

MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
Supervisors Meeting
June 4, 2008

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

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Mr. Vic Stabile called the meeting to order at 7:00pm in the Middlesex Twp Building, by leading the pledge to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Julie Johnsen of 22 South Letort Drive wanted the Supervisors to know that her house is up for sale. She is very up set because her mother passed away last week and she has not vacated her house like her neighbors are saying. Mr. Stabile stated that from the Townships position that she has not taken care of her property, she has a hole in the roof, a camper that has not been moved for years, and a pool that has not been taken care of. Mr. Stabile continued with comments about the deplorable condition of that property and that the Township will wait no longer as she is in flagrant violation of the law. She told the Board that she has her house up for sale and she has three buyers. Mr. Stabile told her that she needs to have the person that purchases the house come to the Board, because they will only be given 90 days to bring the property up to code.

Mr. Morrison of 195 Clemson Drive stated that someone complained about the storing of wood on the property and he has a letter of the owner stating that it was allowed by the owner. Mr. Stabile asked Mr. Morrison if he received a letter from the Township and he stated that he received a verbal warning. Mr. Carpenter stated that he was the one that talked to him and he stated that the violation according to the Township Zoning Ordinance is storing wood on a lot is an accessory use to a main dwelling unit and the people that are storing the wood on the property to not have a dwelling unit on the property. Mr. Mike Pane of 6 Shover Drive stores his wood there and mows that property. Mr. Pane will have to cut trees down to find a place to store his wood. Mr. Stabile explained that an attempt is underway to clean up the township of outdoor storage. Complaints are going to be addressed according to Mr. Stabile. Mr. Brenneman stated that if you don't enforce an Ordinance it will be deemed allowed. Mr. Carpenter stated that your property needs to be contiguous to the property in question. Mr. Morrison wants to know why the wood along and in the creek is not cleaned up. That causes problem for the people that live along the creek. Chief Sherman explained that only the State can clean up the trees that have drifted down stream, the Township can

not.. Mr. Morrison also asked about the neighbors that shoot on Sunday at the Weary property. Mr. Carpenter explained that Mr. Weary purchased the Clemson farm and has it as a regulated hunting ground. Mr. Stabile asked Mr. Carpenter to contact Mr. Weary and ask him to be more considerate of his neighbors and the times of shooting on his property. Mr. Chuck Carlson also asked about getting the wood he just put most recently off the property. Mr. Carlson explained that he needs to get the wood off the property as soon as he can and not bring any more wood onto the property. Mr. Stabile suggested that the wood be cleared off the property by spring, so the lot can be restored. Wood can be stored on your property 20 feet from the side and 45 from the rear setbacks. They would like to cut wood on the property, but store on their own property. Mr. Carpenter asked the Board to take a look at the Ordinance and possibly make some changes that are needed. Dave Bear lives beside the property and states that the wood on the property is not a problem and he is concerned about who will do the mowing of the lot, because he will not do the mowing. Mr. Stabile stated that it needs to be handled this way, the wood needs to be used that is stored on the lot this year, and the wood that is dropped off must be cut and stored on your property and not left uncut on the lot. Mr. Stabile mentioned the new Burning Ordinance and the fact that it is on line if anyone wants to read it. Mr. Carlson asked about a structure on the lot. Mr. Carpenter stated that a structure could be placed on the lot, but only as an ancillary use. Mr. Carpenter suggested that a Biologist be contacted to determine if that lot is a wetlands. Mr. Stabile would like to know the results if they choose to contact a biologist about the possibly of wetlands.

Mr. Chuck Longenecker asked when the Township is going to patrol the **traffic signals** at the truck stops. Chief Sherman stated that the police are doing the best they can.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Larson made a motion to approve the minutes of May 7, 2008 meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Stabile and unanimously approved.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS – Mr. Larson made a motion to approve the bill list for May. Mr. Stabile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Solicitor – Mr. Brenneman stated an extension agreement for Kensington Development for their Preliminary Plan requires them to obtain an MPDES permit. They have been diligently pursuing that permit since June 6, 2007. This agreement will be an extension until December 31, 2008. There was a meeting with DEP on May 20, 2008, but as yet we haven't heard anything. Mr. Stabile made a motion to approve the extension to Kabro until December 31, 2008 for the MPDES permit from DEP and execute the agreement. Mr. Larson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The other item Mr. Brenneman wanted to discuss was the Wood Burning Ordinance Amendment and expanding the time to use the stoves from Labor Day to Memorial Day for the Workshop Agenda.

Mr. Stabile asked that the Sign Ordinance be placed on the agenda for the July 2nd meeting.

Engineer None

Police - Ordered to File - The Chief reported the 2 of the 3 suspects in the armed robbery have been arrested. Also he has assigned an officer to the junk vehicles and 15 have been removed.

Zoning - Ordered to File

Recreation – Mrs. Justh reported about the work that Mrs. Jumper is doing for playground and on the Splash Pad and the Composting Site. Mrs. Justh reported that hopefully we will have everything ready when DEP comes to do an inspection at our site and be able to submit the application on time.

Fire/EMC – Ordered to File

Municipal Authority – Mr. Stabile read the report from the Municipal Authority that they have finished the refinancing and have saved over \$300,000.00 yearly. The majority of the work is finished on South Middlesex Road and should be finished Friday. Still waiting on PPL to finish up and should be operational by September.

Secretary - None

OLD BUSINESS

Cumberland Recycling – Ms. Pam Fisher representing Cumberland Recycling stated that they had been before the Board some time ago and they are back with a revised plan. Mr. Stabile stated that some of the residents have complained about the treatment from the employees of Cumberland Recycling and how rudely they were treated. The owner stated that they are not perfect. The owner also stated that they are a locally owned and the facility will only be accepting items during regular hours and not an unattended drop off facility. They have made changes and they will go for a variance for outdoor storage, but not the same variance as before. Ms. Fisher stated that the containers will be below grade, with no building above ground. Mr. Stabile stated that their fear was that the containers would be near the property edge and people would throw it in. After hearing about the sketch, everyone was in agreement that the new sketch was better. Mr. Stabile stated that this is a better plan.

Uniform Construction Code Resolution Approval – Mr. Stabile made a motion to adopt the Resolution 2008-11 with respect to our Uniform Construction Code Appeals Board. Mr. Larson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Letter of Robert L. Kissinger, South Middleton Township – Mr. Brenneman explained the letter to the Board. Mr. Stabile made a motion that in response to the May 5, 2008 letter, from South Middleton Township Municipal Authority, regarding Dickinson Township purchasing 6.0 EDU from the Municipal Authority we decline to

purchase or agree to allow Dickinson to purchase it according to the Municipal Agreement. Mr. Larson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of Eric J. Donley to the Municipal Authority – Mr. Stabile made a motion to appoint Mr. Eric J. Donley to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Jack Blair until January 2012. Mr. Larson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Draft Zoning Ordinance Relating to Height and Set Back Restriction – Mr. Stabile explained that the ordinance is in the original draft form from when it was first looked at three years ago. Mr. Stabile asked Mr. Brenneman to look at the ordinance and see what changes need to be made.

Employee Handbook – Mr. Brenneman explained that these two handbooks, one with line corrections and without are the latest draft of the handbook. Mr. Stabile stated that he and Mr. Larson would like to wait until Mr. Geistwhite is back to go over the handbook. Mr. Stabile asked Mrs. Justh to see that this item is on the next agenda at the end of June. Mr. Brenneman will do a Resolution if the Board is inclined to adopt it at the next meeting. Mr. Stabile asked Mrs. Justh to place a meeting schedule on agenda for the next meeting.

Mr. Larson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm. Mr. Stabile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.