

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
WORKSHOP MEETING
September 25, 2009**

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

Chairman Don Geistwhite called the meeting to order at 7:46am in the Middlesex Township Building

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mrs. Betty Jean Shatto of 2 Ridge Avenue made a request to the Board for a reduction of the \$3500.00 for the installation of a holding tank. Because the existing septic system failed she will have the additional cost of replacing the system with a holding tank and pumping all the time. Mr. Carpenter explained that it is a privilege to allow a holding tank. Mr. Brenneman explained that this is not a reflection on you, but by allowing a holding tank it becomes the responsibility of the Township, and according to DEP it is a Township responsibility. If the property is sold you will have to charge more for the property in order to recoup the money you invested. Otherwise the \$3,500.00 will go with the property. Mr. Geistwhite stated that he and Mr. Larson will speak to Mr. Stabile at the Wednesday night meeting. An alternative system is not an option according to the SEO, because of the soil and lot size according to Mr. Carpenter.

DAVID RAUDABAUGH SUBDIVISION/PURCHASER DUSTIN RICKABAUGH – Mr. Carpenter reported that this is a small subdivision on North Middlesex Road. Mr. Raudabaugh wants to sell the property and Mr. Rickabaugh would like to purchase it. Mr. Brenneman stated that new security will need to be approved with the Township Engineer, because prices have gone up since the original security was put in place. Mr. Carpenter explained to Mr. Rickabaugh how the security and reduction of security process works. Mr. Carpenter explained that a macadam sub-base will have to be in place before building permits can be processed. Mr. Brenneman asked that his attorney contact Mr. Brenneman about all of the agreements that are needed.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY ENERGY & CONSERVATION – Mr. Geistwhite stated that we should go forward. Mrs. Justh explained that she told Mr. Grove not to bother with the building audit because the Cumberland County funding was only \$50,000.00 maximum and not enough to worry about a building audit. Mrs. Justh explained that there is a cost to the Township of \$11,750.00 our 25% for the upgrades to the heating system, but because we would be borrowing from the maintenance account we need to add \$8,000.00 into the budget to have the maintenance account paid back in the event that we would get the grant.

READDRESSING PARTS OF TRINDLE ROAD – Mr. Carpenter explained why this is being requested by the emergency services. The County will have to deal with Silver Spring, Middlesex, Monroe and South Middleton and if anyone does not agree at this time it probably will not happen, it is a wait and see at this point.

ALTERNATIVE FUELS INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM – Mr. Geistwhite has spoken to Mr. Tom Bell and he has indicated that there is funding for alternative fuels for the Township and he is willing to meet with us. Mr. Geistwhite will set up a meeting for the staff and Mr. Bell.

LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND REPORT ENDED 12/31/08 – Mrs. Justh reported that this is the final report for the 2008 Liquid Fuels. This is for your information only.

PMRS 2010 MINIMAL MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION – Mrs. Justh reported that the Minimal Municipal Obligation for the Township, the Uniform and Non-Uniform Pension is before you and we need to act on it today. This form is presented to the Board and sent on to PMRS. Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to approve the PMRS 2010 Minimal Municipal Obligation form to be sent to PMRS before the end of September. Mr. Larson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ENERGY PROVIDER FOR THE TOWNSHIP – Mrs. Justh reported that she has now received a new company Constellation New Energy and forwarded to them all the information she has forwarded to the other providers. Mr. Brenneman asked if Mrs. Justh ever received a list from Benchmark of their customers. Mrs. Justh reported that she has not received any copies. Mr. Brenneman reported that he hopes to have that by the Wednesday night meeting. Mr. Geistwhite asked Mrs. Justh to do a spread sheet of the different proposals.

2010 BUDGET – Discussion about the budget and the amount of money needed to make this budget work is \$363,000.00 in cash to start the year. Mrs. Justh stated that you need to raise taxes, we do not have a choice. Mrs. Justh reported that there are some places to save money, such as not sending out a newsletter or charging for the fall festival events. Mr. Larson asked again, is there anything the Township can do to bring in more money.

Chief Sherman stated that people are now **living at Motel 6** and it is costing the Township for these people and Carlisle is placing these people here. Mr. Brenneman asked what Townships have a **Fire Tax**. Mrs. Justh reported that South Middleton and Silver Spring, but North Middleton is going to add a Fire Tax this year. Mr. Geistwhite asked Mrs. Justh to put together what would be the bare necessity before the next meeting to make the budget work. Mr. Geistwhite asked Mrs. Justh about the letter from West Shore EMS. Mrs. Justh reported that she is going to a meeting next Wednesday morning to discuss this particular issue. Mr. Carpenter reported that a Trailer in a Trailer Court only pays about \$15.00 per year in taxes. Mr. Brenneman asked about how these people are being placed in these motels and who is paying the bill. Discussion followed about the conditions at the motels.

The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 9:10 on a motion by Mr. Geistwhite and seconded by Mr. Larson for a personnel matter with no action being taken.