

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
WORKSHOP MEETING
June 28, 2013**

OFFICIALS PRESENT: **SUPERVISORS:** Chairman Donald S. Geistwhite, Jr.
 William H. Goodhart
 POLICE: Chief Barry L. Sherman
 ZONING OFFICER: Mark D. Carpenter
 MANAGER: Eileen M. Gault
 ENGINEER: Bud Grove

OFFICIALS ABSENT: **SUPERVISOR:** Vice-Chairman Steve Larson
 SOLICITOR: Keith O. Brenneman

Chairman Geistwhite called the meeting to order at 7:34 am in the Middlesex Township Building.

PUBLIC HEARING: Chairman Geistwhite reported that the public hearing is on a proposed amendment to the Middlesex Township Zoning Ordinance to provide for changes to the timing of messages for Billboard Changeable Signs and Changeable Signs. Chairman Geistwhite mentioned the procedures followed prior to the hearing. The Zoning Ordinance presently requires messages on Billboard Changeable Signs to remain fixed for 20 seconds and on all other Changeable Signs to remain fixed for 15 minutes. The proposed ordinance would require both Billboard Changeable Signs and all other Changeable Signs to have messages that remain fixed for a minimum of 10 seconds. Mr. Larry Claycomb, Chairman of the Planning Commission was present and on behalf of the Planning Commission recommends that the proposed zoning ordinance amendment be revised to limit all changeable signs to a minimum of 20 seconds per message change. The Supervisors agreed with the Planning Commission recommendation and will direct Mr. Brenneman to make the changes and reschedule the public hearing. There being no further comments, Chairman Geistwhite declared the hearing closed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

MOOSE LODGE: Mr. Doug Brehm and Mr. Mike Fraker were present with the Final Land Development Plan for the Moose Lodge. The Planning Commission has recommended approval of the plan and all the waivers requested. Mr. Brehm is requesting a delay of the final execution and recording of the plan and posting of the construction escrow since they are not quite ready to begin the project. There was some discussion about the waiver for the Recreation Fee-in-Lieu since the Moose Lodge is a benevolent organization and already does a lot for the community. The Supervisors would like additional time to discuss this issue further and have asked that the Moose Lodge is put on the agenda for the July 3, 2013 Supervisors Meeting.

ZONING HEARING BOARD ALTERNATE MEMBER: Mrs. Gault discussed a letter received by a resident interested in fulfilling the vacancy for the Zoning Hearing Board Alternate Member. Mr. Carpenter has spoken briefly with the individual about the vacancy. The Supervisors have asked that the individual is contacted to meet with the Supervisors prior to the meeting on July 3, 2013.

MASU GROUP, LLC – REQUEST FOR REDUCTION OF IMPROVEMENT SECURITY: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Township Engineer to review the request for reduction of Improvement Security and to make a recommendation.

ROUTE 34 / SUNNYSIDE DRIVE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Township Manager to execute a letter of consistency for the Stormwater Management for the Route 34 / Sunnyside Drive Improvement Project.

There was a brief discussion on the anticipated improvement project.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE 1 – 2013 AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 3-89 ENACTED JUNE 30, 1989 WITH RESPECT TO THE FREQUENCY OF MESSAGE CHANGES FOR CHANGEABLE SIGNS: Since the Supervisors will make a change to this ordinance based on the Planning Commission recommendation, this proposed ordinance is being tabled until a further date and will have a different ordinance number.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2 – 2013 PROHIBITING THE USE OF CERTAIN ROADS AND HIGHWAYS BY TRUCKS, EXCEPT FOR LOCAL DELIVERIES: Since proposed Ordinance 1 – 2013 is being tabled until a further date, this ordinance will become Ordinance 1 – 2013. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to adopt Ordinance 1 – 2013 prohibiting the use of certain roads and highways by trucks at Keystone Arms, except for local deliveries.

Mr. Carpenter gave the Supervisors an update on the Cumberland Range Estate Plan. This is proposed for the Dunkleberger Farm located on N. Middlesex Road just before the Elementary School. It is 88 acres, with 43 acres of open space and ½ acre lots on both sides of the road. This isn't the original plan design but is fairly close to meeting the ordinance requirements.

There being no further business, on the motion of Mr. Goodhart, seconded by Chairman Geistwhite, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 a.m.