

MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS MEETING
August 8, 2001

OFFICIALS PRESENT: SUPERVISORS: Robert Eppley
Chuck Shughart
Vic Stabile
SOLICITOR: Keith Brenneman
ENGINEER: Bud Grove -Absent
POLICE: Chief Barry Sherman
ZONING OFFICER: Mark Carpenter
RECREATION: Eileen Ettleman
FIRE CHIEF: Ed Beam
SECRETARY: Mary Justh

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Chairman Robert Eppley called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. Township Secretary Mary Justh led the pledge to the flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Shughart made a motion to approve the minutes of July 11, 18 and 27. Mr. Stabile seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

On a motion by Mr. Shughart, seconded by Mr. Stabile, approval was given for payment of bills represented by the bill list for July, summarized as follows:

General Fund Checks #11706 thru #11801	\$ 55,949.54
Escrow Fund Checks #173 thru #176	1,870.50
State Fund Check #130	251.94
Pension Fund Checks #115	3,311.11
Transfer for Payroll #14 & #15	58,588.17

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

REPORTS

SOLICITOR: No report.

ENGINEER: No report.

POLICE: Presented by Chief Sherman and ordered to file.

ZONING: Presented by Mark Carpenter and ordered to file.

RECREATION: Presented by the Rec. Director Eileen Ettleman and ordered to file.
Mr. Snyder presented a Senior Citizens Report.

FIRE/EMC: Report presented by Fire Chief Ed Beam and ordered to file. Fire Chief Beam stated that the address signs sale has done very well, with a total of 167 being purchased. Chief Beam also asked the Supervisors to enact a burning ban for the Township in light of the dry conditions. Chief Beam asked the Supervisors to find out about the cuts to the volunteer fire fighters fund by the state and possibly pen a letter to officials concerning the effect of these budgetary cuts.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY: Supervisor Stabile has been in dialogue with the Army concerning the Museum. The Municipal Authority is still discussing the location of a well site in the Township. Mr. Stabile also commented on the compressor going out and being replaced. Mr. Chuck Shughart commented that it is sad that the equipment didn't last any longer than a few years.

SECRETARY: No report

OLD BUSINESS

SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM PERMIT DECISION – GARY SALTSBURG – Mr. Eppley turned the meeting over to Solicitor Brenneman. Mr. Brenneman stated that there was a hearing in December of 2000 and that pursuant to an earlier agreement with Mr. Saltsburg, no decision was made until he requested a decision from the Board. Mr. Saltsburg recently made a request for the Board to make a decision on his appeal. Mr. Brenneman presented a decision to the Board consistent with his conversations with the Supervisors, which decision denied the sewage permit application for Gary Saltsburg. Mr. Stabile made a motion to adopt the written decision as the decision of the Board and mail the decision to Mr. Saltsburg. Mr. Shughart seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

DENNIS A. KNAUB – REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF REQUIREMENTS TO SUBMIT A LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR MACHINE SHOP USE IN LI DISTRICT – Mr. Carpenter stated that the Planning Commission was in favor of approval of the waiver based on the fact that building can be used as it is presently. Mr. Stabile stated that Mr. Knaub was requesting a special exception at this time in front of the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Stabile made a motion to grant the waiver request under date of July 6, 2001 by Attorney Saidis on behalf of the applicant Dennis A. Knaub. For the property at 90 Stover Drive presently owned by John Gleim Excavating, to waive the requirement of filing a land development plan so the sale of the property can move forward and move into the property without making any land development changes to the site with the exception to remove a few of the storage trailers on the property. The motion to approve that waiver as in this letter be conditional upon the special exception being granted by the Zoning Hearing Board to grant the use of the property as he has proposed. In the event that the special exception is not granted the waiver will be null and void. Mr. Shughart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ARMY MUSEUM UPDATE – Mr. Stabile reported that meetings have been scheduled and attended by representatives of the Township and MTMA has been in contact concerning the water and sewer. Available plans should be downloaded and given to the Planning Commission

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and the Supervisors at the same time. Even though our comments are not binding, the Army is not obligated to accept our comments but they are obligated to hear them. The Army has expressed that they will accept our comments. The minutes should reflect that we have reviewed the plans and all comments be reflected back to them. Mr. Brenneman should at least review that proposed procedure from the point of view of our municipality.

PENNDOT PROJECTS UPDATE – Mr. Stabile explained what the proposed scope of the inter-connector road and what large area improvements are being considered. At the Exit 12 site the rate of growth has increased 40% in the last 2 years. The Inter-connector project will be considering the businesses and the economical development of the area. The other item is the Exit 16 improvements for the Army Museum. Pat Schmidt at the County is trying to coordinate all potential projects for an October meeting reported by Mr. Stabile.

NEW BUSINESS

BURNING BAN – Mr. Shughart made a motion to adopt Resolution #2001-14 immediately banning all open burning in Middlesex Township until further notice as provided under Ordinance 5-99. Mr. Stabile seconded the motion and added that notification needs to be made to the newspapers. The resolution was passed unanimously.

SCOPE REQUEST – PENN STATE UNIVERSITY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT – Christine Walsh a graduate student at Penn State is doing a study of how Middlesex Township handles the abatement of lead paint on Township bridges. Mr. Stabile and Chief Sherman will arrange to meet with this student to find out what information is being requested and how we can be of help to her.

GRASS/WEED/VEGETATION ORDINANCE – Mr. Stabile asked that this be postponed to the Workshop Meeting on August 24th.

WOLFS BRIDGE ROAD TRAFFIC SIGNAL – Chief Sherman explained that the Traffic Signal at Wolfs Bridge is not tied in with the other signal lights on the Miracle Mile. Chief Sherman contacted PennDOT and they told him that it is his responsibility to connect the signals. Chief Sherman asked that Terry Grove be contacted for a price to correct the signal. Chief Sherman will check the Giant permit and see if any responsibility falls back on them. Mr. Stabile asked when he became aware of the situation. Chief Sherman explained that when Perks examined the signals they found it. Perks told Chief Sherman that the our signals could be adjusted to count traffic if we would need that information.

Secretary Justh told the Supervisors that she is going to a meeting on August 16 concerning the **GASB Statement 34** and wants to know if she has permission to get some estimates from **CPA firms** in the event that we need to have this for next year. Permission was given to add this to the budget if necessary.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 on a motion from Mr. Shughart and seconded by Mr. Stabile.