

MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
WORKSHOP MEETING
MAY 31, 2000

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

Chairman Robert Eppley called the meeting to order at 7:38 AM in the Middlesex Township Building.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

BENATEC CUMBERLAND COUNTY MUNIPALLY-OWNED BRIDGES 1999 NBIS BRIDGE INSPECTIONS – Mr. John Rautzahn reported on MSX -1, **Shady Lane Bridge** over the Letort as being a 26ft span, 12 ton posted weight. The recommendation is to reduce the weight limit to 10 ton because it only has a good to satisfactory rating. Debris on the deck will cause deterioration, and that needs some attention. Long term repairs are needed, such as painting and the guide rails are not up to standards. A life expectancy for the Shady Lane Bridge is 17 years. MSX -2 **Harmony Hall Bridge** is a 41 ft. two way span. Settling at the edge of the road has created a need for some patching. There is no need to post this road at the present time. There are some cracked welds that will need to be repaired in the future. The bridge has a life expectancy of 20 years. MSX -3 **Mill Road Bridge** over the Letort was recently rebuilt. Erosion had occurred under the 26 ft span with a 5 ton weight limit, but conditions have improved since last inspection. The weight limit can be raised from 5 ton to 25 ton. Chief Sherman explained that there is nothing to be gained by raising the weight limit on Mill Road, because it doesn't go anywhere and the road is not in that good of shape. Signs need to be changed that say "One Lane Bridge" rather than "Narrow Bridge." Mr. Eppley asked if the County is doing anything about Wolfs Road Bridge. Mr. Rautzahn explained that the bridge has not appeared on the 4 year repair plan yet.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION – ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO REPEAL ARTICLE XVI (Planned Residential Development) – Mr. Carpenter explained that at the last Planning Commission Meeting a recommendation was made to the Supervisors to repeal the PRD Zoning Ordinance in Middlesex Township for the Country Club Road Area. This would give the Planning Commission more time to consider what changes need to be made in that area. Mr. Stabile explained that the Supervisors had listened to testimony on the Country Club Road area and the PRD and were asking the Planning Commission to consider making some recommendations for changes to that area. Mr. Stabile said we would consider repealing the Ordinance to make changes not simply to do nothing. Solicitor Brenneman explained that 14 days advertising notice is necessary for the Zoning Hearing Board to meet. Mr.

Stabile made a motion to advertise for a hearing on Tuesday, June 20th at 7:00 PM. Mr. Stabile made a motion that a hearing be held on Tuesday, June 20th, 2000, 7:00 PM to consider the repeal of the PRD Ordinance in Middlesex Township so that the Planning Commission can make further recommendations to the Supervisors as to how the Country Club Area should be planned. Mr. Shughart seconded that motion and it passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2000-9 CUMBERLAND/PERRY COUNTIES JOINT TASK FORCE ON TRANSPORTATION AND PLANNING – Mr. Carpenter explained what the task force is and what they hope to accomplish. Mr. Stabile asked if each of the municipalities was represented on the board. Mr. Carpenter assured him that the Townships do have representation and nothing is being required of those Townships at this time except support. Mr. Shughart made a motion to adopt Resolution 2000-9 in support of the Cumberland/Perry Counties Joint Task Force on Transportation and Planning. Mr. Stabile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2000-10 TOWNSHIP VISA - COMMERCE BANK – Mrs. Justh explained why the Township was changing from AT&T to a Commerce Bank credit card. Mr. Shughart made a motion to adopt Resolution 2000-10 for a VISA card through Commerce Bank. Mr. Stabile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PILOT TRAVEL CENTER LETTER OF CREDIT AND AS-BUILT DRAWINGS – Solicitor Brenneman wanted to give the Supervisors an update on the Pilot matter. Mr. Brenneman has tried to make contact with Pilot with a letter and a phone call. Finally, someone contacted him and they were working on the as-built drawings. They told Mr. Brenneman the as-built drawings were sent to Mr. Grove, but they were not as-built drawings they were in fact duplicates of plans the Township had from 1997. Mr. Brenneman called again and told them these drawings were not as-built drawings. The person Mr. Brenneman spoke to explained that it would be expensive to get as-built drawings and unless he could provide authority on the ordinance they did not intend to do as-built drawings. Mr. Brenneman provided a FAX of the ordinance and according to this person the as-built drawings would have to be bid and he would have to get back to Mr. Brenneman. Mr. Stabile asked what the value of as-built drawings were to the Township. Mr. Carpenter explained that, Mr. Grove was directed by the Supervisors to examine the as-built drawings and determine whether Pilot was in fact built to the recorded plans. As-built drawings would save Mr. Grove time and money if they were provided to him. Mr. Grove does have permission to go on Pilot Property when necessary. All three Supervisors agree that as-built drawings be required.

Chief Barry Sherman explained that an Ordinance needs to be adopted to **change the weight limit on the Shady Lane Bridge**. Mr. Shughart made a motion to write and advertise an Ordinance for a weight change on the Shady Lane Bridge. Mr. Stabile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Brenneman asked if the workshop meeting would be good for the Shady Lane Ordinance.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 am for Executive Session.