

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS MEETING
August 4, 2021**

OFFICIALS PRESENT:	SUPERVISORS:	Chairman Donald S. Geistwhite, Jr.
	VICE-CHAIRMAN	Steven Larson
		William H. Goodhart
	SOLICITOR:	Keith O. Brenneman
	PUBLIC SAFETY	
	DIRECTOR:	Chief Steve D. Kingsborough
	ZONING OFFICER:	Mark D. Carpenter
	ASST. CODES ENFORCEMENT/	
	MS4 COORDINATOR:	Gerald Steigleman
	ROADMASTER:	Zachary L. Zook
	FIRE / EMC:	Chief Edwin Beam
	MANAGER:	Eileen M. Gault
	ENGINEER:	Bud Grove

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Stanley Tarka, 210 N. Old Stonehouse Road, provided comments for consideration on the American Rescue Plan Funding Discussion. (see attached)

MS4 / STORMWATER: Roadmaster Mr. Zook reported that the swale part of Project #6 has been completed, with the Rain Garden portion yet to completed. Carrol from Skelly & Loy almost has the GIS completed and is setting up the users.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of June 2, 2021.

On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of July 16, 2021.

On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of July 27, 2021.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the payment of the bills for August 2021.

REPORTS:

Solicitor – No report.

Engineer – Mr. Grove reported that the on July 14 he did an inspection at Blue Beacon and found that the retention basin is in need of maintenance. We are currently holding LOC in the amount of \$121,050, which will expire September 13th. Blue Beacon has been notified of the corrections needed. Mr. Grove then reported that Mr. Tiday of Appalachian Estates had contacted him after all the agreements/documents were signed and he has yet to hear from him again regarding the road paving.

Township Solicitor Mr. Brenneman will follow up with Mr. Tiday's attorney on the schedule and confirmation on the road paving. Mr. Grove stated that he is putting together a proposal for some changes he feels are needed for the Stormwater Management Ordinance.

Director of Public Safety – Chief Kingsborough discussed and submitted the monthly police report. Report entered into record. Chief Kingsborough reported that the fraud investigation number is up this month, mostly due to unemployment compensation frauds.

Zoning – Mr. Carpenter discussed and submitted the monthly Zoning Report. Report entered into record.

Codes Enforcement – Mr. Steigleman discussed and submitted the monthly Codes Enforcement Report. Report entered into record.

Roadmaster – Mr. Zook discussed and submitted the monthly Highway Department Report. Report entered into record.

Recreation/Recycling Coordinator – Mrs. Jumper submitted the monthly Recreation Director Report. Report entered into record. Mrs. Gault mentioned that the Fall Festival is scheduled for September 18th.

Fire/EMC – Chief Beam discussed and submitted the monthly Fire Chief Report. Report entered into record.

Municipal Authority – Chairman Geistwhite reported the following:

1. The Authority continues to work on drainage site mapping and to also develop a Zone 2 wellhead protection area around Well #1.
2. The Authority has received its permit from DEP for the emergency inter-connect between Middlesex Township Municipal Authority and Pennsylvania American Water. Construction of the meter vault will begin in the very near future. The inter-connect will be located near ABF Freight. The inter-connect will allow both water systems to use water from each other's water source in the event of an emergency condition.
3. The Authority staff has met with the developer for the Cumberland Preserve Development and are nearing completion of the pump station design for this project.
4. Authority & Township Staff have completed the 2" low pressure sewer force main extension along Hollowbrook Road for a home currently under construction at 365 Hollowbrook Road.

Manager – Mrs. Gault reported that a letter had been received from Waste Management notifying the Township of their intent to not extend the current contract for an additional one-year period beginning April 1, 2022. This means that the Township will be going out for bid at the end of the year. The Staff will be working with the Township Solicitor Mr. Brenneman on the pre-bid meeting schedule and bid specifications.

OLD BUSINESS:

Award Line Striping Bid: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to award the Line Striping Bid to Alpha Space Control for double yellow at 0.13 per ft. and single line at .065 per ft. for a total project cost of \$41,535.00.

American Rescue Plan Funding Discussion: Township Manager reported that she received from the Township Solicitor a recommendation of a consulting firm, Axelrod Zelenkofske, LLC, who submitted a proposal in the amount \$19,375.00. She is requesting time to get some clarifications on the services listed.

Chief Beam is suggesting the Supervisors consider the Fire Companies when deciding how to allocate the funds. Since the Fire Companies rely on fund raisers and with the Country being shut down, many of the fund raisers did not take place as usual. It was also mentioned to consider pre-emptive devices on the traffic lights. After much discussion, it was decided to wait until the questions have been answered from the proposed consulting firm.

NEW BUSINESS:

Final Minor Lot Addition and Subdivision Plan for Dirk J. & Babette L. Madison and Victor J. & Shirley A. Madison: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to approve waivers of the following sections of the Middlesex Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance No. 8-2017 (SLDO) for the Final Minor Lot Addition and Subdivision Plan for Dirk J. & Babette L. Madison and Victor J. & Shirley A. Madison, subject to providing written request and justification for each waiver and listing the waivers on the cover sheet of the plan set.

1. [SLDO 501.A.25.b.] – Requirement to show wetlands on plan.
2. [SLDO 501.A.6.] – Requirement for maximum location map scale of 1' to 1000'.
3. [SLDO 503.A.4.] – Requirement for wetland delineation report.
4. [SLDO 501.B.4.] – Requirement for on-lot sewage disposal system replacement area testing.
5. [SLDO 707.A.1.] – Requirement for installation of sidewalks, with required note on plan.
6. [SLDO 708.A.] – Requirement for installation of curbing, with required note on plan.
7. [SLDO 719.C.6.a.3.] – Requirements for Landscape Street Trees on Spring Road frontage.

On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to approve the Final Minor Lot Addition and Subdivision Plan for Dirk J. & Babette L. Madison and Victor J. & Shirley A. Madison, subject to the following conditions:

1. That the applicant satisfies all comments of the Township Engineer, Bud Grove of Skelly & Loy, Inc. in written review dated 04-23-2021 in a manner acceptable to the Township Engineer, subject to his final review.
2. That the applicant satisfies all comments of the Cumberland County Planning Department, in written report dated 04-07-2021 for plat number 21-36, subject to final review by the Township Zoning Officer.
3. That the site location be marked more clearly on the Location Map on Sheet 1.
4. That the applicant enter into a Right-Of-Way Agreement for the common access driveway, subject to review and approval of the Township Solicitor.

Final Minor Subdivision Plan for Roland and Dolores Fenton: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed with respect to sewage facilities planning for the Final Minor Subdivision Plan for Roland and Dolores Fenton, we accept this plan as a non-building lot subdivision and concur with use of the DEP form request for planning waiver & non-building declaration for proposed Lot 1, located in Silver Springs Township.

On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to approve waivers of the following sections of the Middlesex Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance No. 8-2017 (SLDO), for the Final Minor Subdivision Plan for Roland and

Dolores Fenton, subject to providing written request and justification for each waiver and listing the waivers on the cover sheet of the plan set.

1. [SLDO 501.A.25.b.] – Requirement to show wetlands on plan.
2. [SLDO 501.B.9.m.] – Requirement for showing sight distances at driveway.
3. [SLDO 503.A.4.] – Requirement for wetland delineation report.
4. [SLDO 601.G.] – Requirement for topographic survey at one (1) foot contour intervals.
5. [SLDO 707.A.1.] – Requirement for installation of sidewalks, with required note on plan.
6. [SLDO 708.A.] – Requirement for installation of curbing, with required note on plan.
7. [SLDO 719.C.6.a.3.] – Requirements for Landscape Street Trees on Spring Road frontage.

On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to approve the Final Minor Subdivision Plan for Roland and Dolores Fenton, subject to the following conditions:

1. That the applicant satisfies all comments of the Township Engineer, Bud Grove of Skelly & Loy, Inc. in written review dated 06-18-2021 in a manner acceptable to the Township Engineer, subject to his final review.
2. That the applicant satisfies all comments of the Cumberland County Planning Department, in written report dated 6-9-2021 for plat number 21-065, subject to final review by the Township Zoning Officer.
3. Subject to Silver Springs Township approval and signature of the plan.

Final Subdivision Plan for Hickory Ridge: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed with respect to sewage facilities planning for the Final Subdivision Plan for Hickory Ridge, we approve the Sewage Facilities Planning Module for submission to PA DEP, subject to their review and approval.

On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to approve waivers of the following sections of the Middlesex Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance No. 8-2017 (SLDO), for the Final Subdivision Plan for Hickory Ridge, subject to providing written request and justification for each waiver and listing the waivers on the cover sheet of the plan set.

1. [SLDO 307.C.] – Requirement for separate Preliminary Plan.
2. [SLDO 501.A.25.b.] – Requirement to show wetlands on plan.
3. [SLDO 703.I.5.] – Requirement for single driveway for each lot, to allow second driveway on proposed Lot 2.
4. [SLDO 707.A.1.] – Requirement for installation of sidewalks, with required note on plan.
5. [SLDO 708.A.] – Requirement for installation of curbing, with required note on plan.
6. [SLDO 719.B.3.] – Requirements for Final Landscape Plan certified by a professional Landscape Architect.
7. [SWMO 303.d.4.A.2.] – For proposed drainage area 3 only, waive requirement that agricultural sites shall use a ground cover of pasture in good condition, to allow stormwater runoff volume control and rate control calculations using ground cover of meadow good condition based on actual site conditions.

On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to approve the Final Subdivision Plan for Hickory Ridge, subject to the following conditions:

1. That the applicant satisfies all comments of the Township Engineer, Bud Grove of Skelly & Loy, Inc. in written review dated 06-25-2021 in a manner acceptable to the Township Engineer, subject to his final review.

2. That the applicant satisfies all comments of the Cumberland County Planning Department, in written report dated 6-10-2021 for plat number 21-064, subject to final review by the Township Zoning Officer.
3. That the applicant enters into a Developer's Agreement with Middlesex Township regarding required public improvements and posts financial security for required public improvements for this plan with the Township in an amount acceptable to the Township Engineer and form acceptable to the Township Solicitor, prior to the plans being signed by the Township and released for recording.
4. That per Section 705. E.2.b. of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance No. 8-90, as amended, the applicants pay to Middlesex Township the required fee in lieu of dedication of park and recreation areas for the residential subdivision of \$750 per swelling unit x 8 lots approved for construction of swelling units = \$6,000 total, prior to the plans being signed by the Township and released for recording.
5. That the applicant obtains and NPDES Permit for the development project on this plan, prior to the Township signing and releasing the plan for recording.
6. That the applicant prepares and record a Stormwater Management Operation and Maintenance plan for the development, in accordance with SWMO Article V and SWMO Sections 302.F.303.C.9, in a form acceptable to the Township Engineer and the Township Solicitor.
7. That, when plans are released by Middlesex Township for recording at the Cumberland County Office of the Recorder of Dees, the applicant records all plan sheets of the plan set.

Bridge Replacement Project S.R. 34: Mr. Carpenter reported that a letter was received from Macnik Engineering Firm regarding the Bridge Replacement Project on S.R. 34 on behalf of PENNDOT. They need Middlesex to confirm that we have a Stormwater Management Ordinance and a Floodplain Management Ordinance and they will work to meet these Ordinances. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to execute the document stating that Middlesex Township has a Stormwater Management Ordinance and a Floodplain Management Ordinance.

Chief Ed Beam reported that he was notified through County EMA of this project. One thing Chief Beam submitted a concern to regarding this project was the traffic plan that they had. He has yet to hear of a revision of the traffic plan as of yet.

There being no further business, on the motion of Chairman Geiwshite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Comments for Consideration on American Rescue Plan Funding Discussion

Stanley M. Tarka, Jr.

August 4, 2021

Good evening and thanks for the opportunity to briefly speak on this subject and provide some additional points for your consideration in usage of the funds provided to Middlesex Township.

I understand that Middlesex Township will receive a total of \$732,710.61 with 50% provided this year and the remainder withing the next 2 years.

Further, just to refresh the BOS, the CVSD is receiving \$3,199,531.62

Carlisle Borough is receiving \$9, 657,414.96

AND Cumberland County is set to receive \$49,139,551.25

I recognize that the BOS will hire a consultant experienced with how to use these funds and assist the Township in ensuring that the necessary forms are filed as needed to demonstrate that the Township used the funds for acceptable purposes.

What I would like you to consider in determining the best use of this one-time gift to our Township is that it will look closely at how best these monies will be used to benefit the citizens of the township.

Two points that do concern me deals with physical funding of a new radio system for both our police and our Fire department both of which I strongly support.

When I call the emergency 911 number, I do not get the Middlesex Township police directly, instead, I reach the County who then dispatches this call to Middlesex. Given that Cumberland County is the central control point in contacting law enforcement In the Townships I think that the County should bear equal responsibility for contact costs including new dispatching radios.

At a minimum, given that they are receiving **\$49,139,551.25** from the American Rescue Plan Funding, these radio costs should be shared equally.

Relative to Fire Department needs, all residents in the Township pay a separate fee on their local taxes for Fire support so I think you need to carefully consider any funding requests relative to other needs that will benefit all of the citizens of Middlesex Township.

I ask that you consider these points in your discussion on this Agenda item.

Thank you.