

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
WORKSHOP MEETING
April 28, 2006**

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

Chairman Chuck Shughart called the meeting to order at 7:34 AM in the Middlesex Twp Building.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mr. Glen Lilley of Melron Court asked the Supervisors to consider another option with respect to the trash needs of the senior citizens. He is not happy with the increased cost of tags and the mandatory number of tags that need to be purchased. Mr. Shughart stated the history of how the township decided on the number of tags and the benefits of our program. Mr. Stabile suggested that this is the same as the minimum water or sewer bill. Mr. Lilley suggested that the Supervisors try to find another solution with the trash, so the elderly do not have to purchase 26 tags per year.

KEYSTONE ARMS REDUCTION OF SECURITY – Mr. Stabile made a motion to recommend that the Board accept the reduction in security for Keystone Arms as recommended by Bud Grove's memo dated April 27, 2006. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PRELIMINARY CONCEPT DESIGN AND UPDATED MASTER PLAN – Victor Elliott, Facility Manager and Project Manager along with Mike Perry, Executive Director Army Heritage Center Foundation made a presentation to the Board, giving them an update on the proposed walking trail and the new Museum and Education Center that will be built in the next few years.

NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS (NIMS) TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION – Mrs. Justh asked the Supervisors to make sure that they get their certification in order to apply for PEMA/FEMA grant money. DCED is making certification a requirement in order to apply for grant money according to a PSATS Alert.

PA TURNPIKE COMMISSION PLAN – Mr. Grove told the Supervisors that he has had a chance to examine the set of plans that we received from the PA Turnpike and he really would like the opportunity to examine a full set. His concerns are with the stormwater. Mr. Grove stated the since this is on the Zizzi property, all repairs or problems that may occur are Zizzi's responsibility. Mr. Stabile asked Mr. Grove for his comments on the project and to get them to the Turnpike Commission quickly.. Mr. Grove stated that the lighting will be very similar to what is there now. Mr. Stabile asked that the lighting be one of the questions for the Commission as well. Mr. Grove stated that they are placing sound barriers behind Hill Drive.

Mr. Carpenter was asked to make a call and get two full sets of plans. Mr. Grove told the Supervisors that he would try to have comments for Wednesday night.

WEARING COURSE REQUEST FOR GREY GOOSE CIRCLE – After some discussion about the application of the wearing course the Board asked Mr. Carpenter to write a letter and tell them that the only way they can apply the wearing course on Grey Goose Circle is if there would be a 25% addition cost added to the maintenance security, for a 36 month period, when they ask for dedication of the road. Mr. Shughart also suggested that there should be a statement attached to the building permit about unloading equipment on Township roads in the future to prevent damage.

FEE IN LIEU – Mr. Stabile commented on the Fee in Lieu report provided by Mrs. Justh. Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to increase the Fee in Lieu to \$750.00, to be documented in a Resolution to be executed by the Chairman and assigned the appropriate Resolution number by the Secretary. Mr. Stabile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

BOARD AUTHORIZATION FOR MTMA TO APPLY FOR GRANT – Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to have Mr. Shughart sign the Grant Application through the Land Partnership for well #1 in the amount of \$35,220.00. Mr. Stabile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

CONSERVATION DESIGN ORDINANCE – Mr. Carpenter stated that he is still working on the ordinance, and hopes to have it to the Supervisors workshop meeting in May. Mr. Stabile asked Mr. Carpenter to email them a copy of the ordinance as soon as possible so that they can review it. Mr. Carpenter showed the Supervisors a new zoning map of the Township as done by the County.

PENNDOT BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN TRANSPORTATION MEETING - The Supervisors would like Denise Jumper to attend the meeting at Swatara Township.

WINDMILL GRANT THROUGH DEP – After a brief discussion the Supervisors were not interested in a windmill grant from the state for the Township to conserve power.

RAILROAD STOP SIGNS FOR ARMY HERITAGE DRIVE – Chief Sherman explained to the Board that the railroad will soon be placing stop signs on Army Heritage Drive at the railroad crossing, prior to the improvements being made by the PUC. Mr. Shughart suggested that a grace period for fines be given to those being stopped by police. Mr. Stabile suggested that a letter be sent to Norfolk Southern concerning the proper way to notify all those traveling Army Heritage Drive through the newspaper and proper warning signs. Chief Sherman will contact Norfolk Southern.

PREVAILING WAGE MANDATE FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE PROJECTS – Chief Sherman explained to the Supervisors what would happen if prevailing wages were used for Township road projects. Mrs. Justh gave a copy of the news release concerning the action taken by Governor Rendell and the Prevailing Wage Bill to the Supervisors. Mr. Stabile authorized Mrs. Justh to write a letter voicing our concerns to PSATS with what prevailing wage would cost the township if Implemented to road projects.

Chief Sherman asked the Supervisors adopt an ordinance for **Claremont Road – T593** with a speed limit of 40mph to conform with the Township designation of that road. Mr. Stabile made a motion to advertise an ordinance for Claremont Road for enactment on May 19th. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENT TO THE LETORT AUTHORITY – Mr. Stabile made a motion to appoint **Mr. Herb Weigle to serve on the Letort Regional Authority** as a Middlesex Township Representative. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Stabile recommended that **Dwayne Kohr be appointed to the Zoning Hearing Board** as an alternate since he has continued interest in the Township. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Stabile explained what the Joint County Officials are interested in with regard to the **Tax Collection** and having the ability to elect or appoint as needed.

The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 9:23 AM.