

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS MEETING
October 5, 2011**

OFFICIALS PRESENT: **SUPERVISORS:** Chairman Victor P. Stabile
Vice-Chairman Donald S. Geistwhite, Jr.
Steve Larson
 SOLICITOR: Keith O. Brenneman
 POLICE: Chief Barry Sherman
 ZONING OFFICER: Mark Carpenter
 MANAGER: Eileen Gault
 FIRE CHIEF: Ed Beam

OFFICIALS ABSENT: **ENGINEER:** Bud Grove

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Chairman Stabile called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. in the Middlesex Township Building, with Mr. Bill Goodhart leading the pledge to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On the motion of Mr. Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Stabile, it was unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of September 7, 2011.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS: On the motion of Mr. Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Larson, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the payments of the September 16, 2011 and September 30, 2011 bills.

REPORTS:

Solicitor: No Report.

Engineer: Absent.

Police: Entered to record.

Zoning: Mr. Carpenter reported on the number of permits for the month. He also reported that Keystone Arms is underway with the Towne Center and that Blue Beacon has started with the carwash remodeling. Mr. Stabile commented on the Snyder Farm on S. Middlesex Road and the condition that it is in. Mr. Stabile is concerned that the place is not in compliance with the Maintenance Ordinance and that the property will become blighted. Mr. Carpenter suggested that he can send the property owner a letter or have a phone meeting to discuss this matter. Mr. Stabile suggested to the Board that the ordinance is reviewed and readdressed concerning vacant property and the maintenance of. Mr. Stabile has asked Mr. Brenneman to see if there are ordinances in the area that address those concerns.

Recreation/Recycling Coordinator: Entered into record.

Fire/EMC: Entered into record. Mr. Beam reported that he has been in contact with Mr. Ed Whalen from Flying J and they are making the necessary changes to assist with the congested

parking situation. Mr. Whalen informed Mr. Beam that they are removing the barriers and marking fire lanes only and adding signage. Mr. Beam then reported that he received a phone call as well as correspondence from Chief Paul Christopel from West Shore EMS stating that they are no longer running ambulance service out of the station on the Pike and that the Paramedic (ALS) remains and effective the 10th a Paramedic will be on an ambulance with an EMT.

Municipal Authority: Mr. Geistwhite reported that the Authority is still working on Well #1 pumping a little more each time slowly to prevent turbidity problems.

Secretary: Mrs. Gault presented to the Supervisors a renewal summary for the employee healthcare plan at a \$25.00 increase for the single rate and \$55.00 for the family rate which is a 3.4% increase to the current rates. The Supervisors were pleased with the low rate increase.

OLD BUSINESS:

Liberty Power Electric Rates: Mrs. Gault received another proposal from Liberty Power with lower rates than originally proposed. The proposed rates were for 12, 24 and 36 month terms. On the motion of Mr. Stabile, seconded by Mr. Larson, it was unanimously agreed to renew the contract with Liberty Power at the rate of .08066 per kwh for 24 months.

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposed Resolution 2011-11 in Support of Growing Greener: Mrs. Gault reported that she had received a proposed Resolution from an intern with Penn Environment, a citizen based advocacy group whose main focus is solutions to environmental problems. Growing Greener is about to expire its source of funds and Penn Environment is looking to local municipalities to support them in calling upon the Legislature to provide more funds for Growing Greener. Mr. Stabile is not against this but would like to know more about this and where it stands on the list of priorities. The Board suggested Mrs. Gault contact Representative Stephen Bloom's office and obtain more information and find out where the Legislature stands regarding this matter.

2012 Reorganizational Meeting Date: The Supervisors agreed that since the first Monday of January is the usual Reorganizational Meeting and is a staff holiday that the Reorganizational Meeting will be rescheduled to Wednesday, January 4, 2012.

Since Mr. Stabile was not at the Workshop Meeting, Mr. Geistwhite gave him a brief update on the issues from that meeting.

Chief Sherman reported that on May 26, 2007 the Police were involved in an investigation of drugs and prostitution. During a traffic stop at one of the truck stops, \$417,000 in cash was seized. Since 2007 the Chief has been dealing with INS to obtain the 5% that is the Township share of the money seized. On the motion of Mr. Stabile, seconded by Mr. Geistwhite, it was unanimously agreed to execute the affidavit as a new participant in the equitable sharing agreement with the Department of Justice and the Department of the Treasury with Middlesex Township in order to obtain the Township share of forfeited sums under that program.

On the motion of Mr. Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Larson and there being no further business, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.