

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS MEETING
August 5, 2009**

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

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Chairman Vic Stabile called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM in the Middlesex Twp Building with Mr. Don Geistwhite leading the pledge to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT – In attendance was Bonnie Fields one of Middlesex Township's representatives to the Letort Authority.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 26 June, and 1 July – Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to approve the minutes of June 26. Mr. Larson seconded that motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to approve the minutes of July 1 with Mr. Stabile adding the caveat of a correction on Line Painting as recommended by Mr. Larson. Mr. Larson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS – July Bill List – Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to approve payment of the July bills. Mr. Larson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Solicitor – None

Engineer – None

Police – Chief Sherman reported on a rape in the Township and the arrest made in conjunction with the rape.

Zoning – Mr. Carpenter reported on Mountain View Trailer Park and how bad the sewage problem is at that location. After Mr. Costopoulos received a letter from Mr. Brenneman about the problem he has notified some of his tenants of changes that are going to be made. An alarm system has been installed because of the failing Holding tank. If it isn't pumped regularly it will back up into the homes and the alarm will sound.

Recreation – The report was ordered to file, but Mrs. Justh pointed out that the Letort Falls Grant money has changed from \$14,900.00 to \$32,690 pending final approval from DCNR.

Fire/EMC – Ordered to File.

Municipal Authority – Mr. Geistwhite reported on the spring near the Cumberland County Prison and the testing being done by ARM is being reported to the SRBC. He also reported on the Carlisle Borough improvements to the sewer plant and the cost for these improvements. It will also cost the Middlesex Township Municipal Authority several million dollars as well.

Secretary – Mrs. Justh report that Bonnie Mahoney and Jerry Wilkes will be at the September 2nd meeting to discuss the tax assessment. Mr. Stabile stated that he is interested in a better appreciation of how the County is going to reassess the properties and how they intent to use this mathematical model to determine values.

Mrs. Justh stated that she will email it over to them a Comparison from 2008 to 2009 for the General Fund.

OLD BUSINESS

Carlisle Truck Stop Chaplain Ministry – Mr. Stabile asked that this be deferred to this meeting. Mr. Stabile made a motion that we grant land development approval to Carlisle Truck Stop Chaplain Ministry for the plan submitted to the Board under date of July, 2009, by Attorney Dave Nesbit and that we accept that submission which includes plan detail in lieu of all other land development requirements under the Middlesex Township Land Development Ordinance and waive all requirement of the Subdivision Land Development Ordinance that are not otherwise addressed in this submission. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Grey Goose Circle Release of Security – Mr. Grove report on his findings with Grey Goose Circle and that it was in good shape and that the security should be released. Mr. Stabile made a motion to accept the Township Engineer's recommendation to release the remainder of maintenance security for Grey Goose Circle. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PETRO/TA Truck Stops of America - Mr. Stabile asked Mr. Grove to report on Petro. Mr. Grove stated that he sent the report over to the Board and it was his understanding that the report would be forwarded to Mr. Brenneman, and Mr. Brenneman was going to send the report over to Petro and to DEP. Mr. Brenneman thought he had done a draft letter. Mr. Stabile asked Mr. Brenneman to draft a letter for the next meeting and enclose a copy of the report and give them a dead line. Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to send the Engineer's report concerning Petro and the Letort issue to DEP asking for more aggressive action, since the last does not seem to be sufficient and copy the Public Officials that were notified the last time.

NEW BUSINESS

Energy on Demand or South Central Advisory Assembly – Mrs. Justh gave an over view of the two different energy providers. Mr. Brenneman asked Mrs. Justh to contact the South Central Advisory Assembly and ask them to send a contract for review.

Mr. Stabile asked Mr. Brenneman to write a letter to **PennDOT** telling them we have their letter asking them for their legal authority upon which the Township is to be responsible for state owned highways. We are aware that on a shared highway between a state road and a township road it is a township responsibility, but on two state roads by what legal authority is the township responsible.

Mr. Stabile reported on the **TCC** from a meeting last night. It has to be a single agency for Cumberland County. Mr. Stabile questioned whether it was advisable to require an RFP. Committee should come up with contract specs and interview with the Committee. The Steering Committee will meet again on September 13th at Carlisle High School. There will be costs involved for this process. The question is whether the County will be available to advance the funds. A contract lawyer is what is needed to get through all of this. Discussion followed about the number of tax bureaus and the number of counties and the long term investment for everyone.

Mr. Geistwhite reported on the 15th **HATS** meeting and that there are no funds for the train. It is not sustainable, so they are looking at the transit authorities.

Mrs. Bonnie Fields reported that the **Letort Authority's** request for next year is \$3,000.00. Mr. Chris Houston would like to attend the budget meeting. Mrs. Fields reported that Carlisle received \$141,000.00 for the road diet from PennDOT and a request from DCNR \$155,000.00 and \$15,000.00 from South Middleton for the Road Diet and Trail Improvements. Sept 26th is the Green Fest at the Letort Park and it is sponsored the Engaged Community Church and Carlisle Parks and Recreation.

Chief Sherman asked about the signature page for Benecon. Mrs. Justh reported that she has not received the signature page. Mr. Stabile made a motion to approve the Plan Document and the Benefit Details effective September 1 through January 31, 2009.

Executive Session – Mr. Stabile made a motion to go to executive session. The Board also had an Executive Session this past Saturday morning, 8/2/09 to interview for the position of Township Manager.