

MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS MEETING
MAY 6, 1998

OFFICIALS PRESENT:	SUPERVISORS:	Robert Eppley Joe Capuano Chuck Shughart
	SOLICITOR:	Keith Brenneman
	ENGINEER:	Bud Grove
	POLICE:	Chief Barry Sherman
	ZONING OFFICER:	Mark Carpenter
	SECRETARY:	Mary Justh
	FIRE CHIEF:	Ed Beam

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The meeting was called to order by 7:05 PM in the new Municipal Building by Chairman Robert Eppley. Joseph Capuano then led the assembly in the pledge to the flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Capuano which was seconded by Mr. Shughart, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of 1 and 24 April as submitted.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

On a motion by Mr. Shughart, seconded by Mr. Capuano and passed unanimously, the Board approved payment of bills represented by the bill list for March, summarized as follows:

General Fund Checks # 7095 thru 7195	\$ 64,115.79
Escrow Fund Check #150, 151	1,146.00
Rec Program Check #120 - 124	3,583.75
Sewer Fund Check #270,271	522.11
Pension Fund Check #175	1,861.67
AARP Wire Transfer	245.46
Transfer to Payroll Fund	45,371.16

REPORTS

SOLICITOR: Solicitor Brenneman has no report at this time.

ENGINEER: Mr. Bud Grove has no report at this time.

POLICE: Presented by Chief Sherman and ordered to file.

ZONING: Presented by Mr. Carpenter and ordered to file. Goodyear will be back to the Supervisors in June. Mr. Carpenter has mailed 2 enforcement notices.

RECREATION: Presented by Bob Snyder and ordered to file.

FIRE/EMC: Presented by Chief Beam and ordered to file.

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE No. 8-98

The meeting was then turned over to Solicitor Brennehan for the Public Hearing on an Ordinance Amending Article II (Definitions), Article X (CH-Commercial Highway Districts), Article XI (LI-Light Industrial Districts) and Article XII (IG- Industrial General Districts) of the Middlesex Township Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Capuano made a motion to close the hearing after an extended period of time and everyone that wanted to speak had an opportunity to do so. For lack of a second the motion died and another motion was made by Mr. Shughart to keep the hearing open to those people who may want to speak a second time, but with a 5 minute limit. The motion carried with a second from Mr. Capuano. When everyone that wanted to make a second comment had finished Mr. Shughart made a motion with a second from Mr. Capuano to adjourn the hearing.

Mr. Shughart made comments concerning whether Mr. Capuano should be involved in voting on this issue and acknowledge that he had every right to vote using his best judgment. Mr. Shughart indicated that he has been involved with trucking and there is a place for trucking and this is not the place. Mr. Shughart stated that today we have a choice to make, that could make a difference whether we vote to adopt this proposed ordinance change and vote to keep trucking out of the LI area. It is not a question of business against residents, wealthy against working class, Democrats against Republicans, it is a case of doing what is right for the residents of the Township and for the future of the Township. The Supervisors have received the consultants report and the report indicates that trucking and warehousing should be taken out of Light Industrial Area according to Mr. Shughart. Mr. Shughart also added that the number of business affected by the ordinance amendment will not be as great as the number of residents that will be affected by not changing the ordinance. If a business such as Applied Technology, formerly Bearings Incorporated, would wish to expand, Mr. Shughart would do everything in his power to help them to see that this could come about. Mr. Shughart made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 8-98 stating that, with those thoughts in mind, we recognize that additional changes should be made based on public comment and based on the consultants report. Mr. Shughart hopes the other Supervisors will agree with him on these needed changes.

Mr. Capuano commented that he understands Mr. Shughart's comments and would like to give a history from his point of view. Mr. Capuano explained how and when he purchased his property and determined that it was not feasible to develop the property into an industrial park at that time. Because in the past the residents denied any other development of the property on Shady Lane, we now have a situation that is pitting one segment of the community against another segment. By voting against this, Mr. Capuano indicated that he would not be getting anything, but by voting for it he would be losing something. Mr. Capuano stated that township residents who thought the property on Shady Lane would not be developed when the price was right were wrong; there will always be someone willing to take a chance. Mr. Capuano stated that he was unable to second Mr. Shughart's motion.

Mr. Shughart stated again his original motion is that the advertised change to ordinance 8-98 should be made based on the consultants report, do I have a second.

Mr. Eppley commented by saying that what happens tonight will not stop the world. The consultants report really frightened him. He reminisced about the way Rt. 11 had been and if he could have had a crystal ball he would have known what was to come with Route 81 and the Turnpike. With those two roads came the developers and we got the Miracle Mile. Another

Miracle Mile will extend from the Turnpike to Carlisle if we don't stop it now. Mr. Eppley voted yes to the proposed ordinance changes. The motion carried Mr. Shughart and Mr. Eppley for the Ordinance change and Mr. Capuano opposed.

ORDINANCE NO. 7-98 POSTING MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT OF 25 MPH ON TEABERRY DRIVE Mr. Capuano made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 7-98 setting the maximum speed limit on Teaberry Drive at 26 mph, with a second from Mr. Shughart, passed unanimously.

(#98007) ROBERT F., SR. & LOUISE C. OTTO PRELIMINARY/FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAN - Mr. Capuano made a motion to accept the seven waivers of the Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan of Robert and Louise Otto, dated March 30 1998, as listed; 1. 305 Minor Subdivision 2. 709 Sidewalks 3. 710 Curbing 4. 1001 Storm Water management Plan 5. 1203 f./n. Landscaping 6. 712 b. (2) Sewers and Water and 7. 712 c. (2) Sewers & Water. A second by Mr. Shughart passed unanimously. Mr. Capuano made another motion to approve the Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan by the Ottos subject to DEP Module approval and resolution of comments by the Municipal Authority and Zoning Officer.

ENVISION, CAPITAL REGION, A FOCUS ON OUR FUTURE - After a brief discussion the Supervisors decided not to take action since the stated goals indicate the reduction of Township authority.

FIREFIGHTER'S DEDICATION, MAY 24TH AT 2:00 PM - Mr. Robert Eppley agreed to represent the Board of Supervisors at the Dedication.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 PM on a motion by Mr. Capuano, seconded by Mr. Shughart.