

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS MEETING
May 6, 2015**

OFFICIALS PRESENT: SUPERVISORS: Chairman Donald S. Geistwhite, Jr.
Vice-Chairman Steven Larson
William H. Goodhart
SOLICITOR: Keith O. Brenneman
POLICE: Chief Barry L. Sherman
ZONING OFFICER: Mark D. Carpenter
MANAGER: Eileen M. Gault
FIRE CHIEF: Ed Beam

OFFICIALS ABSENT: **ENGINEER:** Bud Grove

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Chairman Donald S. Geistwhite, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Middlesex Township Building, with Chief Sherman leading the pledge to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of April 1, 2015 & April 24, 2015.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the payments of the April 2015 bills.

REPORTS:

Solicitor – No report.

Engineer – Absent. No report.

Police – Chief Sherman submitted the monthly Police Report. There was some discussion of the report. The report was entered into record.

Zoning – Mr. Carpenter submitted the monthly Zoning Report. There was some discussion of the report. The report was entered into record. Mr. Carpenter reported that Mr. Detraglia has paid the Recreation Fee-in-Lieu and has the JHCK Enterprise, LLC plans to be signed.

Recreation/Recycling Coordinator – Mrs. Jumper submitted the monthly Recreation Report. The report was entered into record. Mrs. Gault reported that the Summer Playground Program registration is at maximum capacity.

Fire/EMC – Chief Beam submitted the monthly Fire/EMC Report. There was some discussion about the report. The report was entered into record.

Municipal Authority – Chairman Geistwhite reported that everything is going well with the Authority including the turbidity at the well. Several years ago the Authority started installing new meters which has helped with lost revenue from aging meters.

Manager – Mrs. Gault reported that Kirk Stoner will be in attendance at the Workshop Meeting to give an update on the Wolf Bridge closure. He is hoping that by then the County will have an approval of the recent feasibility study that was done. At that point an alternative analysis will be done.

Mrs. Gault then reported that she and the Authority Manager Mr. Morrison attended a meeting at Carlisle Borough to discuss the formation of a Coordinating Committee for the MS4 requirements. The next meeting will be May 28, 2015 for a Joint Inter-municipal Meeting in which as many elected officials as possible are encouraged to attend.

Mrs. Gault then read a letter sent by Mr. Hugh Wilson expressing his gratitude to Patrolman Carver for his assistance that he provide to Mr. Wilson's daughter when she was in an accident on her way back to college. Patrolman Carter assisted Ms. Wilson with having her vehicle towed, spoke with Mr. Wilson explaining the situation and then stayed with Ms. Wilson until her father arrived. Mr. Wilson felt in the current times when many are quick to criticize the police, the many duties of an officer are often overlooked and unappreciated.

OLD BUSINESS:

TPF 13-8 Cummings Brothers Carlisle Property LLC preliminary/final minor land development plan request for extension of review time until August 5, 2015: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to grant the time extension requested by Cummings Brothers Carlisle Property, LLC until August 5, 2015.

Application for Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Timothy P. Kann and Janelle E. Egan: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Solicitor Mr. Brenneman to advertise for a public hearing to be held at the Workshop Meeting on June 26, 2015, proposed amendments to the Commercial Highway (CH) Zoning District, Industrial General (IG) Zoning Districts and Supplementary Regulations.

NEW BUSINESS:

Patriot Energy: Everett Heiden, Sales Representative from Patriot Energy was present to give a background of the company. He then discussed the buying process of energy pointing out various factors and market events that contribute to buying options and strategies. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Township Manager to execute the 24 month contract with Patriot Energy at the rate of .07949 per kwh with grt.

TPF 15-3, Meadowbrook Farms Phase VIII Final Subdivision Plan, request for extension of review time until August 7, 2015: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to grant the time extension requested by Meadowbrook Farms Phase VIII Final Subdivision Plan until August 7, 2015.

TPF 15-3, Cumberland Valley Commons Preliminary Subdivision Plan, request for extension of review time until August 7, 2015: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to grant the time extension requested by Cumberland Valley Commons Preliminary Subdivision Plan until August 7, 2015.

ZHB 15-2, Restaurant Management Corporation, Zoning Hearing Board application for Special Exception for drive in restaurant use and four related Variances: Mr. Carpenter reported that the property for this proposed restaurant is located at 1804 and 1808 W. Trindle Road. The applicant is requesting a special exception for drive in restaurant use in which the Supervisors are in support of. The applicant is also requesting the following four (4) Variances: 1) to allow accessory trash dumpster enclosure and storage shed buildings or structures within the minimum 35 ft. rear yard setback, 2) to allow an 8 ft. tall fence enclosing a trash dumpster within the minimum 35 ft. rear yard setback, 3) to allow the number of accessory off-street parking spaces for the drive-in restaurant use to be less than the minimum number required by the schedule of parking requirements, 4) to allow the drive-in restaurant use to be developed on a property with less than the minimum 1 acre lot area required. The Supervisors oppose the first two (2) Variances. Mr. Carpenter will represent the Township at the Hearing.

Township Clean-up: Chairman Geistwhite stated that there are a few properties in Middlesex Township that are long overdue for clean-up. To name a few of the issues, there is a couch and loveseat behind one of the hotels, there is cinder blocks and construction material dumped in one of the outlets that dumps into the Letort, there is huge piles of trash located on some of the residents properties, there are bottles of urine being dumped at truck stops and Chairman Geistwhite wants something to be done. There are pictures available noting the issues. Chairman Geistwhite informed the Township Manager Mrs. Gault that he wants letters sent, fines issued, and all Ordinances to be followed to get the job done. Chairman Geistwhite has asked Chief Sherman and Mr. Carpenter to assist with getting this project done.

There being no further business, on the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m.