

MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
WORKSHOP MEETING
AUGUST 27, 1999

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

Chairman Robert Eppley called the meeting to order at 7:34 AM.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

(#99008) DONNA K. SHAHAN – PRELIMINARY/FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAN – Mr. Carpenter explained that the Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan is to divide the three acre property into two lots one 1.5 acre and 1.6 acre with a dwelling unit on each. Shahan is requesting 3 waivers according to Mr. Carpenter; 1. Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan, 2. Sidewalks, and 3. curb waiver. A brief discussion concerning the property at Sunnyside and 944 own by Mr. Saltzburg and whether he needs to have the 60,000 square feet to build on that property if the State takes part of his land. Mr. Carpenter sent him a letter explaining that 59,000 would be OK. Mr. Capuano suggested that the land be taken and paid by the State.

(#99009) MARY ANN HIPPLE – PRELIMINARY/FINAL SUBDIVISION – Mr. Carpenter gave a brief explanation of the Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan for May Ann Hipple. Basically, she would like to subdivide the 4.6 acre property into three lots, 1. A 2.2 acre lot with a dwelling unit one it, 2. A 3 acre lot to be conveyed to the neighbor, and 3. A 2 acre lot for a recreational area. They are trying to sell the property, but a percolation test for sewage on the 2 acre lot failed they can only subdivide it as a recreational lot, possibly selling the 2 acre property later, since it is beside the Appalachian Trail. Waivers are 1. Preliminary/Final Subdivision 2. Sidewalks and 3. Curbing.

(#99010) RITNER STEEL – PRELIMINARY - Frank Lentz, Dawood Engineering, Inc. and Joe Dorian of Ritner Steel presented the Preliminary Plan. Mr. Carpenter explained that Mr. Dorian wants to built a shed for storage of his product. Ritner Steel started on the Ritner Highway and has since moved to Stover Drive. The following waivers are being requesting 1. Preliminary/Final 2. Traffic Impact Study, 3. Environmental impact assessment report, 4. Waive painting of parking space lines, 5. Sidewalk, 6. Curbing, and modification to the landscape requirements. The stormwater plan will be completed by Wednesday night.

(#99011) DAILY EXPRESS, INC. – PRELIMINARY/FINAL LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN - Representing Daily Express were Ron Secary, Hartman & Associates, Inc. and Bob Unger with Cumberland Design & Building Company, Inc. They will be replacing the 11,000 square foot existing facility and building a 16,000 square foot facility. The Zoning Hearing

Board approved the special exception for the expanding of an existing nonconforming use and impervious coverage and they have been to the Planning Commission. Plans will be submitted to the Municipal Authority. The following waivers are being requested; 1. Sidewalks, 2. Traffic impact study, 3. Landscape certification and 4. Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan.

(#99012) GIANT FOOD STORES, INC. – PRELIMINARY/FINAL LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN – Tim Diehl, J. Michael Brill & Associates, representing Giant Foods explained that the plan is for additional parking. Doug Gosick, J. Michael Brill & Associates explained why the additional parking is needed. According to Tim Diehl a Traffic Study has not been redone since the signal light has been installed. A Variance was granted from the Zoning Hearing Board to allow 53% coverage for the parking lot. Gas and Sewer lines needs to be shown on the plan for Municipal Authority to sign off. The following waivers have been requested; 1. Preliminary/Final, 2. Sidewalks, and 3. Curbs.

RETTEW ASSOCIATES, INC. – PILOT TRAVEL CENTER – Chief Sherman addressed the proposal by Rettew Associates to look at the timing of the traffic light at Pilot and Rt. 11. The Supervisors and the Engineer suggested that the problem is not the timing of the signal, but the design of Pilot and trucks parking along the roadway leading to the parking lot. Bud made a suggestion to sent a letter to Rettew and PennDot concerning the stacking onto the highway.

RESIGNATION OF EDWARD W. HARKER ZONING HEARING BOARD SOLICITOR & RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT MICHAEL RUNDLE AS ZONING HEARING BOARD SOLICITOR – Supervisors asked that a letter of thank you be written to Mr. Ed Harker for his years of service and dedication to the township. Mr. Capuano made a motion to accept his resignation. Mr. Shughart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Capuano made a motion to accept Michael Rundle as solicitor to the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Shughart seconded the motion and it pass unanimously.

250th COUNTY CELEBRATION – BANNER PURCHASE – The price for these banners and brackets would be \$868.50 for the 250th Celebration. Chief Sherman explained that the price to hang these banners would be \$75.00 per hour. The Supervisors agreed to pass on a decision to purchase any banners at this time for the 250th County Celebration.

MID-YEAR AUDIT REVIEW – Secretary Justh presented a letter from Carol Ramp reporting on the mid-year audit. Secretary Justh asked permission to pay the auditors. Mr. Capuano made a motion to pay the auditors, seconded by Mr. Shughart and passed unanimously.

BUDGET MEETING SCHEDULE – Secretary Justh asked that the Supervisors give her a schedule of budget meeting dates and times for the Wednesday night meeting so a schedule can be published in the newspaper.

EXTENDED HOURS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE – Secretary Justh reported that in 2 months time we have only had 5 phone calls and 1 visit for the Municipal Authority. Mr. Capuano agreed that the extended hours could discontinued.

WORK RELEASE PROGRAM - Chief Sherman asked that a letter be mailed to Brian Peters for the 4 man, 2 week work release program that the County provided through the prison. Mr. Shughart suggested that the letter be addressed to the Commissioners with a copy to Brian Peters.

RESIGNATION OF POLICE OFFICER TIM HUTCHESON – APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD GIBNEY AS A FULLTIME POLICE OFFICER – Chief Sherman explained to the Supervisors that Tim Hutcheson has accepted employment at West Shore Police Department and he would like to hire Richard Gibney as a fulltime police officer to replace Hutcheson.

WEIGHT STUDY OF COUNTY CLUB ROAD - Chief Sherman requested a weight study be done for County Club Road because of the damage sustained when the tower was erected there. Mr. Shughart made a motion that a weight study be done on County Club Road. Mr. Capuano seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

CLINTON AVENUE TRAFFIC SIGNAL – Mr. Eppley asked about the traffic signal on Clinton Avenue. The problem is that some of the truck drivers turn right even though there are signs that say Stop Here On Red and No Turn On Red. Mr. Eppley also expressed concern for the railroad crossing on Claremont Drive. Chief Sherman explained that we would have to write to the PUC. Mr. Shughart will write a letter to the Public Utility Commission concerning the repairs of the railroad tracks and signs.

REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO PROCEED WITH THE APPLICATION FOR A KEYSTONE GRANT – The supervisors were not receptive to applying for a grant establishing a bike path along the Conodoquinet Creek connecting with North Middleton Township at this time. The Supervisors would need to have some figures since this is a matching grant request.

Mr. Capuano made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 AM. Mr. Eppley seconded the motion.