

MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
WORKSHOP MEETING
AUGUST 27, 1998

OFFICIALS PRESENT:	SUPERVISORS:	Robert Eppley Joe Capuano Chuck Shughart
	SOLICITOR:	Keith Brenneman
	ENGINEER:	Bud Grove - Absent
	POLICE:	Chief Barry Sherman
	ZONING OFFICER:	Mark Carpenter
	SECRETARY:	Mary Justh

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 AM by Chairman Robert Eppley.

Bid Opening for Township Line Painting - Mrs. Justh reported that 2 firms had mailed in bids Alpha Space Control Co., Inc. and Ross Industries. After opening the bids and reading aloud the amounts Mr. Capuano made a motion that the award of the bid go to Alpha Space Control Subject to review by Chief Sherman and Solicitor Brenneman. Mr. Shughart gave a seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

R. J. Hall would like to come to a Supervisors Workshop Meeting and introduce a possible pension plan, benefiting township police. Police would pay a smaller percentage and the changes to the ordinance would benefit all the employees. This program is similar to what North Middleton recently adopted. The Supervisors agreed to listen to what they propose on Tuesday, September 29 Workshop Meeting. Mr. Shughart suggested that a memo be distributed to the employees announcing R. J. Hall will be in attendance at the Supervisors Workshop Meeting if they are interested in attending.

Mr. Capuano proposed the following Budget Schedule for the 1999 Township Budget.

Thursday, September 17th @ 4:00 PM

Tuesday, September 29th @ 7:30 AM after the Morning Workshop Meeting

Thursday, October 1st @ 3:00 PM

Thursday, October 8th @ 2:00 PM

Thursday, October 15th @ 2:00 PM

Thursday, October 22nd @ 2:00 PM

Friday, October 30th @ 7:30 AM after Morning Workshop Meeting

Copies of the proposed schedule will be distributed to all those that are involved with budgeting and the schedule will be advertised in the newspaper.

Inez Thorton asked the Supervisors to consider making some changes to **Bernheisel Bridge Road** with regards to the speed limit and trucks bob-tailing along the section of road known as the narrows. Ms. Thorton's concern is for the pedestrian traffic that uses Bernheisel Bridge Road. Mr. Shughart directed a question as to whether or not there was a note for sidewalks on

the plans. Mr. Capuano indicated that Chuck had a good idea concerning the sidewalks in the area. Mr. Capuano indicated that we are waiting for a Traffic Study Report and when the results are back to the Township she could review the study.

According to Chief Sherman **South Middlesex Road** was the scene of another accident that injured several teenagers, possibly an excessive rate of speed. The traffic has picked up on South Middlesex because people may be using this for through traffic. Mr. Shughart indicated that reducing the speed limit to 35 would not make that much difference, since the existing speed limit is now 40. Chief Sherman indicated that there may be some need to remove the bumps on the road for safety.

A preliminary schedule change for the 1999 calendar per Mr. Shughart's request for the September Workshop Meeting from September 24 to September 17. All the Supervisors were in agreement with that change for 1999.

Envision Capital Area Region would like to attend the September 2 Board of Supervisors Meeting and give a brief presentation. The Supervisors agreed to allow a brief presentation of 20 minutes during the September 2nd Meeting.

Mr. Shughart mentioned his concern that Mr. Dennis Lebo has been allowed to park **TIP trucks** for a brief time on a lot that is not zoned for this activity. Mr. Shughart's concern is in the fact that Mr. Lebo has even more trucks parked than earlier this year. Mr. Shughart asked if Mr. Lebo had a plan to develop this land with the Township. Mr. Carpenter mentioned that the original plan had too many waivers which made it an invalid plan for the Township. Solicitor Brenneman interpreted the plan that there was no principle business at that location and therefore the use can not be allowed. Mr. Carpenter stated that he would get a letter to Mr. Lebo listing the Township Ordinance violations.

Mr. Shughart requested that Mr. Carpenter start going through the Township looking for **violations to the Township Ordinances** concerning abandoned vehicles. There are also several streets that could be turned back to property owners. Mr. Carpenter indicated that he would be in favor of this action.

Mr. Carpenter will be writing to **Mrs. Sheaffer** on Mountain Road by October 1st since cleanup progress has been very slow. It was agreed that we need to have a plan to help get this cleaned up. In the spring a dumpster would be a possibility in getting this residence cleaned up. Chief Sherman stated that he will stop up and visit Mrs. Sheaffer on Mountain Road concerning this matter and try to encourage her and her son to attend the a Board of Supervisors Meeting.

Mr. Carpenter indicated that he will be going out to **Julie Johnson's** to inspect her property, and if she has not cleaned up this property Mr. Carpenter will turn the matter over to the Township Solicitor Mr. Brenneman.

Chief Sherman shared concerns for the signs that need to be installed at Flying J. Flying J indicated they are willing to cooperate with the Township concerning the bar that needs to be installed at Hardees, but Hardees has a problem with installing an overhead bar. Hardees does not wish to exclude buses at their location. Hardees has tried to use a chain and signs to deter

trucks, but to no avail. Chief Sherman indicated that Flying J has changed managers, so it will be hard to know where we stand concerning this matter.

CB Man located in a bus on the parking lot of Western Sizzlin has taken up permanent business at the sight. According to Chief Sherman he is no longer a peddler and the Township needs to take action. Chief Sherman will be revoking his peddlers permit and Mr. Carpenter will be enforcing the Ordinances of the Township.

Chief Sherman reported on the progress of **Cloverleaf Acres and Hoover Road**. Both still need to have a top coat put on. A drainpipe needs to be installed on Wheatfield where the road pulled apart. There will be approximately 16 feet that needs to be repaved on Wheatfield.

Chief Sherman requested a Resolution to recognize the two individuals that helped to save the people in the accident on South Middlesex Road.

Mr. Carpenter told the Supervisors that developers have been asking for a letter using the proper **contractual language for the Bond Letter** when issuing Security. Mr. Brenneman will get a form together that could be used for this purpose.

Mr. John Gleim asked Chief Sherman if he had a problem with his applying the top cost on the **New Middlesex School Road**. When the Township get ready to take this road over, the Township will have to opportunity to ask that the School Road meet our specifications.

Chairman Eppley asked Secretary Justh to write a letter **Mr. John Gleim** in recognition for him giving the township 30 loads of top soil.

On a motion by Mr. Shughart the meeting was adjourned at 8:54 to continue in executive session.