

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
WORKSHOP MEETING
June 24, 2011**

OFFICIALS PRESENT:	SUPERVISORS:	Chairman Victor P. Stabile Vice-Chairman Donald S. Geistwhite, Jr. Steve Larson
	POLICE CHIEF:	Chief Barry Sherman
	ZONING OFFICER:	Mark Carpenter
	MANAGER:	Eileen M. Gault
	FIRE CHIEF:	Ed Beam
OFFICIALS ABSENT:	SOLICITOR:	Keith O. Brenneman
	ENGINEER:	Bud Grove

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PILOT TRAVEL CENTER PARKING LOT CONGESTION: Mr. Ed Whalen a representative from Pilot Travel Center was present to discuss with the Supervisors the current issue regarding congestion in the parking lot. Chief Sherman had some photos showing the issue in question. The major concern was the ability of EMS to safely move throughout the parking lot if needed. There was much discussion of this matter with a suggestion of a possible fire lane coming off the Harrisburg Pike and through the parking lot. Mr. Whalen will report back to the corporate office and has been asked by the Supervisors to have a plan of correction for the August 3, 2011 meeting.

TEX VISIONS PRELIMINARY AND FINAL LAND DEVELOPMENT PLANS: Mr. Steve Quigley was present on behalf of Mr. Lutz with two (2) waiver requests. The first is a deferment from street trees so that the trees can be installed with land development approval of each individual lot development in Pine Hill Industrial Park, rather than with the completion of the road. This request is so that Mr. Lutz would not have to bond the trees and that would be the responsibility of each lot owner. The second request was for relief from the Township Engineer's request that the entire cul-de-sac be paved with asphalt as an emergency access drive to Harrisburg Pike. These waiver requests will now go before the Planning Commission for their review and comments.

PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT TO ALLOW FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION USE IN LI DISTRICTS: Mr. Doug Brehm and Mr. Mike Fraker on behalf of the Local Moose Lodge were present to request that a new defined use is included and added to the permitted uses in a Light Industrial District allowing National Fraternal or Benevolent Organizations. The Moose Lodge is currently in an Agreement of Sale to purchase property in Middlesex Township located in the LI District and would like to advance with construction of the new Moose Family Center for the Lodge. The Supervisors are in support of this and have asked Mr. Carpenter to co-ordinate with Mr. Brenneman to provide an example of a text amendment to the LI District to the Moose Lodge and have the Planning Commission review it.

SUNDAY BILLBOARD REQUEST: Paula Leicht, Attorney and Representative for Pat Lyons, the owner of Premiere Media, were both present to discuss the new wave of billboard advertising with LED signs. They are requesting an amendment to the ordinance and will need a special exception to alter an existing non-conforming billboard type sign. Although the Supervisors are in agreement with this concept they have asked that the brightness of the sign, how rapidly the sign changes and that the sign not be a distraction to be key points to address when submitting this request. The Supervisors have recommended that a formal application is submitted with a proposed amendment to be reviewed by them and the Planning Commission.

FUEL BID AWARD: Mr. Sherman reported that there was only one bid submitted for propane and no bids were received for the gas – diesel, and suggests that the Supervisors reject the bid due to bid specifications being incomplete. On the motion of Mr. Stabile, seconded by Mr. Geistwhite, it was unanimously agreed to reject the only bid for propane on the basis that the bid specification did not include the 10% bid bond.

On the motion of Mr. Stabile, seconded by Mr. Geistwhite, it was unanimously agreed to authorize Mr. Sherman to rebid for propane and gas in time for awarding at the August 3, 2011 meeting.

On the motion of Mr. Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Larson, it was unanimously agreed to cancel the July 29, 2011 Workshop Meeting due to scheduling conflicts.

On the motion of Mr. Stabile, seconded by Mr. Geistwhite, it was unanimously agreed to authorize Mr. Sherman to bid for Highway Line Painting in time for award at the August 3, 2011 meeting.

ZONING ORDINANCE DISCUSSION – VC ZONING DISTRICT: Mr. Keith Plaster from the Sports Emporium requested a permit to have a circus on his property the same week. In Mr. Carpenter's absence at the time, the Supervisors were forced into a discussion with no time for a meeting due to the emergency request. With concerns of any Sunshine Law issue this matter is being placed on record that although there was no formal request made with regards to this permit, it was rejected and denied on the basis that this type of activity is not permitted in that zoning district.

OTHER DISCUSSION: Mr. Geistwhite stated that he is recommending an adjustment to the emergency planning. This concern was a result of the recent rain storms, with one of the main problems being the generator at the Township and how it constantly shut down. Mr. Geistwhite expressed the need to replace the generator. He was also concerned with the matter of being without power on the Miracle Mile for more than 48 hours. After much discussion, Mr. Geistwhite expressed his gratitude to the Highway and Police Department and all the personnel involved for the phenomenal job they did in getting the roads opened on the Miracle Mile.

Mrs. Gault mentioned that the Township's Jumbo CD would be maturing and was requesting that the CD is moved to the Township Savings Account until the CD rates increase. On the motion of Mr. Stabile, seconded by Mr. Geistwhite, it was unanimously agreed to authorize Mrs. Gault to move the maturing CD into a savings account in order to get the same or better interest rate

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On the motion of Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Stabile, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:45 a.m. to discuss a personnel matter.

The Board adjourned from Executive Session at 9:58 a.m. On the motion of Mr. Stabile, seconded by Mr. Geistwhite, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the hiring of Colby Hurley as a full-time employee for the Highway Department, beginning July 15, 2011 starting at \$16.00 per hour plus standard Township employee benefits.

On the motion of Mr. Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Larson and there being no further business, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m.