

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
WORKSHOP MEETING
August 31, 2018**

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

OFFICIAL ABSENT: **ENGINEER:** Bud Grove

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

PUBLIC HEARING: FOR PURPOSES OF CONSIDERING THE APPEAL OF JOHN WINAND, JR. FROM THE REVOCATION OF A PERMIT FOR A SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM LOCATED AT 7600 WERTZVILLE ROAD: Chairman Geistwhite turned the meeting over to the Township Solicitor Keith Brenneman. Mr. Brenneman reported that the public hearing is for the purpose of considering the appeal of Mr. John Winand, Jr. from the revocation of a permit for a sewage disposal system located at 7600 Wertzville Road. Mr. Brenneman gave a summary of the procedures followed prior to the hearing. Mr. Brenneman briefly discussed the exhibits provided. There was no objection to the admission of the exhibits. Mr. Winand was present and sworn in for questioning. Mr. Winand explained that a mistake was made when they put the tank in for the privy. The actual tank/toilets are 55 ft. from the water supply and the church. The front of the building that houses the privy is 47 ft. from the water supply, however, DEP requires that a privy is at least 50 ft. from any water supply and the building served. There being no further questions for Mr. Winand, Zoning Officer Mark Carpenter was present and sworn in for questioning. Mr. Carpenter explained his part in this process. Mr. Carpenter had Mr. Winand confirm that the part of privy within 50 ft. of the building is a dressing area and not actually a toilet area. There being no further questions, Mr. Brenneman then turned the hearing over to Chairman Geistwhite. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson is was unanimously agreed to sustain Mr. Winand's appeal and reverse the decision of the Sewage Enforcement Officer Mr. Vince Elbel revoking Permit No. Z 175875. There being no further questions or comments, at the direction of the Solicitor, Chairman Geistwhite declared the hearing closed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

HERITAGE-ROSE YORK-TRINDLE CONNECTOR ROAD PRESENTATION ON W. TRINDLE ROAD INTERSECTION: Present are Mr. Steven J. Rose and Mr. Mike Smith to give an update on the connector road project by revisiting with original stake holders. This is a multi-jurisdiction project that includes Middlesex Township and South Middleton. Mr. Rose gave a video presentation that provided a preview of the economic development for the area to help support tourism and clean up some of the blight. The connector road is intended to serve as a byway between York and

Trindle roads and provide easier access to Interstate 81. The Developers were awarded a \$2.6 million-dollar state multimodal grant for this project which is estimated to cost \$6.6 million dollars. Bids for the road construction will begin soon.

FINAL LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR JACK WILLIAMS TIRE & AUTO SERVICE CENTER: Present were John Madden, Engineer and Ryan Doughton of Trade Eastern Inc. to discuss further the details of the submitted plan. Mr. Carpenter stated that Township Engineer Mr. Grove felt that the plan is ready for conditional approval and is currently working on some minor issues. The Supervisors are hoping to move forward with approval at the meeting on September 5, 2018.

LIBERTY AT MIDDLESEX DISTRIBUTION & WAREHOUSING PRELIMINARY / FINAL LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN SECOND REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF IMPROVEMENT SECURITY: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously, agreed on the written recommendation of Township Engineer Bud Grove in memorandum dated August 21, 2018, to deny the request for reduction of improvement security in the amount of \$930,695.68 being held for the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan for Liberty at Middlesex Distribution & Warehousing until the As-Built Plan and Stormwater Operation and Maintenance Plan are approved by the Township Engineer.

PPL JUNIATA WEST CARLISLE 69KV LINE REBUILD AMENDMENT OF PPL PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT ON TOWNSHIP PROPERTY AT 50 BEAGLE CLUB ROAD: Mr. Carpenter reported that PPL is working to improve their KV line going from Perry County to Cumberland County. Since this will go through the township park PPL wants to change their easement on the land. Township Solicitor Mr. Brenneman will review the amendment of the easement so the Supervisors can take action on it.

AUTHORIZATION FOR PAVING HORNERS ROAD: The Director of Public Safety requested authorization to pave Horners Road. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Director of Public Safety Mr. Sherman, to pave Horners Road.

DRAFT ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE SELF STORAGE FACILITIES IN THE VC AND RC ZONING DISTRICTS: Mr. Brenneman with comments from Mr. Carpenter drafted a zoning ordinance to allow for self-storage facilities only by special exception in the Village Center (VC) and the Residential Commercial (RC) zoning districts. Mr. Carpenter suggested that the applicant as well as the Planning Commission have an opportunity to review the draft and provide feedback. The Supervisors agree to the review and would like the comments by the September Workshop Meeting.

ZONING OFFICER DISCUSSION ABOUT IG ZONING DISTRICTS: Mr. Carpenter provided a sketch of some land in the township that is currently zoned Light Industrial (LI). Mr. Carpenter is proposing to extend the Industrial General (IG) district into the Residential Commercial (RC) district to allow for conforming uses. This proposed change is not in conflict with the Township Comprehensive Plan or the County Plan, but will still need review by the county. The Supervisors agree with the suggested change and authorized Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Brenneman to move forward with this proposal.

Director of Public Safety Mr. Sherman received a letter from the DA's office, requesting a letter from each municipality in the county in support of crime watch. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to extend a letter of support for crime watch to the DA's Office of Cumberland County.

Director of Public Safety Mr. Sherman reported that the Cobra Program that ties all police departments together and allows for the sharing of information will cost the township \$1400 a year to participate in. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to participate in the Cobra Program.

There being no further business, on the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 a.m.