

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES
JULY 7, 2010**

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

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Mr. Stabile called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM in the Middlesex Township Building, with Mr. Beam leading the pledge to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Beam expressed his sympathy of the passing of a friend Mr. Jim McClafferty who regularly attended the meetings. With concurrence to Mr. Beam's expression of sympathy, Mr. Stabile stated that Middlesex Township notes the passing of a good friend and citizen Mr. Jim McClafferty and may he rest in peace.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS: On the motion of Mr. Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Larson, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the payment of the bills for July 9, 2010.

REPORTS:

Solicitor: None

Engineer: Absent

Police: Entered into record.

Zoning: Mr. Carpenter reported on the Zoning Permits issued for the month which were mainly for residential additions and swimming pools. Mr. Carpenter also presented a summary comparison of Building Permit activity for the first six (6) months from 2005 – 2010.

Recreation/Recycling Coordinator: Entered into record.

Fire/EMC: Mr. Beam reported about the Pilot oil fuel spill that had occurred from a runaway truck on July 2, 2010. Mr. Beam had checked on the spill on July 6, 2010 and found the oil still on the ground. Mr. Beam informed Pilot that they are responsible for the clean-up and had to contact DEP in order to get this process in motion. As of today, July 7, 2010 the spill has been cleaned up.

Mr. Beam then requested to have some clarification on open burning with regards to camp fires. At that time Chief Sherman informed Mr. Beam that all the calls are to be forwarded to him in the future with regards to this matter.

Mr. Beam reported a concern that he has regarding an issue occurring in the mobile home parks particularly Regency North & Country Manor. He stated that above ground fuel oil tanks are rusting out and leaking. There had been a couple of incidences where the oil had gotten into the stormwater. Mr. Carpenter stated that the fuel oil tanks are being replaced with gas tanks.

On June 5, 2010, Mr. Beam had received a call from the State Emergency Operations Center regarding a water treatment plant that had a discharge of 50,000 gallons into the creek when there was a power failure. Mr. Carpenter commented that this matter is regulated by DEP. Mr. Geistwhite asked Mr. Beam to discuss this matter with the Authority Manager, Mr. Morrison.

Mr. Beam then stated that he is starting to receive calls about natural gas lines that are rusting out underground and could be hazardous. Mr. Stabile clarified with Mr. Carpenter whether the Maintenance Ordinance would require property owners to maintain these lines. Mr. Carpenter stated that he has spoken to Mr. Beam about this matter and knew he was going to report about this matter. Mr. Carpenter will write a letter to the property owner and will forward the letter on to UGI as well.

Municipal Authority: Mr. Geistwhite reported that Well #1 has finally been approved and testing has begun. The Municipal Authority is now getting ready to monitor Rousek Spring.

Secretary: Mrs. Gault reported that the current one year contract with the energy provider will be expiring in January. Ninety, sixty and thirty days out from the expiration date the provider is supposed to send a reminder. Mrs. Gault has been in contact with a representative from the provider who is currently working on getting the best possible rates.

OLD BUSINESS:

CUMBERLAND GOODWILL EMS: Mr. Brian Metzger & Mr. Bobby Pine presented the six month review of the EMS provided to the residents of Middlesex Township with the response times being the obvious subject. The data presented was based on a variety of sources such as dispatch reports from the county, Cumberland Goodwill electronic patient care software report and the billing company. Some of the data compiled included the average ALS & BLS emergency response times as well as the non-emergency responses, the number of Middlesex Township residents that have membership subscriptions with Cumberland Goodwill and last but not least the types of dispatches responded to. In closing, Cumberland Goodwill feels that things are working fine as they are with the various EMS providers working together to service the residents of Middlesex Township.

Mr. Stabile commented that the Board of Supervisors were surprised and not happy that the EMS companies had split up, nor was it the business of the Supervisors as to why. Their main concern is whether the split is working, if quality of service is being compromised and to ensure that the residents of Middlesex are being taken care of.

WEST SHORE EMS: Mr. Paul Christopel reported that the previous month Mr. Nieves presented the Supervisors with their five month statistical report on the West Shore EMS response times in comparison to that of Cumberland Goodwill EMS. Per Mr. Stabile's request, Mr. Christopel was reporting on mutual aid given by West Shore EMS with actual calls and both units responding to the calls. Mr. Christopel feels co-ordination is working between the companies and has not heard of any problems. Mr. Christopel noted that anytime both companies are on the scene together the issues if any have been handled professionally.

Mr. Stabile asked both companies if at this point there are issues that the Supervisors need to address and if there are any concerns they need to know about. Mr. Christopel commented that although Mr. Pine from Cumberland Goodwill was fine with how things are going, he was not satisfied with the current situation and how the Township is divided.

Mr. Beam then stated that he feels that everyone needs to look at the whole picture rather than getting hung up on particular incidences. Mr. Beam feels that data can be manipulated and is concerned that the information provided in these reports is not taking into consideration emergency versus non-emergency calls, road & bridge closures as well as weather which can all hinder data. Mr. Beam feels that the current situation is working well and that there is room for improvement.

After much discussion, Mr. Geistwhite stated that he will meet with Fire Chief Beam & Chief of Police Sherman to review the data provided by the companies and then give their recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

NEW BUSINESS:

FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT: North Middleton, New Kingstown and Shermansdale Fire Companies had submitted their Fire Protection Agreements for approval by the Board of Supervisors. On the motion of Mr. Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Larson it was unanimously agreed to approve the Fire Protection Agreement with North Middleton Township Fire Company in the amount already approved in the 2010 budget. On the motion of Mr. Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Larson it was unanimously agreed to approve the Fire Protection Agreement with New Kingstown Fire Company in the amount already approved in the 2010 budget. On the motion of Mr. Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Larson it was unanimously agreed to approve the Fire Protection Agreement with Shermansdale Fire Company in the amount already approved in the 2010 budget.

PA WAYFINDING SIGN PLAN: Mr. Geistwhite reported that the signs that are seen on the state highway with businesses/names on them must now be paid for by the businesses/name and the payment will be placed in a trust fund for maintenance of the signs. On the motion of Mr. Stabile, seconded by Mr. Geistwhite, it was unanimously agreed to authorize Mrs. Gault to send a letter to the Cumberland Valley Visitors Bureau on behalf of the Supervisors in support of the PA Statewide Wayfinding Signage Program dated July 20, 2010.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On the motion of Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Stabile, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:34 P.M. to discuss possible litigation.

The Board adjourned from Executive Session at 8:50 P.M. On the motion Mr. Stabile, seconded by Mr. Geistwhite, in connection to the six (6) month review of the Manager's job performance, it was unanimously agreed to increase Mrs. Gault's salary to \$51,000.00 retroactive to July 1, 2010, as originally stated in the job interview.

The next meeting will be Friday, July 30, 2010 at 7:30 AM. There being no further business, upon the motion of Mr. Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Larson it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 P.M.