

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
WORKSHOP MEETING
July 31, 2009**

OFFICIALS PRESENT:	SUPERVISORS:	Vic Stabile Don Geistwhite Steve Larson
	SOLICITOR:	Keith Brenneman - Absent
	ENGINEER:	Bud Grove - Absent
	POLICE:	Chief Barry Sherman
	ZONING OFFICER:	Mark Carpenter
	SECRETARY:	Mary Justh

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

LINE STRIPING BID-OPENING – Mr. Stabile stated that there were four companies that presented responsive bids for the Line Striping and it looked like the low bidder was Ross Industries, Inc. Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to award the Line Striping Bid for 2009 to Ross Industries, Inc. at the low bid of \$20,387.00. Mr. Larson seconded the bid and it passed unanimously. Mr. Stabile also stated that a 2001 Crown Vic. was up for bid. Mr. Geistwhite made the motion to award the bid of \$1,722.00 for the 2001 Crown Vic. to Ed Beam. Mr. Larson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

BENECON – Kathy Charles representing Benecon explained to the Board why the new materials were being presented to the Township. The new items are the Plan Document and the Benefit Detail and why the Board should adopt them. In 2006 Middlesex Township went from a co-operative to a self-funded health insurance with stop gap insurance coverage. Capital Blue Cross is still the administrator for the claims. We kept this certificate of coverage and it didn't necessarily apply to all the groups. There are certain things that must be the same, but not all of the other things, such as domestic partners, had to be covered by all the members of the group. Regulations that govern the Township fall under the Federal Government. Mr. Stabile asked if there could be changes made to the plan. Basically the changes are limits to deductible and things like that, not to the benefits that have been agreed upon by the members. Mr. Stabile asked Mrs. Justh and Chief Sherman if they had examined the plan. Mr. Stabile asked how we can save money. Ms. Charles suggested several ways to save money. Check with the wellness director and she can make some suggestions for the group. Mr. Stabile asked Kathy to provide the documents for Wednesday's meeting.

CARLISLE TRUCK STOP CHAPLAIN MINISTRY – Mr. Stabile asked Mr. Carpenter about the Truck Stop Ministry. Mr. Carpenter stated that the Land Development Plan would not be recorded, but after talking to Jeff Kelly we would not record it. Mr. Stabile suggested that this item be placed on the agenda for the Supervisors' Meeting on Wednesday August 5th.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY ENERGY EFFICIENCY OR CONSERVATION PROJECT GRANT APPLICATION – Ed Bramwell suggested that an Engineer would have to look into this before we could proceed. Ed said the boiler is a fuel hog. Mr. Stabile asked if there is something we should do, let's find out what we can do. Mrs. Justh stated that if it is energy efficient and saves money we can try. Mr. Stabile asked Chief Sherman if he would be interested in helping to work up the grant. Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to authorize both the Township and the Municipal Authority to take an inventory of the Township's energy needs in order to identify any projects that may qualify for this grant project from the state, so the application can be filed by August 14, 2009 for a more energy efficiency. Mr. Larson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

GREY GOOSE CIRCLE RELEASE OF SECURITY – Chief Sherman stated that the roadway looks good. Mrs. Justh reported that action must be taken because the CD will come due on August 11, 2009. The item was tabled until a report at the August 5th meeting is given by the Township Engineer on the condition of Grey Goose Circle.

PETRO/TA TRUCK STOPS OF AMERICA – Mr. Stabile reported on what has transpired with the condition of the water problem with the pond at Petro. Mr. Grove has been in contact with Petro in an effort to correct this problem. Mrs. Justh will find out if Mr. Grove has contacted Petro before we proceed.

WINDMILL ORDINANCE – Mr. Carpenter reported on the progress of the Planning Commission on the Windmill Ordinance and stated that a draft will be presented to the Board soon. After some discussion Mr. Stabile stated that he is pleased to see this moving forward.

PENNDOT TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE LETTER – Chief Sherman explained that we already do all this work and maintenance for the Traffic Signals. There was a discussion about the number of traffic signals and the cost, also about the number of signals we pay for and the number that we are reimbursed for. Mr. Stabile asked Mr. Brenneman to write another letter about the authority and legal basis for state highway and the cost becoming the Township's responsibility. .

2008 AUDIT FOR MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY – Mrs. Justh asked if anyone wanted to see it or should it be ordered to file.

Mrs. Justh reported that she had received the **uncollectable per capita taxes** from Statewide amounting to over \$8,000.00. Mr. Stabile asked if this was just for last year. Mrs. Justh reported that the report went back to 1998.

Mrs. Justh gave the Board a copy of a letter from the Assessment Board. Mr. Stabile asked if **Bonnie Mahoney** would be able to come in and talk to the Board about the letter from the County. Mr. Stabile said his problem is with the whole reassessment, not with the process.

Mr. Stabile asked if anyone had heard from Scot Industries. Mr. Carpenter Mr. Coffee stated that he is still in touch with **Scot Industries**, but nothing from the gentlemen that wanted to work with the blow up domes.

Mr. Stabile would like a copy of the **2010 Budget** for the August 28th Meeting and a comparison of the 2008 and 2009. Mr. Geistwhite told the Board that his thoughts are a Safety Tax, like \$10.00 a head. Mr. Larson asked if there was any other way we could raise money. There was some discussion about weighing trucks.

Chief Sherman told the Board that he will be **oil and chipping** rather than blacktopping because of the expense of paving.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – The meeting was adjourned to executive session at 9:35 for a personnel matter.