

MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
WORKSHOP MEETING
September 26, 2003

OFFICIALS PRESENT:	SUPERVISORS:	Robert Eppley Chuck Shughart - Absent Vic Stabile
	SOLICITOR:	Keith Brenneman
	ENGINEER:	Bud Grove - Absent
	POLICE:	Chief Barry Sherman
	ZONING OFFICER:	Mark Carpenter
	SECRETARY:	Mary Justh

Chairman Robert Eppley called the meeting to order at 7:30AM in the Middlesex Twp Building.

PUBLIC COMMENT - Ms. Annette Cremo was in attendance at the meeting and expressed her concerns with traffic issues in the Township. Chief Sherman was able to answer her questions with regard to the police department.

(#03-14) KEYSTONE ARMS PRELIMINARY SUBDIVISION AND LAND

DEVELOPMENT PLAN TIME EXTENSION – Mr. Stabile made a motion to accept the written request for Keystone Arms for a 90 day time extension for consideration of the Preliminary Subdivision and Land Development Plan. Mr. Eppley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Discussion followed on the plan that Mr. Carpenter has received from the developer.

BUILDING CODE UPDATE – Mr. Carpenter gave the Supervisors an update on what classes he has taken and a draft ordinance of building codes for the Township. Mr. Stabile suggested that Mr. Brenneman review the codes. Mr. Carpenter stated that Middlesex Township is in the path of development and it would be in the Township's best interest to develop building codes. Mr. Carpenter stated that a Board of Appeals will be needed. Discussion followed about how stringent to make the codes especially for minor improvements.

WEST SHORE TAX BUREAU 2004 BUDGET, RESOLUTION AND BUDGET

APPROVAL FORM – Mr. Stabile made a motion to adopt Resolution 2003-9 adopting the West Shore Tax Bureau 2004 Budget and to appoint Mary Justh as the Board Member and Mr. Stabile as the alternate to the Board. Mr. Eppley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

UNION FIRE COMPANY NO. 1 LETTER – Mr. Don Geistwhite has volunteered to contact Union Fire Company about applying for grants for their new fire truck. Mr. Stabile suggested that we wait until budget meetings to look at contributing toward a new fire truck for Union Fire Company.

2004 PRELIMINARY BUDGET AND BUDGET MEETING SCHEDULE -- Discussion followed on the budget figures and the budget meeting schedule for the 2004 budget.

FINAL CALENDAR – The final calendar was presented by Mrs. Justh and she explained that the calendar needs to be advertised for next year.

Mr. Carpenter stated that he has been in contact with Mr. Greg Weaver of **Lane Enterprises** concerning the employee parking on the site. Mr. Carpenter will try to give an update on Wednesday night.

We Center Ministries is looking to move into a vacant building on Trindle Road and use it for their Administrative Offices with an apartment on the second floor. Mr. Carpenter doesn't feel that a land development plan is needed. They will not have any counseling or housing of counselees on the site and will only be used for offices and hot line phone counseling with the manager having an apartment on the second floor.

Mrs. Justh presented the PSATS bulletin that states that municipalities will have the authority to be reimbursed for legal fees of subdivisions if **House Bill 1917** is adopted. Mr. Stabile suggested that letters be written to the Township's state legislators in support of House Bill 1917 passage.

Chief Barry Sherman presented the new emission inspection requirements from **PennDOT**. The dead line for the inspection is December 4th and the cost will be about \$6,500.00 for the Township to update the equipment for the inspection. Mr. Stabile made a motion to authorize up to \$7,000.00 to update inspection equipment out of the Equipment Fund and if that is not sufficient Chief Sherman will have to come back to the Supervisors for further discussion.

The staff has begun to work on installing the **generator** and we are waiting for bbcc to do their work according to Chief Sherman.

Mr. Eppley asked about storm damage in the Township from **Isabel**. Chief Sherman told the Supervisors that the only problem in the Township was that the power was out and trees were down.

Chief Sherman mentioned that the school bus drivers want the trees trimmed on **Old Stone House Road**, because they are hitting the buses. Don Geistwhite has some concern about the trees on Shady Lane.

Discussion followed on the **Cornerstone Traffic Study** that needs to be forwarded to the Township for the October 1st Meeting. Mr. Ron Secary contacted Mr. Stabile with respect to the mix in the housing units. Mr. Stabile told Mr. Secary that he can not give him the mix he needs for the housing, he needs to obtain that information.

Chief Sherman reported that the car show went well at the **Eagle Grounds**. Mr. Carpenter explained that he is asking for a list of events for outside fund raisers for the eagles.

Mr. Eppley asked Mrs. Justh about the **gas tax increase** and how that will affect the Township. Mrs. Justh will report back to the Supervisors on Wednesday.

Mr. Brenneman reminded the Supervisors that there will be a **hearing on Wednesday** at 7:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 AM to executive session.