

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
WORKSHOP MEETING
July 31, 2015**

OFFICIALS PRESENT:	SUPERVISOR:	Chairman Donald S. Geistwhite, Jr. Vice-Chairman Steve Larson William H. Goodhart
	SOLICITOR:	Keith O. Brenneman
	POLICE:	Chief Barry L. Sherman
	ZONING OFFICER:	Mark D. Carpenter
	MANAGER:	Eileen M. Gault

OFFICIALS ABSENT: **ENGINEER:** Bud Grove

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Stanley Tarka of 210 Old Stonehouse Road was present to discuss excess speeding and large trucks on Stonehouse Road. He would appreciate some target enforcement from the police department and recommended the enforcement between the hours of 7:15 and 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 and 5:30 p.m. Mr. Tarka stated that he appreciates the Ordinance that prohibits the use of Appalachian Drive by trucks except for local deliveries.

MIKE PERRY, AHEC, I-81 INTERCHANGE AT ARMY HERITAGE DRIVE: Mr. Mike Perry, Army Heritage Center (AHEC) Executive Director, first stated that he would like to thank the Township for paving Army Heritage Drive. Mr. Perry then stated that he was present to discuss a proposed full interchange at Interstate 81 on Trindle Road. The interchange will improve access to the Army War College and may increase visitation to AHEC. Mr. Perry is meeting with the municipalities that may be impacted by this interchange and is looking for their support. The estimated cost of one interchange could be between \$20 to \$40 million dollars. Mr. Perry is looking at multiple ways to acquire funding through a Department of Defense (DOD) program that allows for road improvements. The Supervisors support the idea, but do not want to use tax payer dollars to fund the project.

TPF 15-4, CV COMMONS PRELIMINARY SUBDIVISION PLAN, REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF REVIEW TIME UNTIL DECEMBER 15, 2015: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to accept the request for extension of review time on the Preliminary Subdivision and Land Development Plan for Cumberland Valley Commons until December 15, 2015.

MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT: The Township Manager stated that after meeting with the Authority Manager it is their recommendation that the Building Maintenance Account limitation balance of \$100,000 is removed and that contributions by both parties to the account will continue per the agreement. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Solicitor to amend the Building Maintenance Agreement removing the limitation to the account balance cap so that funding is collected and available for future use.

Chairman Geistwhite briefly discussed that at the Joint Meeting between the Municipal Authority and the Township, it was agreed that the two parties would work together to implement the MS4 permitting when the notification is received by the Township.

Chairman Geistwhite asked how the Township clean-up was going. The Township Manager stated that the Assistant Zoning Officer Gerald Steigleman has been efficient and timely with responding to any complaints and or clean up issues regarding overgrown weeds, unregistered vehicles, etc. and other minor violations. Chairman Geistwhite then asked when the Western Sizzlin issue will be addressed and if there was anything that can be done? The Zoning Officer Mr. Carpenter stated that issue is on him and he is so overwhelmed with what he is currently trying to do and will try to get on the owners. Chairman Geistwhite asked if they could be fined and whether letters to address the issue have been sent to them. Mr. Carpenter asked what the letters would be for and what would be cleaned up. Chairman Geistwhite asked Mr. Carpenter if he has looked at the building. Supervisor Goodhart stated that the weeds all around the building are huge and is probably the only thing holding the building up. Mr. Carpenter stated that "Gerry (Mr. Steigleman) can send out the letter for the weeds since that's his thing". Chairman Geistwhite then stated that this is the same with the SAC Building. Chief Sherman then stated that there are people staying in the Western Sizzlin all the time and it is not even safe for the Officers to go in and remove them.

The Zoning Officer stated that Turkey Hill representative contact him and they are conducting a Phase I Environmental. The representative did not say what they are doing whether they were going to reopen or sell.

The Solicitor Mr. Brenneman stated that the Supervisors had directed him to do an Ordinance to address the Planning Commission's comments involving changes to zoning. There were some attorneys interested in the process from the beginning. Mr. Brenneman sent at least three (3) e-mails on July 2, 2015 and finally received a follow up response with proposed additional changes. The Solicitor recommends that the changes are made and then sent back to the Planning Commission for further review. The Ordinance will then come back to the Supervisors and a Public Hearing can be scheduled.

The Zoning Officer mentioned that Middlesex United Methodist Church is in the process of doing a \$350,000 expansion adding restrooms, an elevator and a front entry.

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 8:35 a.m.