

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS MEETING
October 6, 2021**

OFFICIALS PRESENT:	SUPERVISORS:	Chairman Donald S. Geistwhite, Jr.
	VICE-CHAIRMAN	Steven Larson
	SOLICITOR:	Keith O. Brenneman
	PUBLIC SAFETY	
	DIRECTOR:	Chief Steve D. Kingsborough
	ZONING OFFICER:	Mark D. Carpenter
	ASST. CODES ENFORCEMENT/	
	MS4 COORDINATOR:	Gerald Steigleman
	ROADMASTER:	Zachary L. Zook
	MANAGER:	Eileen M. Gault
	FIRE / EMC:	Chief Edwin Beam
ENGINEER:	Bud Grove	

OFFICIALS ABSENT: **SUPERVISOR:** William H. Goodhart

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Chairman Geistwhite called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., with Mr. Jonathan Filipovich leading the pledge to the flag in the Middlesex Township Municipal Building.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT PRESENTATION: Jonathan Filipovich presented a power point presentation of his Eagle Scout Project located in Middlesex Township. This project was extra special as it honored one of the Township's Summer Playground Employees Ms. Ashley M. Pyers, who also attended Summer Playground as a young girl. Jonathan had the support and help of family and friends as well as Township Recreation Director Denise Jumper, Roadmaster Zachary Zook and staff of the Highway Department and Mr. Joseph Ramp who oversees the park maintenance. The Supervisors presented Jonathan with a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of the contribution to our community by creating the Ashley M. Pyers Memorial at the Township Park.

MS4 / STORMWATER: MS4 Coordinator Mr. Steigleman reported about flooding that occurred on Route 11 during a recent storm. Mr. Steigleman's investigation found dumping of construction material behind the restaurant at 1251 Harrisburg Pike had been pushed into the ravine and is blocking the 36-inch outfall pipe, attributing to the flooding. Township Engineer Bud Grove would like to review the original plans. Township Solicitor agrees with Mr. Grove reviewing the plans to see if there are any notes on the approved plan that require maintenance of the drainage facilities.

Complaints were received from residents on Willow View Drive regarding flooding on their property due to Platinum Plus car lot at 1110 Harrisburg Pike. It was determined by Township Engineer Mr. Grove and Assistant Codes Enforcement Officer Mr. Steigleman that Platinum Plus had paved over approximately 5000 sq. feet of impervious ground to include the new roof that was installed on an existing building. The roof was extended past the building to the rear approximately 8 ft. This is a violation since no building permit was issued to the property owner for placing a pitched roof on the building that had a flat roof on it. A meeting will be scheduled to meet with the property owner at 1110 Harrisburg Pike.

Township Solicitor Mr. Brenneman reported that he had written a letter to the attorney of the owner of Country Manor West and advised him of the complaints that had been received from the residents and that the issues need to be addressed. The attorney responded addressing the issue with Bernheisel Bridge Road, but that the Township has no authority over what is happening on their private property. Mr. Brenneman did remind him of the obligation they have to maintain the streets especially during the winter for the safety of first responders. The attorney was sent pictures that were taken showing the springs on the property that are affecting the roads and a response has yet to be received. The Township will continue to do what they can to address the issues.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of August 27, 2021.

On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of September 1, 2021.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the payment of the bills for October 2021.

REPORTS:

Solicitor – No report.

Engineer – Mr. Grove updated the Supervisors on the status of Appian Drive. He spoke with Mr. Tiday who informed him that he does have a contractor and intends to get the work completed, however, he does not think that the wearing course can be done on time. The residents are concerned about who will maintain the roads over the winter.

Director of Public Safety – Chief Kingsborough submitted the monthly Police report. There was a brief discussion, and the report was entered into record. Chief Kingsborough reported that Patrol Officer Von Lumm delivered a baby while on duty recently.

Zoning – Mr. Carpenter submitted the monthly Zoning Report. There was a brief discussion, and the report was entered into record.

Codes Enforcement – Mr. Steigleman submitted the monthly Codes Enforcement Report. The report was entered into record.

Roadmaster – Mr. Zook submitted the monthly Highway Department Report. There was a brief discussion, and the report was entered into record. Mr. Zook also informed the Supervisors of an application received for employment at the Compost Facility from Roger Hetrick. He also reported about a meeting recently held with South Middleton staff regarding the project off S. Middlesex and Trindle Road. In the meantime, Mr. Zook is looking to do some site improvements in the area.

Recreation/Recycling Coordinator – Mrs. Jumper submitted the monthly Recreation Director Report. The Report was entered into record.

Fire/EMC – Chief Beam submitted the monthly Fire Chief Report. The Report was entered into record.

Municipal Authority – Chairman Geistwhite reported that the well operated fine despite all the recent rain.

Manager – Mrs. Gault reported that she recently met with staff to discuss the budget, however, the new rates for healthcare should be received next week and the final assessment from the County should be received by the first week of November.

With regards to ARP Funding (American Rescue Plan) the first reporting deadline has been changed from October 31, 2021, to April 30, 2022. This must also be included in the budget, so a resolution will need to be adopted.

The Liquid Fuels audit was completed in August for the previous year. Notification was received that everything is being used in accordance with the law.

The air quality analysis previously discussed that would be done by Trane will cost approximately \$9700. This is being put on hold until more information is acquired.

A letter received from the Municipal Authority Manager regarding a resident requesting a second one-year extension for on-lot septic pumping. There was a brief discussion about changing any verbiage in the ordinance to allow for granting additional extensions, etc. Township Solicitor Mr. Brenneman will review the ordinance.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion and possible motion about Recreation Fee-In-Lieu payment for Preliminary Major Subdivision Plan for Cumberland Preserve: Present were Mr. Doug Gosick and Mr. Nick Grayshaw to discuss the Recreation Fee-In-Lieu. The Township requires \$750 per bldg. lot or that facilities are dedicated. Cumberland Preserve plans to create public recreation facilities in accordance with the ordinance and will be privately maintained and owned. This recreation facility will exceed what is required by ordinance. They are proposing to offer a donation of \$15,300 or \$100 per dwelling unit. After much discussion, Township Solicitor asked if they would consider donating \$25,000 and notify the Township of their decision after checking with the owner.

Discussion and possible motion on request for extension of review time for Preliminary Final Land Development Plan for 96 South Middlesex Road: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to approve the request of W. John Madden, P.E., of Frederick, Seibert & Associates, Inc., on behalf of the applicant, to grant an extension of the maximum time period for action on the Preliminary Final Land Development Plan for 96 South Middlesex Road, until February 3, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and possible motion to authorize the Director of Public Safety to purchase accreditation and policy management software: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Director of Public Safety Chief Kingsborough to purchase accreditation and policy management software.

Discussion and Possible Motion to authorize the Director of Public Safety to purchase tasers: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Director of Public Safety Chief Kingsborough to purchase tasers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: There being no further business, on the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. to Executive Session with no action to be taken as a result.