

MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
WORKSHOP MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 1999

OFFICIALS PRESENT:	SUPERVISORS:	Robert Eppley Joe Capuano Chuck Shughart
	SOLICITOR:	Keith Brenneman
	ENGINEER:	Bud Grove - Absent
	POLICE:	Chief Barry Sherman
	ZONING OFFICER:	Mark Carpenter
	SECRETARY:	Mary Justh - Absent Deb Vogel - Recording Secretary

Chairman Robert Eppley called the meeting to order at 7:35 AM.

SEALED BID OPENING - The first item on the agenda was a sealed bid opening for Hollow Brook Road Bridge. Chief Barry Sherman replied that the one and only bid received was from Contech Construction Products from Harrisburg, PA in the amount of \$36,310.00 for two 7' 2" aluminum pipe. The bid will be awarded at the next regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

(#99013) RUTH C. KESSLER - PRELIMINARY/FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAN - Mark Carpenter presented the Board with a copy of the above plan. Mr. Carpenter commented that the Planning Commission will make a decision on this plan at their next meeting, September 27, 1999. This is a small lot addition to Mr. Kessler's property to allow for the installation of a sand mound. This property was previously subdivided, now he needs to retrieve some of the tract to enable him to install the sand mound due to a malfunctioning system. Mr. Capuano asked if the mound has been installed. Mr. Carpenter replied yes now he is requesting the subdivision plan. Mr. Carpenter noted that the property is in Ruth Clemson's name, she is the legal owner. After this plan is complete the property will be in both Ed & Ruth Kessler's name.

DICKINSON SCHOOL OF LAW RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB - USE OF PARK FIELDS Debbie Vogel, Recreation Director, introduced John Cherry, the representative for the above Rugby Club. Mr. Cherry submitted a letter of request to the Supervisors on September 7, 1999 to use the multi-purpose soccer field near Field #10 at the park for three Fall games September 25, October 23, and October 30, 1999. Mr. Cherry mentioned that the club might be interested in the use of the field in the Spring of 2000 with the understanding that they would have to work around the softball field use schedule. In addition to their use request, the club agreed to help maintain the fields per the Township's request. Mr. Shughart asked how hard the use would be on the field. Mr. Cherry replied that the types of cleats that they use are round spikes, which create less tearing. Mr. Cherry mentioned that they would not request any additional help from the Township other than mowing the field. Mr. Shughart expressed his concerns with the consumption of alcohol on the premises. Mr. Cherry replied that the club is aware of the park rules and will abide by them. Mr. Shughart implied that the club will be removed from the park

and the police will take enforcement if drinking occurs. Mr. Capuano asked if they would be lining the field, Mr. Cherry replied, yes. Mr. Eppley asked how many people attend the games Mr. Cherry replied that between 30 to 50 players and approximately 20 spectators. Mrs. Vogel asked that the club explain how they are planning to install the temporary goals. Mr. Cherry reported that they use 2" PVC pipe and sink ¼" rebar into ground and place goals on the top of rebar. The rebar will be removed when not in use. Mr. Capuano made a motion to approve the use of the field in exchange for in kind services for the recorded three games this Fall with the understanding that there will be no alcohol consumption on the premises, and that the club completes the proper paperwork procedure with the Recreation Department regarding field usage. Mr. Shughart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

TOWNSHIP BURN BAN - Chief Sherman reported that Ed Beam submitted a memorandum to the Township Supervisors on September 17, 1999 recommending that the Supervisors rescind the Township's burning ban. Residents should continue to exercise extreme care when burning in the open. Mr. Beam also wanted to remind residents that the County is still under a Drought Emergency at this time. Mr. Shughart motioned to approve the lift of the Township Burn Ban. Mr. Capuano seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Capuano reported that he and Mr. Eppley attended the building committee meeting the previous evening and Rory Morrison of the Middlesex Township Municipal Authority brought two items of concern to the members' attention. The first item was a part of the long studied need for a **backup standby generator** for the township offices and possibly to also serve the maintenance shop. The initial estimate for a **generator is \$80,000.00**. The Committee requested additional investigation from Mr. Morrison prior to the next meeting of the Committee. Mr. Morrison also reported that he received a proposal from the Trane Co. to service the chiller unit. The chiller had not been serviced since it was put into operation. The cost is \$1,300.00 plus parts, if required. The Trane Co. also informed Mr. Morrison that the parts for the system controls for the HVAC are being phased out and that within 5 years none would be available. Trane's estimate for a replacement system is \$20k to 25k. This should be considered for early replacement to eliminate old system part shortages, making the system unusable and to recoup some of the cost through a buyback from Trane. Mr. Capuano said that the Board of Supervisors may want to borrow the money from the MTMA prior to the debt conversion in June of 2000. He also suggested it might be a better option to use the debt reserve as it could continue to earn interest until these items were actually accomplished. Mr. Shughart asked what all is involved in setting up a system. Mr. Capuano replied that it is not complicated. Mr. Shughart wanted to clarify what the primary concern is to supply back-up power. Mr. Carpenter replied that this is a shelter in the event of an emergency. Mr. Capuano mentioned that the Township should contact Ed Beam to see if PHEMA has grant money for the purchase of this generator since this is an Emergency Site. Mr. Shughart suggested that a smaller unit be used currently for back up. Chief Sherman commented that North Middleton Township has a system in place if anyone wanted to see what a similar system entails.

Mr. Capuano requested that the three Supervisors and Mr. Brenneman meet in **Executive Session** to discuss Litigation after this meeting adjourns.

Mr. Eppley asked if anyone has any comments. Mr. Carpenter replied, no. Chief Sherman replied that no flooding occurred last evening, but a few trees were down.

Mrs. Vogel mentioned that the **Fall Festival** is tomorrow from 10 AM to 4 PM.

Mr. Capuano made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Shughart seconded the motion.
Meeting adjourned at 8:05 AM.