

MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING

September 1, 2004

OFFICIALS PRESENT:	SUPERVISORS:	Chuck Shughart, Chairman Vic Stabile, Vice Chairman (Absent) Donald Geistwhite
	SOLICITOR:	Keith Brenneman
	ENGINEER:	Bud Grove
	POLICE:	Chief Barry Sherman
	FIRE:	Chief Ed Beam
	ZONING OFFICER:	Mark Carpenter
	SECRETARY:	Mary Justh

CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Chuck Shughart called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. at the Middlesex Township Building.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – The minutes have not been reviewed.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS – Chairman Shughart asked for a motion to approve the payment of bills for August. Mr. Geistwhite made the motion and Chairman Shughart seconded it and the motion passed unanimously.

General Fund Checks #15468 - #15623	\$ 55,766.10
Transfer for Payroll #17 and #18	\$ 73,053.75
Escrow Fund Check #263-268	\$ 10,602.04

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mr. William Funk of 23 South Letort Drive brought a petition before the Supervisors signed by residents there protesting Julie Johnsen's blighted property and requesting the Supervisors take immediate action. Chairman Shughart responded that he appreciates concerns and efforts of the residents there, but this is an ongoing matter with the Township and will be dealt with as fairly as possible and in the best possible way. Mr. Carpenter reported that he has requested permission from Mrs. Johnsen to inspect the property and she has denied his request, stating this would violate her constitutional rights. Mr. Shughart stated that the Township plans to take the necessary steps to get the inspection done.

Mrs. Johnsen attended the meeting and stated she feels this one neighbor is making a big deal out of nothing. Chairman Shughart informed Mrs. Johnsen that there are nine out of the thirteen residents living on Letort Drive with their names on the petition given him by Mr. Funk. He went on to state that the Township is dealing with the matter fairly and to assure Mrs. Johnsen that the matter will be dealt with. The Zoning Officer requested Ms. Johnsen to allow him to conduct an inspection of the inside of her residence and Ms. Johnsen declined.

Mr. Joe Capuano met with the Supervisors to discuss a dangerous situation caused by trucks running the stoplight at the end of Country Club Road. He went on to discuss the traffic snarls caused by trucks on Route 11 turning into the Pilot Truck Stop.

REPORTS:

Solicitor: Nothing to report.

Engineer: Nothing to report.

Police: Ordered to file. Chief Sherman advised the Supervisors that he has been called to the Pilot due to an illegal bus stop located there and fighting between two people over the same seat on the bus.

Zoning Officer: Ordered to file.

Recreation: Ordered to file.

Fire: Ordered to file. Chief Beam reported he was called to a major oil spill at the Pilot.

Municipal Authority: No report.

Secretary: Ordered to file. Mrs. Justh informed the Supervisors that she is getting ready to start the budget.

OLD BUSINESS

(#04-15) Pennterra Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan Request for Extension of Review Time – A letter was submitted to the Township requesting a 90-day extension for plan review. Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to approve an extension until December 10, 2004 for action on the preliminary/final master subdivision and land development plan. Chairman Shughart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to approve an extension until January 8, 2005 for action on the Pennterra Sales Center Land Development Plan. Chairman Shughart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Ralph L. and Linda K. Deitch Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan/PA DEP Sewage Facilities Planning Module (Resolution 2004-17) – Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to approve Resolution 2004-17, the Ralph and Linda Deitch DEP Sewage Facilities Planning Module resolution. Chairman Shughart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

(#04-19) Hench Storage Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan – Mr. Carpenter stated this is a simple plan for conversion of a chicken building to a storage unit. Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to approve the ten waivers as shown on the face of the plan dated April 2, 2004. Chairman Shughart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to approve the land development plan dated April 2, 2004, conditional upon the review and acceptance of the Township Engineer, Zoning Officer, and compliance with the County Planning Commission comments. Chairman Shughart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Meadowbrook Farms Phase I & II Dedication of Roads – Mr. Grove discussed the release of security of Phase II Meadowbrook. He stated the project is finally down to some minor discrepancies between what is shown on the recorded plan versus what is in the legal description and plot plan. Solicitor Brenneman advised that the matter to come before the Board when the

Township receives the deeds of dedication descriptions and plats approved by Mr. Grove and signed by the Grantors.

John L. Peffer Release of Maintenance Security – Mr. Grove discussed the release of security for this project, stating that an inspection has been conducted due to their request and everything is as it is supposed to be. Mr. Grove recommends the security be released. Mr. Geistwhite made a motion based on Mr. Grove's comments of September 1, 2004 that the maintenance security for the Small Steps Daycare be released. Chairman Shughart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Deer Lane Engineering Weight Study – Mr. Grove stated he would have the final recommendation at the next meeting.

Chief Sherman brought up a request from a resident for a **"No Jake Brakes" sign** to be put up on Sunny Side Drive. Solicitor Brenneman stated this would require permission from Penn Dot and would be difficult to enforce. The Supervisors decided to discuss this at the next meeting.

Chief Sherman discussed **putting lights up at the railroad crossing on Army Heritage Drive**. He stated that the Army has been conducting some studies regarding traffic flow there and residents have commented they would like to see lights at the crossing. Funding is available but it must be applied for through Penn Dot and the Township must pledge \$5,000 to the project. Chairman Shughart asked for a motion to draft and send this letter to William Berkley at Penn Dot. Mr. Geistwhite made the motion and it was seconded by Chairman Shughart and passed unanimously.

Chairman Shughart made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.