

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS MEETING
August 7, 2013**

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

OFFICIAL 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 Fire Chief Ed Beam leading the pledge to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Vice-Chairman Larson expressed his gratitude to Zoning Officer Mr. Carpenter for the excellent job he did in preparing the motions for the July 26, 2013 Workshop Meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On the motion of Mr. Goodhart, seconded by Chairman Geistwhite, it was agreed to approve the minutes of June 28, 2013, with Vice-Chairman Larson abstaining since he was absent from the meeting.

On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Goodhart, it was agreed to approve the minutes of July 3, 2013, with Vice-Chairman Larson abstaining since he was absent from the meeting.

On the motion of Vice-Chairman Larson, seconded by Mr. Goodhart, it was agreed to approve the minutes of July 26, 2013, with Chairman Geistwhite abstaining since he was absent from the meeting.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS: On the motion of Mr. Goodhart, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the payments of the July 2013 bills.

REPORTS:

Solicitor – No report.

Engineer – No report.

Police – Chief Sherman presented the monthly Police Report.

Zoning – Mr. Carpenter presented the monthly Zoning Report. Mr. Carpenter then requested approval to attend the Pennsylvania Building Officials Conference from September 11, 2013 through September 13, 2013 for a total cost of \$537.00. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to authorize Mr. Carpenter's attendance at the PA Building Official Conference at a total cost of \$537.00.

Recreation/Recycling Coordinator – Chairman Geistwhite expressed his gratitude to Recreation Director Mrs. Jumper for her excellent work not only with the Summer Playground Program,

but with the new Splash, Snack & Read Program. Chairman Geistwhite has asked the Manager to draft a letter of appreciation for them to sign and present to Mrs. Jumper.

Fire/EMC – Fire Chief Ed Beam presented the monthly Fire Report. Chief Beam reported that he and two others are scheduled to go to Texas A & M (TEEX) LNG Spill Control and Fire Suppression Course.

Municipal Authority – Chairman Geistwhite reported that the Authority has no issues at the time and everything is operating normally.

Secretary – Mrs. Gault stated that she has received a couple of proposals for the purchase of a new copier with the option to lease since the current lease will be expiring in November. Although it was budgeted to purchase a copier, the Supervisors are in favor of leasing again should Mrs. Gault decide to do so.

Mrs. Gault mentioned that she had a meeting with Mr. Brenneman, Mr. Carpenter and Mrs. Jumper to discuss issues and possible changes for the upcoming Trash Hauler Contract. Mr. Brenneman is currently working on the RFP and will submit the redline changes to the staff for review.

Mrs. Gault informed the Supervisors that if any of them or the other staff is interested in attending the Cumberland County Association of Township Officials Convention, she would need to be notified by August 28, 2013 in order to purchase tickets on time. Also, the staff picture for the convention booklet will be taken prior to the Workshop Meeting at 7:15 a.m. on August 28, 2013.

Mrs. Gault mentioned that she and Mrs. Jumper are assisting North Middleton Township Staff with a 5k run/walk to benefit the North Middleton Fire Department, since they service Middlesex Township as well. This event will take place on October 26, 2013.

OLD BUSINESS:

TPF 13 – 6 Cumberland Range Estates Preliminary Subdivision Plan Request For Extension of Plan Review Time: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to approve the request for a 90-day extension of plan review time until November 8, 2013.

Hotel Carlisle – Redevelopment Proposal: Mr. Farouk Hegazi, owner of Hotel Carlisle, was present to once again discuss redevelopment of the Hotel Carlisle. He was requesting to change the zoning to a mixed zoning. He is proposing to convert the existing hotel rooms into one and two bedroom apartment spaces for residential units, building high rise hotels around the existing area and a possible exhibit center. He would like to improve all the rooms and the entire property so that it is utilized all year long rather than a few weekends a year for car shows. Mr. Carpenter recommended that Mr. Hegazi meet with an attorney and/or planner to decide exactly what he would need to work on a zoning amendment request.

85 S. Middlesex Road – Proposed Commercial Agricultural Use: Present was Mr. Mark Toigo, Toigo Orchards and Mrs. Pam Fisher, Land Design & Division are proposing Commercial Agricultural Use in a Residential Farm Use District. The proposal is for European Style greenhouses on approximately 5 acres of the 107.93 acre property. The request is for a waiver from the submission of a Stormwater Management Plan to the Township due to the agricultural nature of the proposed use and the duplication of submission and delays in obtaining an Individual NPDES permit. The Supervisors are not

opposed to this proposal, however, on the recommendation of the Township Solicitor Mr. Brenneman, they would like to have Township Engineer Mr. Grove review the proposal. Mr. Carpenter suggested \$1,000.00 for Escrow for Mr. Grove's reviews. Since this is a time sensitive matter, on the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to have a Special Meeting on August 14, 2013 at 7:30 a.m. and to authorize the advertisement of the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

2013 Consumer Energy Supplier Rates: Mrs. Gault presented the Supervisors with a list of proposed energy supplier rates since the current contract will expire on January 1, 2014. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Township Manager to execute the contract with Liberty Power for an additional 24 months at a new rate of 0.08149 w/grt subject to the Township Solicitor's review of the contract. The new rates will be effective January 1, 2014.

Chairman Geistwhite asked whether there has been any word on the turnpike project. Mr. Carpenter reported that they did receive approval of their NPDES Permit. Chief Beam stated that he received a phone call about providing information for emergency services because of one lane being closed during construction. Projected start time is sometime in 2014.

Chairman Geistwhite asked about the Steretts Gap roundabout project. There was a brief discussion about this upcoming project that will be in Middlesex Township. The next Task Force meeting will be taking place in Duncannon. Mr. Carpenter will provide information about the meeting to the Supervisors.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: There being no further business, on the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting to Executive Session at 8:34 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter, with no action being taken by the Board as a result of the Executive Session.