

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
WORKSHOP MEETING
August 30, 2013**

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

OFFICIALS ABSENT: **ENGINEER:** Bud Grove

Chairman Geistwhite called the meeting to order at 7:30 am in the Middlesex Township Building.

PUBLIC HEARING: Chairman Geistwhite announced that the first order of business is a Public Hearing in which Chairman Geistwhite then turned the meeting over to the Township Solicitor Mr. Brenneman. Mr. Brenneman reported that this public hearing is on the proposed amendment to the Middlesex Township Zoning Ordinance to provide for changes of the timing of messages for billboard changeable signs and changeable signs as well as provide an additional definition. The zoning ordinance presently requires messages on billboard changeable signs to remain fixed for 20 seconds and all other changeable signs to remain fixed for 15 minutes. The proposed ordinance would require billboard changeable signs and all other changeable signs to have messages to remain fixed for a minimum of 20 seconds and also provides for a new definition of planned center identification signs. Mr. Brenneman gave a summary of the procedures followed prior to the hearing. Reviews and comments were provided by the Middlesex Township Planning Commission and the Cumberland County Planning Department with recommendation for approval of the ordinance. Mr. Brenneman then turned the hearing over to Chairman Geistwhite for public comment. There being no further questions or comments, Chairman Geistwhite declared the hearing closed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PROPOSED ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 2 – 2013 AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 3 – 89 ENACTED WITH RESPECT TO THE FREQUENCY OF MESSAGE CHANGES FOR CHANGEABLE SIGNS: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to adopt Ordinance No. 2 – 2013 amending Ordinance No. 3 – 89 enacted with respect to the frequency of message changes for changeable signs.

CELLCO PARTNERSHIP d/b/a/ VERIZON WIRELESS REQUEST TO RELEASE PERFORMANCE BOND FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WIRELESS TOWER AT 1166 HARRISBURG PIKE: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to approve the request from Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless to release the performance bond in the amount of \$220,000 required by the Tower Removal Agreement between Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless and Middlesex Township.

PROPOSED LINE PAINTING BID AWARD: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to award the line painting bid to Interstate Road Management Corporation in the amount of \$0.0957 for a double yellow line and \$0.048 for a single white line, for a total cost of \$23,230.50.

LETTER OF CONCURRENCE FOR PA TURNPIKE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT – WOLF’S BRIDGE ROAD TRAFFIC CONTROL: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Township Manager to execute the Letter of Concurrence for Wolf’s Bridge Road traffic control pertaining to the PA Turnpike Reconstruction Project

CLEAN ENERGY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING – TEXAS A & M: Mrs. Gault reported that Clean Energy will sponsor three individuals to attend the Texas A & M (TEEX) LNG Spill Control and Fire Suppression Course. Sponsorship will include course fees, transportation and lodging. Transportation (airfare) and lodging are not to exceed \$1,000 per individual and is reimbursable. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to authorize Chief Beam to rent a car and pay for all meals for the three (3) individuals attending the course (Chief Edwin Beam, Chief Curtis Hall and Chief Shawn Brickner) not to exceed \$1,000.00.

There was some discussion about the property at the corner of Claremont and South Middlesex Road where the Kensington Development had been previously proposed and approved with conditions. At the present time there is no word as to when and if that development will move forward.

Mr. Carpenter has had some discussion with Pyrotek who is looking for an additional site to bring another segment of their work to this area. Pyrotek has been at that site since the 70’s and has been looking at two (2) buildings on Stover Drive.

PER CAPITA TAX DISCUSSION: Township Manager Mrs. Gault presented the Supervisors with a spreadsheet comparing the per capita tax collection and the costs involved with the collection since this will be the last year the County will collect it. The Township will have to assume the total cost for printing and postage and maintain the data. Tax Collector Frank Roberto gave a brief summary of what it entails to maintain the data and to track an individual whose taxes have been returned unpaid. Should the Board decide to abolish the Per Capita Tax an ordinance would need to be passed to do so.

The Board of Supervisors presented to the Recreation Director Mrs. Denise L. Jumper a Letter of Appreciation. The Board also gave Mrs. Jumper two (2) days off.

There was some discussion about the roundabout project scheduled to award bids in January 2014 with a project completion date of September 2014. With the road closure, the detour is going to be Route 944 to Carlisle Springs Route 34 and back up over the mountain. Chief Sherman is concerned about the amount of traffic that will utilize the roads on a daily basis and suggests that the Township restrict the roads to local deliveries and restrict the times in which turns can be made onto the road.

Chief Sherman mentioned that the power recently went out and the back-up generator wouldn’t start. After looking at Co-Stars, Chief Sherman found a 60 KW generator for \$18,000 delivered. This cost

would be split with the Municipal Authority who will pay 30% of the costs. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to authorize Chief Sherman to procure a new generator through Co-Stars for the Middlesex Township Building.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The meeting was adjourned to executive session at 8:50 a.m. to discuss a personnel matter. The Board reconvened from executive session at 9:15 a.m. with no action being taken by the Board on the personnel matter.

There being no further business, on the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 a.m.