

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS MEETING
June 4, 2014**

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 7:00 p.m. in the Middlesex Township Building with Chief Beam leading the pledge to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Raik Patel of the Howard Johnson Inn on Harrisburg Pike stated that he has 70 rooms and proposed to the Supervisors being able to reopen a partially paved parking lot in order to provide parking for guests with large trucks. Mr. Patel stated that he would fence in the area and have security cameras as well. Mr. Carpenter stated that under the original plan the use had been previously excluded. The Supervisors would like additional time to research and study this matter.

Mr. Charlie Schubauer of 74 Prospect Drive has been having some issues with neighbors regarding their dogs not being fenced in and burning in a pit. He was present to inquire about dog laws and open burning. He was informed that owners do not have to have their dogs in a fenced in area because some people do use electric fences. Also, burning for recreational purposes is allowed such as in a fire pit.

Mr. Bob Blowser of Prospect Drive was inquiring as to why the Township will not pave their road and maintain it. Highway Superintendent Mr. Sherman informed him that it is a private road and that by law the Township can't maintain it.

Mr. John Murphy of Alpha Consulting Engineers proposed to the Supervisors a large housing development on approximately 90 acres between Claremont and North Old Stonehouse Roads and north and west of Tiffany Drive. The preliminary subdivision plan is contingent on the ability to obtain rezoning. Zoning Officer Mr. Carpenter stated that this area is currently zoned Residential Farm and would need to be rezoned to Residential Town and would require a change in the Township's Comprehensive Plan. Highway Superintendent Mr. Sherman said that if the development were to come through an upgrade to a nearby intersection would raise an issue. The Supervisors agree that this will be an improvement over what has been previously proposed for the area.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of May 7, 2014 and May 30, 2014.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the payments of the May 2014 bills.

REPORTS:

Solicitor – None.

Engineer – Absent. No report.

Police – Chief Sherman submitted the monthly Police Report. Report entered into record.

Zoning – Mr. Carpenter submitted the monthly Zoning Report. Report entered into record.

Recreation/Recycling Coordinator – Mrs. Jumper submitted the monthly Recreation Report. Report entered into record.

Fire/EMC – Chief Beam submitted the monthly Fire/EMC report. Report entered into record. Chief Beam continues to attend the weekly meetings for the Roundabout Project.

Municipal Authority – Chairman Geistwhite reported that all is going well with the Authority.

Manager – Mrs. Gault reported that the Pension Audit began on Monday. Tomorrow will be the exit conference in which the auditor will discuss any issues. Any of the Supervisors are welcome to attend. Mrs. Gault mentioned the award that Middlesex Township received from PSATS for the Intermunicipal Letort Spring Run Stormwater Management Project. Other recipients included South Middleton and North Middleton.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Letters of Support – South Middleton Connector Road: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Township Manager to submit a Letter of Support to PennDOT and DCED in regards to the proposed South Middleton Connector Road.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. The Board reconvened from executive session at 7:40 p.m. with no action being taken by the Board as a result of the Executive Session.

There was some discussion about the County selling the 80 acre plot located on Army Heritage Drive. This plot is located in Middlesex Township and is zoned RF (residential farm). The County would like the Supervisors to change the zoning in the area. The Supervisors are against any warehouses in that area especially when there is currently approximately 5.6 million sq. ft. of empty warehouses in this area. After much discussion, the Supervisors have agreed that County

Representatives need to come to a meeting to discuss what is being proposed to the County in that area.

There being no further business, on the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.