

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
WORKSHOP MEETING
May 30, 2008**

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

Chairman Vic Stabile called the meeting to order at 7:30am in the Middlesex Township Building.

PUBLIC COMMENT - Attorney Ron Lucas representing **Sheetz Trindle Road** explained that according to correspondence from PENNDOT at that location, comment #7 states that the drainage pipe at is the Townships responsibility. Mr. Lucas explained that this is coming up on every plan from PENNDOT. Mr. Stabile commented on how the Township has had to maintain the traffic signals, the signs and now the drainage pipes on PENNDOT roads. According to Mr. Stabile, the Township would like to fight PENNDOT on this, but we do not want to hold up this plan.

Mr. William Funk, 23 South Letort, came to ask the Supervisors about the water that is flowing on to his property from **Petro**. Mr. Grove explained that the water does flow into the Letort and it does have something in it that smells like fuel. Mr. Carpenter commented that part of the problem is the amount of impervious area. Chief Sherman commented that Jorg Kiehl will be cleaning the pond on the property. Mr. Stabile asked that this item be on the agenda for June 27 with an update on the situation. Mr. Funk will try to get photos for the Supervisors. The other issue is the **Julie Johnsen house** and what action is going to be taken? The Supervisors reassured Mr. Funk that they have every intention of taking action against Ms. Johnsen in the near future. Mr. Funk was satisfied with their decision.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL TIMING FOR ROADWAY DRIVE – Mr. Randy Racis of Roadway and Mr. Ron Jones representing Roadway explained to the Board that Roadway Express will be moving more vehicles between 3am and 6am and are looking to have the timing changed on an experimental basis to make it more side street traffic responsive. Mr. Ron Jones explained that he would write a letter on behalf of the Township in order to make a temporary change and if it works for the Township we would ask for a permanent change. Mr. Carpenter stated that our traffic signal company will be needed to make adjustments to the light and Roadway would be willing to cover the cost.

JP & DR ASSOCIATES RELEASE OF IMPROVEMENT SECURITY – Mr. Grove is scheduling an inspection and will have something ready for the Workshop Meeting in June.

PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT PERTAINING TO SIGN REGULATIONS – After a brief discussion about what is required to place a sign in the Township, Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to advertise the Proposed Zoning Ordinance changes pertaining to sign regulations for the August 6, 2008 Supervisors Meeting. Mr. Larson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PETRO & FLYING “J” – Mr. Carpenter reported that both Petro and Flying “J” are cleaning up the parking lots. Mr. Carpenter needs to get designs to Mr. Grove for Flying “J”. Mrs. Gardner needs to be notified that her fence will be repaired and that a Jersey Barrier will be placed to protect the fence in the future. Mr. Carpenter explained that Pilot does not seem to have any problem with keeping the property clean. He also reported that Petro and Pilot have some signage problem that will be addressed.

JULIE JOHNSEN VACANT PROPERTY – to be taken up in executive session.

Mr. Stabile stated that he had a phone call from Mr. Deitch about the cold spell in May and he asked that the Ordinance be adjusted to allow the use from Labor Day to Memorial Day. Mr. Geistwhite made a motion for Mr. Brenneman to amend the Burning Ordinance with date changes for the June 27 Workshop Meeting. Mr. Larson Seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Geistwhite asked Mrs. Justh about a roll off for **leaves in the Iron Stone Ridge** neighborhood. Mrs. Justh stated that Rose Hlavac will find another way to handle her leaves, she called the township to discuss this with Mrs. Justh. .

Mr. Larson may not be able to make the **Workshop Meeting at the end of July**. Mr. Geistwhite stated that he may not be able to attend either.

Mr. Stabile asked Mr. Brenneman to revisit the **Ordinance on institution and religious** building size, height and size of lot. Mr. Brenneman and Mr. Carpenter had worked on it in relationship to the rural character of the Township.

Mr. Stabile asked Chief Sherman if he was aware of a sinkhole along Old Stone House Road. It is on the **Fry’s property being caused by Mr. Roberto’s** water running out along the road. Chief reported that the farm house has always had water in the basement and that is the way it is. Grading the road may help, when the area dries out the road will be graded.

Chief Sherman asked for a speed study in **Meadowbrook Farms and Sherwood Drive**. At Meadowbrook we need to check the interiorl streets of the development and between the two curves of Sherwood Drive. Mr. Larson asked about the obstruction in the street

of Meadowbrook Farms caused by the children playing hockey and basketball in the streets.

Appointment to the Municipal Authority for the agenda for June 4, 2008.

Mr. Brenneman has a Resolution for the June 4th agenda concerning the **Appeals Board** and the new members for that Board.

Mr. Stabile asked Mrs. Justh to update the phone message changing **her title to Manager** on the message.

Mr. Stabile asked Mrs. Justh to check with the **WSTB** to see if the Township will be receiving additional funds in the June distribution and approximately how much that will be.

Mr. Grove informed the Township that he has joined with a firm from Baltimore to get land development and design work. This will be a complete and separate entity. Mr. Grove also explained that he will be doing work for Sheets, but is should not interfere with the plan before the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – The meeting was adjourned to executive session with no action being taken at 9:54am.