, that is one thing, but if he is being over zealous and unreasonable we would be troubled by that. Mr. Scott Hench reported that his brother was working on a house and stated some of the unnecessary things that the Codes Officer made him do on a project. Mr. Stabile questioned whether these items were in fact part of the new codes. Mr. Carpenter verified that most of the items were in part of the code and necessary. Mr. Hench had some questions about the Holding Tank policy in the Township. Mr. Brenneman stated that his understanding of the Holding Tank Ordinance is correct.

SHENTEL PROPOSAL – DEBORAH BAKER – Ms. Deborah Baker made a brief presentation about the cell tower and where they would like to locate at the Township Park. She explained that they were unable to collocate at a site in North Middleton, and therefore, were applying to Middlesex Township. This plan will have to go before the Zoning Hearing Board for a Special Exception, but lease negotiations can begin in the meantime according to Mr. Stabile. The police would like to collocate an antenna with the cell tower as well.

CNR HOSPITALITY FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAN – Mr. Mark Hipp presented the plan that had been approved a year ago, but there is a new owner and the plan needs to be approved and recorded under the new owner. Mr. Hipp stated that there are no other changes to the plan except the signature block. Mr. Carpenter stated that the County signature block needs to be changed to Planning Dept of Cumberland County. After discussion concerning the plan Mr. Stabile made a motion on the Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan for CNR Hospitality dated 4/16/07 that we grant the requested waiver on the face of the page and to proceed on with the plan. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Stabile wants a review from Mr. Grove,

Township Engineer, and Mr. Carpenter, Zoning Officer, to make sure there were no other changes. Mr. Stabile made a motion that the applicant satisfy those same conditions that were approved on the prior plan and are being requested on the new plan with the caveat that we are not re-approving the old plan, but taking those conditions and applying them to the new plan, and that technical corrections be made to the County Dept. of Planning signature block and the waiver granted, that the plan be signed and recorded within 90 days and the Plan be subject to the Engineer and Zoning Officer for approval and that the applicant pay all costs associated with examination of the plan. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING PLAN – Representatives from the County stated that they are working on the renovation of the Ag building for the 911 and Emergency Services Center and would be at a cost of 13 million dollars. Mr. Stabile stated that he is very upset by the amount of money that Cumberland County is spending for the prison and now the new emergency services building and then to have fire training center next to the Township's Nursing Home and the most vulnerable citizens. The Ag and adjacent building will be converted to house the coroner's office, forensic lab with cooler, 911 center, indoor range, and meeting rooms. The Supervisors unanimously apposed the County plan to relocate the fire training center onto the Ag extension property.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BUILDING PERMIT FEE WAIVER – Mr. Stabile stated that he would consider a reduction of the fee, until Chief Sherman stated that the Township really doesn't know what the total cost of improvements are going to be when we need a traffic signal on Claremont and Army Heritage. Mr. Stabile asked Mrs. Justh to send a letter back to the Commissioners stating that the Board of Supervisors have considered their request, but we have assessed the impact of this project and the cost of this will well exceed the cost of the permit. We are not in a position to waive the fee and we will work together going forward to keep the cost down to the citizens of the County and the Township.

CARLISLE SPORTS EMPORIUM PLAN – Mr. Carpenter stated that this plan is to place the go-cart track up on the hill from where it is located now. The Board of Supervisors doesn't see any problem with this change.

Mr. Keith Brenneman stated that there is a bill in the House that may affect our tax exempt properties in the township.

MEADOWBROOK FARMS PHASE VII PLAN – Mr. Carpenter explained what Phase VII consists of and the fact that the Planning commission will probably move forward on the plan, but there is one street that we might not get Liquid Fuels for. According to Chief Sherman we are still awaiting Meadowbrook Farms Phase III to finish up so the road can be dedicated.

ORDINANCE 3 - 2008 CLEMSON DRIVE WEIGHT LIMITATION – Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to enact Ordinance 3-2008 for Clemson Drive Weight Limitations. Mr. Larson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

INSURANCE POLICIES - After some discussion, Mr. Stabile asked Mrs. Justh to have Mr. Doug Truax our insurance agent to come in on Wednesday night.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE ZONING HEARING BOARD – Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to appoint Mr. Dwayne Kohr to replace Mr. Jay Lehman for the length of his term. Mr. Larson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously,

STERRETT'S GAP PROJECT – Mr. Carpenter explained the Sterretts Gap Project and the improvements that they had hoped to complete. Mr. Carpenter is not the regular member he is the alternate, Mr. Eppley was the regular member. Mr. Stabile stated his concern is that they wanted to install a traffic light and it would be our responsibility to maintain it. A meeting of the Task Force will be coming up. Mr. Geistwhite is willing to attend if he is contacted and given the date and time.

LEAF BURNING/COMPOSTING SITE – Mr. Stabile stated that the Ironstone Ridge area does have a great deal of leaves. Mr. Larson asked if it was our responsibility to help with the leaf problem. Mr. Keith Brenneman talked to the South Central Director of DEP and we have non-mandatory status and can't use funds from a 902 grant for composting equipment and qualify for 904 grant funds for developing a composting site unless a leaf burning ban is in place. Present funding for recycling may also be in jeopardy. Mr. Larson provided the Board with the American Lung Association and what they have to say about smoke and particles that can not be removed from the lungs. Mr. Geistwhite stated that these people live in the woods and they are going to have leaves.

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK – Mr. Stabile asked Mrs. Justh to put this on the agenda for the May 7th meeting.

ROADWAY BREAKBULK FACILITY – Mr. Carpenter explained that the Supervisors would be acting on the Roadway DEP exemption module for the Break Bulk Facility. Mr. Stabile made a motion to have Mrs. Justh sign, execute and send into DEP the Sewage Exemption Module. Mr. Larson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mrs. Justh also asked the Supervisors to sign the **Fire Protection Agreements** that we missed signing at the last meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – At 10:02 Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to adjourn the meeting to Executive Session with no action being taken. Mr. Larson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.