

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
MEETING AGENDA
September 2, 2009**

OFFICIALS PRESENT:	SUPERVISORS:	Vic Stabile Don Geistwhite Steve Larson
	SOLICITOR:	Keith Brenneman
	ENGINEER:	Bud Grove
	POLICE:	Chief Barry Sherman
	ZONING OFFICER:	Mark Carpenter
	SECRETARY:	Mary Justh

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Chairman Vic Stabile called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM in the Middlesex Twp Building with Mr. Bud Grove leading the pledge to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 31 July and 5 August – Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to approve the minutes of July 31st and August 5th. Mr. Larson seconded the motion and they were approved unanimously.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS – August Bill List – Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to approve the bill list for August

REPORTS

Solicitor – No Report

Engineer – Mr. Grove reported that he will be working on the Stormwater Ordinance for the Township. He has a myriad of ordinances to work with and he will be examining all of the models. Mr. John Madden is asking the Township to look at these models from DEP and the County's Ordinance. Mr. Stabile stated that about 4 years ago when the Township looked at wellhead protection is when this came to light about the karst geology of the area. Mr. Stabile asked Mr. Grove about Petro/TA Truck Stops of America. Mr. Grove explained that we have gotten their report so we now have their attention. They will either repair the basin or relocate the basin. We can't require them to do this, but we can recommend them to correct this problem based on the clean streams act. Mr. Grove suggested that they be thanked and given a time line to correct this problem. Mr. Stabile suggested a 60 day time limited. Mr. Grove will write a letter with a 60 day limit.

Police – Ordered to file.

Zoning – Mr. Carpenter gave his report. Mr. Stabile asked about the trees that are hanging over the road that haven't been cleaned up since the storm. Mr. Carpenter will write a letter to the home owners. Mr. Carpenter reported about the DEF diesel emission fluid in an effort to keep from emitting the black smoke. Mr. Carpenter asked permission to spend \$329.00 for a training session with PA BOC. Mr. Stabile made a motion to allow Mr. Carpenter to spend \$329.00 to attend the training session with PA BOC. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Carpenter reported about a resident complaint at 55 Shellbark Court. Mr. Stabile told Mr. Carpenter that we are going to deal with this one last time. Go investigate the complaint and if there is a violation we want to know about it so we can be advised how to remedy the situation, but if there is no violation he should be told there is no violation and his remedy is to pay his fee and go before the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Stabile stated that he does not have the right to carry this torch, we will not allow him to harass these people. Mr. Carpenter explained about a situation at 41 Teaberry that has been abandoned. The Municipal Authority reported on extreme water use and had to turn off the water. The house is in extremely poor condition and the bank needs to have it condemned for being unfit. If the Township tears it down we would put a lean on the property according to Mr. Stabile.

Recreation – Ordered to file

Fire/EMC – Ordered to file

Municipal Authority – Mr. Geistwhite reported that water and sewer are completed to Sheetz with 2 new fire hydrants, that means that the work is finished on Army Heritage.

Secretary – Mrs. Justh reported that this is the bank balances that you asked me to report on. The only thing missing from the report is the \$200,000. CD.

OLD BUSINESS

Cumberland County Tax Office/Gerald Wilkes and Bonnie Mahoney – Mr. Stabile explained that they had a variety of questions and that they wanted to better understand the mathematical model. Mr. Gerald Wilkes reported on the reassessment of the County. After some discussion Ms. Bonnie Mahoney reported that the reassessment will occur next year, but the year of 2011 will be the year that the Township is unable to increase their millage by more than 5%. The informal appeals are beginning and they will continue until October 31, 2009. Then the Township will receive their assessment so that they have an idea of the tax base for 2010. Mr. Wilkes reported how they review the value of properties and that information is in a data base. Charts were given out to the Board and discussion followed about common level ratio and the appeal process. Mr. Stabile asked about millage rates for the New Year and how that might be affected by the increase of the property value. The Board of Supervisors thanked Gerald Wilkes and Bonnie Mahoney for being willing to come out and explain this procedure to the Board.

Benchmark Energy Solutions – Jamie Rubb – Mr. Brenneman reported that he has no contact with anyone from Benchmark Energy. Mr. Stabile told the Board that there is another company called CPAC about an energy company for electric. South Middleton, West Pennsburg and Carlisle are members. Mrs. Justh will check out to see if there is a limit on the audit process and if CPAC does any audits.

John W. Gleim Jr. & Tracy K. Gleim Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan – Mr. Stabile asked about a DEP waiver. Mr. Carpenter reported that it was a lot consolidation. Mr. Stabile made a motion in connection with the minor subdivision plan for John W. Gleim Jr. and the Tracy K. Gleim dated 7/27/09 last revised 8/26/09 that the 6 waivers under the letter of Burget & Associates be granted and be reflected on the face of the plan. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Stabile made a motion to approve the plan subject to the applicant satisfying the comments of Grove Engineering under letter of 8/6/09 and satisfy the County comments of 8/6/09. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Eugene J. & Lindi R. Griffiths Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan – Mr. Stabile stated that there were 2 additional waivers making it a total of seven under a letter of 7/31/09. Mr. Carpenter stated that the one on the bottom of the letter was a replacement area for sewage. Mr. Stabile made a motion in connection with the Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan of Eugene J. and Lindi R. Griffith dated 7/27/09 to grant the 7 waivers listed on the letter of Land Design and Division Ltd by Steven Fisher. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Stabile made another motion in connection with the plan, 1. That all waivers granted be properly noted on the face of the plan (because there one that is not on here), 2. That the plan be approved subject to a sewer easement be issued to the Authority as noted in the Authority's letter of 9/2/09, 3. That the front yard easement description facing North Middlesex Road be revised to reflect a 45' rear yard setback and that the rear yard description setback be revised to be a 20' side yard setback, 4. That the applicant comply with the Cumberland County comments of 8/6/09, and 5. That the applicant comply with Grove Engineering comments of 8/24/09. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Stabile made another motion to recommend to DEP an exemption module for Lot 4A on this plan. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Stabile made a motion to grant a waiver to the applicant for an on lot sewer replacement area to comply with the Township Ordinances regarding residential sewage. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Cumberland County Area Loan Organization & Industrial Development Corporation – Mr. Stabile had asked Mrs. Justh to draft a letter in support of Cumberland County as the Area Loan Organization & Industrial Development Corporation. Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to approve and send the letter of support to Scott Dunkleberger. Mr. Larson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

2010 Middlesex Township Budget – Mrs. Justh reported that she has not had an opportunity to work on the budget this week, but she will have something for the meeting at the end of the month.

US Census Bureau – Address List – Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to appoint Mr. Carpenter as the liaison to the US Census Bureau for address listings for the 2010 census. Mr. Larson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mrs. Justh asked the Board if they would be interested in having a **building audit** to qualify for grant money. Mr. Stabile stated that we should aggressively pursue any grant money that is available to the Township. Mr. Stabile stated that we should go talk to the County and find out what an audit will cost and then we can make a decision.

Chief Barry Sherman asked the Board if they had made a decision about the **fireworks display** that a family wanted to have for an anniversary celebration. The fireworks should not go any later than 9:00 pm. Fire Chief Ed Beam will need to sign the paperwork in order for this to happen. Mr. Stabile made a motion to approve the use of fireworks. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 pm for a personnel matter. Mr. Larson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.