

MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
WORKSHOP MEETING
APRIL 27, 2001

OFFICIALS PRESENT:	SUPERVISORS:	Robert Eppley Chuck Shughart Vic Stabile
	SOLICITOR:	Keith Brenneman
	ENGINEER:	Bud Grove
	POLICE:	Chief Barry Sherman
	ZONING OFFICER:	Mark Carpenter
	SECRETARY:	Mary Justh

Chairman Robert Eppley called the meeting to order at 7:31 AM in the Middlesex Twp Building.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

YOUNG BARNER – Asked the Supervisors to consider enacting a Nuisance Ordinance. Ms. Barner commented that their neighbors are running 4 wheelers every Sunday afternoon and the noise is very disturbing to them. They are unable to enjoy quality of life. Mr. Eppley suggested that Solicitor Brenneman write a letter to the Otto's before considering an Ordinance to address the problem.

(#01-05) MIDDLESEX WAREHOUSE INVESTORS, L.P. PRELIMINARY/FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAN – Mr. Morrison presented a plan with a request for a waiver to meet minimum lot size. Mr. Brenneman believes there is an ordinance that exempts the Municipal Authority from minimum lot size. Mr. Brenneman and Mr. Carpenter stated that the Municipal Authority could be exempt. Mr. Stabile asked that the minimum lot size exemption be noted on the plan. Mr. Stabile asked that Mr. Morrison move the clear site triangle to the Land Development Plan. Mr. Morrison stated that the Agreement is contingent on Subdivision approval. Mr. Brenneman stated that the Subdivision Plan should indicate that the lot must be conveyed to the Municipal Authority to make the reduced lot size legal.

(#01-07) PYROTEK, INC. PRELIMINARY/FINAL LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN – Mr. Ron Secary presented the Pyrotek Plan to the Supervisors. There was discussion on access for the trucks, shrubs and trees, and lighting of the building and driveway entrance. Mr. Grove explained that he will have a final review of the plan for the May 2nd meeting. Mr. Grove has only one final issue which needs to be resolved and that is storm drainage through the site and giving the Township right-of-way for the storm drainage. Pyrotek's total impervious coverage is 53%. Mr. Grove explained that an HOP permit is needed to obtain a building permit, because Claremont Road is still a state road. Pyrotek will be hooking up to sewer through the Municipal Authority.

(#01-11) CUMBERLAND COUNTY-PARKING LOT EXPANSION PRELIMINARY/FINAL LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN – The Cumberland County Plan is

for a simple parking lot expansion. In Mr. Grove's comments concerning the right-of-way should be upgraded from 16 ½ to 25 ft. from the center of the road, but that can only be done through the County Commissioners. Bushes are going to be used as a street buffer rather than street trees. Mr. Grove suggested that the stormwater pipe under Claremont Road be upgraded, but the County chooses to note it on the plan that any conflicts with stormwater pipe is the County's responsibility. There is a waiver request for lighting since this parking lot will not be used at night. The waiver for sidewalks is for this plan only, but at a later date the County may be required to install sidewalks.

(#01-12) DONALD D. HARRIET K. PEAK PRELIMINARY/FINAL SUBDIVISION

PLAN – Mr. Carpenter explained that this plan is to take 2 lots and make it into 4 lots. The Planning Commission has asked that Mr. & Mrs. Peak have a soil scientist delineate existing wetlands on the property for the permit exempt system. Mr. Grove explained that he sees a potential problem with the parking pull off being in the right-of-way. Chief Sherman explained that the right-of-way must be required or the Township will be going backwards in not obtaining it for the future. Mr. Stabile asked if there was a hazard in the right-of-way. Chief Sherman stated that not the way it is at this time, but in the future it may be a problem. Mr. Stabile asked Mr. Grove if this requires a waiver. Mr. Grove stated that it needs to be added to the waiver list. Mr. Stabile explained that the Peak's need to ask for a waiver for the requirement of Section 708. Mrs. Peak asked about street trees and it is not necessary for them to do anything since this is a wooded area according to Mr. Stabile.

MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY 1984 WATER SERVICE

AGREEMENT AMENDMENT – Mr. Brenneman stated that this is a simplification of the original agreement between South Middleton Township and Middlesex Township Municipal Authority. Mr. Shughart made a motion to adopt the amendment to the Authority's 1984 Water Service Agreement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stabile and passed unanimously.

PERMIT EXEMPT ON LOT SYSTEM ORDINANCE - Mr. Brenneman told the Supervisors that he had researched the permit exempt system, and the ones that exist now will be allowed to exist, but the new Ordinance would not allow any new permit exempt systems. Mr. Grove explained that he thinks the permit exemption was originally written to protect those people with 10 acres that need a sewer system not for people to subdivide a large lot and place a system that is not a legal system. Mr. Carpenter explained that the system is not regulated. Mr. Brenneman stated that this type of system is inspection exempt. Mr. Brenneman suggested that the Township have Mr. Elbel inspect holding tanks and the permit exempt systems. Mr. Brenneman also suggested that Mr. Elbel's inspection would be an additional cost for those types of systems. Mr. Stabile asked if Mr. Brenneman to write the Ordinance in 2 parts, first the permit exempt part and the inspection portion for retaining tanks and presently existing permit-exempt systems.

RESOLUTION 2001-10 RECOGNIZING THE AUTHORITY OF VOLUNTEER FIRE

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COMPANIES TO SEEK REIMBURSEMENT – Mr. Brenneman was directed by the Supervisors to write this resolution for the Fire Co. Mr. Shughart made a motion to adopt Resolution 2001-10 seconded by Mr. Stabile and passed unanimously.

GRASS/WEED/VEGETATION ORDINANCE – Mr. Brenneman asked for some assistance on the wording of the Ordinance, especially in the area defining agricultural use. Mr. Stabile told Mr. Brenneman that he would get back to Mr. Brenneman after he has an opportunity to talk to Mr. Lake concerning the language.

LIST OF PARK IMPROVEMENTS FROM THE REC ADVISORY BOARD – Mr. Eppley made a motion to table the list from the Rec. Advisory Board until a later date. Mr. Stabile seconded the motion.

LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM REC DIRECTOR DEBBIE VOGEL – Mr. Stabile made a motion to accept the resignation of Debbie Vogel as Recreation Director. Seconded by Mr. Shughart and passed unanimously. Mr. Stabile asked that I write a letter to Debbie stating that it is with deepest regret that we accept her letter of resignation.

PLANNING COMMISSION SECRETARY – The Supervisors gave Mr. Carpenter permission to hire a Planning Commission Secretary.

GP & RT ORDINANCE – Mr. Carpenter asked permission to send the draft on the Ordinance to the Planning Commission for their input. The Supervisors agreed that the hearing has been closed and the draft can be presented to the Planning Commission.

EXIT 12 INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT - Mr. Stabile made a motion that Secretary Justh write a letter to Attorney Saidis seconded by Mr. Shughart as follows: that although Middlesex Township is still very much supportive of regional cooperation and the work of the Task Force to address these problems on a mutual basis, the Township takes no possession on the Agreement since the Township is not party to this Agreement. The Township also raises the question as to whether what is proposed in the agreement and the study remains viable in light of the reluctance of any of the affected municipalities to consider or implement changes to advance Exit 12 recommendations. Mrs. Justh will send the letter to Mr. Stabile for approval before mailing.

Chief Barry Sherman asked the Supervisors to approve hiring **Mr. James Patterson as a full-time police officer**. Chief Sherman explained that his probation is for one year. Mr. Shughart made a motion to hire Patterson as a full-time police officer effective today. Mr. Stabile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Fall Clean-up has been changed from October to November by York Waste. Mr. Shughart asked that Mrs. Justh call York Waste and have them change Middlesex to the first two weeks in October and let North Middleton have the last two weeks in October and first two weeks in November.

Mr. Eppley asked Mr. Carpenter about the dumping on **Harmony Hall Road** which extends to a private lane own by Fry, Reed & George. Mr. Eppley asked that the owners could put a cable on the lane to keep the people from dumping on the property. Mr. Carpenter asked if an enforcement notice should be sent to the property owners. Mr. Stabile asked if the appliances could be traced to the owner through the serial number and handled with fines that way. Mr. Stabile and Mr. Shughart complained about the **laws on littering in Pennsylvania**. Mr. Eppley also asked Mr. Carpenter about the litter on the **Pilot property**.

Mrs. Justh asked the Supervisors if she can advertise someone to **replace Debbie Vogel as Recreation Director**. The Supervisors moved to advertise the position.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 AM.

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