

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS MEETING**

June 7, 2023

7:00 p.m.

OFFICIALS PRESENT:	SUPERVISORS:	Chairman Donald S. Geistwhite, Jr. Vice-Chairman Steven Larson William H. Goodhart Keith O. Brenneman
	SOLICITOR:	Keith O. Brenneman
	PUBLIC SAFETY	
	DIRECTOR:	Chief Steve D. Kingsborough
	FIRE / EMC:	Chief Edwin Beam
	ZONING OFFICER:	Mark D. Carpenter
	ASST. CODES ENFORCEMENT/ MS4 COORDINATOR:	Gerald Steigleman
	ROADMASTER:	Zachary L. Zook
	MANAGER:	Eileen M. Gault
	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 Municipal Building, with Robert Horning, Jr. leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Bob & Frieda Bruce, 250 N. Old Stonehouse Road, were present for comments. Mr. Bruce mentioned the paving and why it was done the way that it was on N. Old Stonehouse Road. Roadmaster Zook stated that a thin layer of patching was done trying to get areas where the edge was broken up, however, looking back he wished he had done the whole thing to make it all look more finished and is hoping to do so this summer, at least the section that he had not finished.

Mr. Bruce also stated that the Toigo Farm Marijuana Plant filtration system is not working, and the stench is putrid. Mrs. Bruce stated that the Supervisors need to put some kind of regulations on this marijuana plant with the stench of an odor. Mrs. Bruce would like to know what the Supervisor will do about the odor and pollution that the plant outputs.

Mr. Dan Bowman, 109 Deer Lane was present to discuss the intersection of Deer Lane and Rt. 944. His understanding is that the primary option is to close Deer Lane and is wondering about the research and data analysis to arrive at that conclusion. Roadmaster Mr. Zook stated that a PennDOT Engineer checked site distances and determined that at the southern end of the intersection there is neither site distance and recommended a no left-hand turn or close the intersection down. Mr. Bowman asked if there was any consideration to installing a no left-hand turn sign on Rt. 944 going east or west bound, zero tolerance and targeted enforcement. PennDOT has done road markings on Rt. 944 and been approached about a roundabout, grading, etc., however, due to funding it isn't at the top of the list and stated that anything done on Deer Lane is the Township's responsibility.

MS4 / STORMWATER: Roadmaster Mr. Zook updated the Supervisors on the Anderson Park Project. Asst. Codes Enforcement Office Mr. Steigleman reported that a letter was received from Sunoco Pipeline that he sent just today to the Township Solicitor for review.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of the minutes for May 3, 2023, have been tabled until review from the Board.

On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was agreed by Chairman Geistwhite and Supervisor Goodhart to approve the minutes of May 19, 2023. Vice-Chairman Larson abstained due to his absence at the May 19, 2023, meeting.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the payments of the June 2023 bills.

REPORTS:

Solicitor – No report.

Engineer – Mr. Grove gave a presentation of the drainage way at the Days Inn that was used as a dump that the owner had been notified to cooperate and clean it up. The area full of debris has been covered with a netting and not cleaned and constructed for a proper drainage area. Mr. Grove was to prepare an estimate to clean and design properly from an engineering perspective to see how much debris there is and have a survey done for a price. Mr. Grove suggested the Supervisor go look at the location to get a true perspective of what is there. Township Solicitor Mr. Brenneman agrees with Mr. Grove that the Supervisors go and look at the location and discuss the issue further in an Executive Session because we are talking about strategy that could result in litigation.

Director of Public Safety – Chief Kingsborough submitted the monthly Police Report. Report entered into record.

Fire/EMC – Chief Beam submitted the monthly Fire Chief Report. Report entered into record. Chief Beam reported that he received information from the State Forestry Department that everything is on high alert, therefore, he recommends the Supervisors enact a Burn Ban for at least 30 days. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to enact a 30-day Burn Ban until further notice.

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

Codes Enforcement – Mr. Steigleman submitted the monthly Codes Enforcement Report. Report entered into record. He then reported that the Diamond of Carlisle also has an easement that stops at Days Inn and has debris blocking the drainage area. Country Manor enforcement letter was sent regarding the water issues.

Roadmaster – Mr. Zook submitted and briefly discussed the monthly Roadmaster Report. Report entered into record. Mr. Zook reported they did some grinding at the compost site at the beginning of the month, some mowing and spraying, and the opening of the Splash Pad.

Recreation/Recycling Coordinator – Mrs. Jumper submitted the monthly Recreation Director Report. Report entered into record. Township Manager mentioned that Summer Playground Program will begin on Monday, June 12, 2023.

Municipal Authority – Chairman Geistwhite reported that the Authority is doing well.

Manager – The Manager reported that the CCTB (Cumberland County Tax Bureau) tax comparison report shows that Middlesex Township is doing well even with the comparison of year to date. There was a brief discussion about the kind of vendors allowed at the Fall Festival. The Manager

then mentioned that a letter was received from Waste Management stating that WM will not be renewing the contract with the option to extend for one year the current contract which ends March 2024.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion and possible motion on Traffic Signal Agreement between Middlesex Township and South Middleton Township: Roadmaster Mr. Zook reported this is the traffic signal at the Connector Road, Army Heritage Drive and I81. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to execute the Traffic Signal Agreement between Middlesex Township and South Middleton Township.

Discussion and possible motion on appointing ATS as the consultant for the Traffic Signal Technologies Grant Project: Roadmaster Mr. Zook reported that he had applied for and received a grant through PennDOT and needs to select a consultant and is recommending ATS. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to appoint ATS (Atlantic Transportation System) as the consultant for the Traffic Signal Technologies Grant Project.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and possible motion on proposal of Ralph L. and Linda K. Deitch for addition to existing Agricultural Security Area of 114.85 acres being Tax Parcel 21-08-0573-014 at 320 South Middlesex Road: Zoning Officer Mr. Carpenter that the Deitch's purchased the Sunday Farm and would like to enter it into the Agricultural Security Area. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Township Solicitor Mr. Brenneman to prepare a Resolution for the addition of the 114.85 acres at 320 South Middlesex Road to be added to the Agricultural Security Area.

Discussion and possible motion on Permit Application for proposed display fireworks event to be held at 450 Sherwood Drive on July 14, 2023: Zoning Officer Mr. Carpenter reported that this application was received from Selfless Service, a non-profit organization, to have fireworks display event at 450 Sherwood Drive. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to approve the application subject to the Solicitor's review and approval.

Discussion and possible motion on request for reduction of Improvement Security for Cumberland Preserve Phase 1 Subdivision Plan: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to, acting on the written recommendation of Township Engineer, Bud Grove, in memorandum dated June 6, 2023, to approve the request for reduction of Improvement Security being held for the Final Major Subdivision Plan for Cumberland Preserve Phase 1, by \$639,294.37, from \$1,476,313.52 to \$837,019.15, subject to receiving the reduced amount of Improvement Security in a form acceptable to the Township Solicitor, and providing a copy of the updated financial security to the Township Engineer.

Discussion and possible motion to authorize the Roadmaster to advertise for line painting: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Roadmaster to advertise for line painting.

Discussion and possible motion to authorize the purchase of two (2) attachments for the JCB Hydradig – 28" bucket and pallet forks: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by

Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Roadmaster to purchase the 28” bucket and pallet forks for the JCB Hydradig.

Agenda Amendment: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to amend the agenda to move on the request of the applicant’s representative, Elizabeth C. Davison, PE of H. Edward Black and Associates, Ltd., to grant an extension of the maximum time period for action on the Revised Preliminary Subdivision Plan of Pine Hill Industrial Park until September 6, 2023. This item needed to be added to the agenda due to the last-minute request of the applicant’s representative and due to impending deadline on action required on the plan.

On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to grant an extension for action on the Revised Preliminary Subdivision Plan of Pine Hill Industrial Park until September 6, 2023.

SUPERVISOR / STAFF COMMENTS: Regarding a previous issue discussed, Zoning Officer Mr. Carpenter commented on the storm water management at Days Inn and Diamond of Carlisle. He suggested the Township deal with the storm water issue only and just have the property owner fix the stormwater channel on the Days Inn and Diamond of Carlisle property since they are on the same storm water channel.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 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 8:18 p.m. to an Executive Session for a personnel matter with no action to be taken as a result.