

MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 2, 1998

OFFICIALS PRESENT:	SUPERVISORS:	Robert Eppley Joe Capuano Chuck Shughart
	SOLICITOR:	Phil Spare - Substitute
	ENGINEER:	Bud Grove
	POLICE:	Chief Barry Sherman
	ZONING OFFICER:	Mark Carpenter
	RECREATION:	Debbie Vogel - Absent
	FIRE CHIEF:	Ed Beam
	SECRETARY:	Mary Justh

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM in the Middlesex Township Municipal Building by Chairman Robert Eppley. Supervisor Chuck Shughart then led the assembly in the pledge to the flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Shughart which was seconded by Mr. Capuano, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of 5 and 27 August.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

On a motion by Mr. Shughart, seconded by Mr. Capuano and passed unanimously, the Board approved payment of bills represented by the bill list for August, summarized as follows:

General Fund Checks # 7489 thru 7582	\$ 49,403.17
Escrow Fund Check #158 - 161	3,691.07
Rec Program Check #148 - 152	1,346.60
Sewer Fund #276 - 277 Payroll #16 & 17	3,261.80
State Fund #218	59,562.54
Transfer to Payroll Fund	53,849.16

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: No citizen participation

REPORTS

SOLICITOR: No solicitor report as this time.

ENGINEER: Mr. Grove reported that all the data collection for Bernheisel Bridge Road with respect to the speed reduction has been completed. Mr. Grove made a request that the Solicitor draft **an ordinance reducing the speed from 35 to 30 on Bernheisel Bridge Road** based on the 5 test runs that were performed and on existing PennDOT studies. Bernheisel Bridge Road requires additional signs for reduction of speed especially at the curves. Another problem at most of the intersecting roads is a limited sight distance which makes these changes critical. There have been approximately 63 accidents along this area of Bernheisel Bridge Road in recent years and Mr. Grove indicated that this needs to be documented. If the Township wishes a

weight limit reduction for Bernheisel Bridge Road an in depth study would be required. Mr. Capuano made a motion to advertise the speed limit ordinance with a second from Mr. Shughart. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Grove thanked the Supervisors for the name plaques.

POLICE: Presented by Chief Sherman and ordered to file. This was the first time that the police had more than 1000 calls in a month for the police department. Mr. Eppley asked if there were still problems on Rt. 11 concerning the trucks obeying traffic signs. Chief Sherman indicated that the trucks were still creating some problems on Rt. 11.

ZONING: Presented by Mr. Carpenter and ordered to file. Mr. Carpenter commented on the fact that Julie Johnson is trying to get her property cleaned up and how he hopes not to have to visit her again concerning the accumulation of trash.

Gannett Fleming will be starting the Comprehensive plan soon and is requesting the Supervisors and staff help with questions. A road tour will be conducted of the Township. The road tour will be held on September 18 or 21 at 9: - 1; whichever is convenient.

Mr. Shughart suggested that the road tour would be a good time to start action on the junked vehicles in the Township. Mr. Carpenter suggested that he will let the Supervisors know by memo which zone he is working in with regards to violators. Chief Sherman suggested that he would be willing to work with Mr. Carpenter on the violators.

RECREATION: Presented by Bob Snyder and ordered to file. Senior Citizens will be serving funnel cakes at the Fall Festival. The Seniors had a picnic at the park with 13 in attendance on August 30th.

Chairman Eppley asked the other Supervisors if they would be willing to donate the remaining \$2,000, necessary to establish playground equipment for Anderson Park. There was a recent donation of \$1,000.00 given to Recreation from the Eagles to Anderson Park to help defray some of the costs for equipment. This will be the township's first neighborhood park with land donated by the Anderson Family. The hard work of the people to clear the land made it possible for the Township to establish the park and the contributions from the Eagles and the Township will provide the play equipment for the children. Eventually, a sign will be erected to acknowledge these contributions. Mr. Capuano made a motion to provide additional funds for Anderson Park, with a second from Mr. Shughart. The motion passed unanimously.

FIRE/EMC: Presented by Chief Beam and ordered to file. Chief Beam asked Chief Sherman if he would issue a citation to Pyrotech concerning the Alarm Ordinance. Chief Sherman noted that they are having problems with their alarm system and we have been working with them.

The fire on North Middlesex Road was apparently caused by careless smoking in the basement. Chief reported that there was about a 70% loss. The fire companies did a nice job considering the fire had a good start.

SECRETARY: Mrs. Justh stated that at the September 29th Workshop Meeting, Mr. John Wilkinson will be presenting a retirement health plan for township Employees.

OLD BUSINESS

Chief Sherman asked the Supervisors to consider adopting **Ordinance 9-98, the Cumberland County Mutual Aid Agreement**. Mr. Capuano made a motion to adopt the Cumberland County Mutual Aid Agreement with a second from Mr. Shughart. The motion passed unanimously.

(#98010) Crystal Lake Estates - Final Subdivision Plan Consider Reapproval of Conditional Plan Approval. Mr. Capuano made a motion to grant a 90 day extension to Crystal Lake Estates final subdivision with all the conditions and provisions of the June 30 approval. Mr. Shughart seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

(#98008) The Meadows at Spring Hill Preliminary Subdivision Plan Request for Time Extension - Mr. Carpenter commented that the time extension being requested is to give them time to address certain changes in their plans. According to Engineer Grove the traffic study from Gannett Fleming needs to be looked at a second time. The reason Mr. Grove would like this second examination is Middlesex Township ordinance recommends at least a 36 foot cartway. With the number of proposed trips a day of 10,000 a 36 foot cartway does not allow much turning radii for a turning lane at intersections. Another consideration for this plan is what will happen to the traffic when it reaches Rt. 11. Mr. Shughart made a motion to grant the extension to the Meadows at Spring Hill. A second from Mr. Capuano and the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Sherman would like request adoption of an **Ordinance to remove the weight limit on Wolfs Bridge Road**. The reason he is making this request is from Rt. 11 to the bridge the road has been brought up to standards and Mr. Walters would like to use his larger trucks to access his property. Walters has bonding in place for Wolfs Bridge Road. Mr. Capuano made a motion to advertise an Ordinance to remove the weight limit on Wolfs Bridge Road.

Chief reported that the **Flying J signs** were being installed as of today September 2nd, and the only one that was not being erected was the Rt. 11 overhead sign that required a crane.

False Alarm Ordinance needs to be revised, it is outdated. There are some problems enforcing the Ordinance. The cost is \$25.00 which they add an additional fee of \$29.00. Chief Sherman would like to have the Ordinance changed to give the businesses an opportunity to respond within 10 days and pay to the Township without the \$29.00 additional filing fee. Chief Sherman would like to have the legal aspect investigated through the solicitor.

Barbara Groce, President Capital Region Chamber of Commerce made a brief presentation on **Envision Capital Region**. The main thrust of the campaign is to have townships working together to reduce the duplication of services and eventually save taxpayer money for these services. The Supervisors thanked Ms. Groce for her informative presentation.

Mr. Eppley requested Mr. Chilcote, All American Truck Plaza, to comment on the status of the refueling island. Mr. Chilcote stated that work will begin this month.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM on a motion by Mr. Shughart, seconded by Mr. Capuano.