

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS MEETING
August 3, 2016**

OFFICIALS PRESENT: SUPERVISORS: Chairman Donald S. Geistwhite, Jr.
Vice-Chairman Steven Larson
William H. Goodhart
SOLICITOR: Keith O. Brenneman
DIRECTOR OF
PUBLIC SAFETY: Barry L. Sherman
ZONING OFFICER: Mark Carpenter
MANAGER: Eileen M. Gault
FIRE CHIEF: Ed Beam

OFFICIALS ABSENT: ENGINEER: Bud Grove

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Chairman Donald S. Geistwhite, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Middlesex Township Building, with Mr. Sherman leading the pledge to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ms. Susan Jumper, 247 N. Middlesex Road was present to discuss the possibility of marking a school zone area for Middlesex Elementary School. Mr. Brenneman stated that if it were a state road, PennDot would not put up any warnings for a school zone unless there were pedestrians and that township roads would possibly have to meet state regulations to allow a school zone and the associated markings. Mr. Sherman will look into this issue further.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the payments of the July 2016 bills.

REPORTS:

Solicitor – No report.

Engineer – Absent. No report.

Police – Director Sherman submitted the monthly Police Report. There was a brief discussion of the report. Report was entered into record.

Zoning – Mr. Carpenter submitted the monthly Zoning Report. There was a brief discussion of the report. Report was entered into record. Mr. Carpenter discussed a proposed used car lot business going in at 1099 Harrisburg Pike. Mr. Carpenter mentioned attending the 2016 PA Building Official Conference in September.

Recreation/Recycling Coordinator – Mrs. Jumper submitted the monthly Recreation Report. Report entered into record.

Fire/EMC – Chief Ed Beam submitted the monthly Fire Report. Report was entered into record. Chief Beam reported that he had received a call from County Control regarding a complaint of a diesel fuel spill by Advanced Disposal Service on Conrad Road. DEP was notified of the situation. Advanced Disposal was cooperative and remediated the area immediately.

Municipal Authority – Chairman Geistwhite reported that there was some concern of turbidity issues at well. Things are in motion for amending the Roadway Cut Permit Ordinance.

Manager – The Manager reported that a letter was received from Mrs. Shatto on Ridge Avenue thanking Terry and Brian from the Highway Department for doing a wonderful job clearing out the tall brush, weeds and a tree along an embankment.

Act 205 of 1984 requires the Public Employee Retirement Commission to make distress determinations for all municipalities. Middlesex has a distress score of 0 which means a sound pension plan. To obtain a 0 the funded ratio of the pension plans must be at 90% or greater. Middlesex is at 115%. Distress scores do not affect the amount of state aid.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Sherman reported that on the North South corner of Bernheisel Bridge Road that was paved, there are issues with mud puddles when it rains that go across the road. There will be issues in the winter with ice if not corrected. Mr. Sherman has contacted Mr. Kirk Stoner, County Planning Director. Mr. Stoner is unsure how they will handle the problem at this time since the contractor has already been paid.

Mr. Sherman then reported that on average there are 40-80 homeless people a night staying at the hotels/motels parking lots. Truck stops are allowing people to stay in campers in the parking lots. There was some discussion about the vacant Hotel Carlisle property and what could be done about the blighted area. Mr. Carpenter has contacted the owner about maintaining the property, blocking the entrance and posting no trespassing so action can be taken.

Mr. Carpenter reported that the Dollar General will be opening on Monday. He also reported that the Pine Hill Center sold to another printing business.

Mrs. Gault reported that the Carlisle Circulator funding partners had a meeting and shared the same sentiment that the Circulator pilot project was not meeting expectations. They will meet again in September/October and if it is decided to shut it down, they would announce it in early 2017 so that users can transition to another mode of transportation. If the circulator were to continue, local support from each partner would increase due to paying union driver rates of \$25-\$27 per hour versus the agreed upon rate of \$15-\$16 for the initial Circulator pilot project.

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 7:50 p.m.