MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS MEETING
October 7, 2015

OFFICIALS PRESENT:	SUPERVISORS:	Chairman Donald S. Geistwhite, Jr.
		Vice-Chairman Steven Larson
		William H. Goodhart
	SOLICITOR:	Keith O. Brenneman
	POLICE:	Chief Barry L. Sherman
	ZONING OFFICER:	Mark D. Carpenter
	MANAGER:	Eileen M. Gault
	FIRE CHIEF:	Ed Beam
	ENGINEER:	Bud Grove

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Chairman Geistwhite called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Middlesex Township Building, with Emiliann Goodhart leading the pledge to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Ms. Darla Romberger, Agricultural teacher from Cumberland Valley High School and advisor to the FFA Chapter was present with some students from the FFA to perform a skit. The students representing FFA were Emiliann Goodhart, Alicia Gates, Anna Pauletta, Paige Smith and MacKenzie Yorlets. The group has chosen as a topic for their skit the Marcellus Shale and Hydraulic Fracking issues that have been going on across Pennsylvania. The students will be competing in an Agricultural Issues Forum Competition with the skit. The purpose of the competition is to inform the community of a local issue affecting their state or community. Part of the outreach to the competition is to have five (5) public presentations of your skit informing various communities of the chosen topic as well as getting practice for the competition. The group was very informative on the topic and open to constructive criticism. The one advice given was they slow down while speaking.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of August 28, 2015 and September 2, 2015.

On the motion of Vice-Chairman Larson, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of September 25, 2015, with Chairman Geistwhite abstaining since he was absent from the meeting.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the payments of the September 2015 bills.

REPORTS:

Solicitor – Mr. Brenneman informed the Supervisors that he is currently working on addressing the noise regulation in the Zoning Ordinance Amendment to Article X-CH Districts and Article XIV Supplemental Regulations.

Engineer – Report will be further on in the agenda.

Police – Chief Sherman submitted the monthly Police Report. Report entered into record.

Zoning – Mr. Carpenter submitted the monthly Zoning Report. Report entered into record.

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

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

Municipal Authority – Chairman Geistwhite reported that Authority Manager Mr. Morrison has informed the residence in the area of Reservoir Lane that the gate that leads back the lane will be closed each evening at the end of business hours.

Manager – Mrs. Gault reported that Mr. Mike Perry of AHEC was requesting a Letter of Support for them to go after funding for the I-81 Interchange project in which he discussed with the Board at a previous meeting. The Supervisors are in support of a letter with the understanding that Middlesex Township will provide no funding for this project. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Manager to write a Letter of Support on the Boards behalf with the review of the Township Solicitor Mr. Brenneman.

Mrs. Gault then reported that she had attended the Benecon Meeting for healthcare and was informed that they renewed a three (3) year contract with Capital Blue Cross from 2016 – 2018. There are currently 237 groups overall in PMHIC (Pennsylvania Municipal Health Insurance Cooperative). Beginning January 2016 Capital Blue will have available wellness money available for groups that are making efforts to lower their healthcare costs. Because we have less than 75 employees, we will be in the 3rd category where there is $15,000 available in which we could be awarded a portion of depending on the wellness program we plan to implement. The Supervisors have asked the Manager to come up with some ideas for the Workshop Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

David J. Raudabaugh, Final Subdivision Plan Request for Dedication of Melody Lane: Mr. Dustin Rickenbaugh was present on behalf of the plan request. Township Engineer Mr. Grove reported that the road is completed, looks great and is ready for dedication. Mr. Grove noted was that normally other site improvements are completed at the same time of road dedication, especially Storm Water Management, but this is not the case. The developer submitted an as-built survey to indicate all the site improvements and the condition of those improvements. There is improvement security being held for the improvements. Mr. Rickenbaugh stated that he would have the improvements completed by June 1, 2016 weather permitting, since it is time sensitive. There was some discussion of #7 of Mr. Grove's memo dated October 7, 2015 which stated that approximately 42 feet of the retaining wall at the rear of Lot 1 is within the right-of-way of Melody Lane. It was determined that the retaining wall is the responsibility of the property owner. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to approve the Final Subdivision Plan Request for Dedication of Melody Lane with the understanding that Middlesex Township will not be responsible for the 42 feet of retaining wall at the rear of Lot 1 within the right-of-way of Melody Lane and will allow the developer until June 1, 2016 weather permitting to complete Stormwater Management improvements at which time the Maintenance Security will be retained for 18 months. Mr. Dustin Rickenbaugh is in agreement to the conditions.

Comfort Inn, final Land Development Plan Request for Reduction of Improvement: In a memo dated September 10, 2015 Triple Crown Corporation requested a reduction of improvement security from $478, 233.90 to $124,234.55. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to per the recommendation of the Township Engineer, Mr. Grove to approve the request for reduction of improvement security to $142,946.16

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of Resolution No. 2015 -8 Accepting Dedication of Melody Lane: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to approve Resolution No. 2015 - 8 accepting dedication of Melody Lane.

Adoption of Ordinance 6 – 2015 Amending fines for the Enforcement of Violations Resulting in Summary Offenses: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to adopt Ordinance 6 – 2015 amending fines for the enforcement of violations resulting in summary offenses.

Chief Sherman requested that the board authorize the Township Solicitor to do a stop sign ordinance for Melody Lane and no parking in the cul-de-sac during the months of November 1 through April 1 of each year. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Township Solicitor to prepare an ordinance for adoption for Melody Lane.

Chief Sherman reported that Claremont Road will be closed November 2 – 6, 2015 with the detour being down Harmony Hall. The railroad is putting in new base in the vicinity of Agway.

Chief Sherman reported that the aggressive driving grant money is available and needs to be approved. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to approve the grant application for the aggressive driving enforcement grant.

Chief Sherman is requesting approval to purchase a new dump truck and trade one in or sell it on Municibid. The truck would be purchased from Legacy out of Harrisburg. It would be a Mac truck through Co-Stars in the amount of $112,427.08. The body of the truck would come from Lancaster Truck in the approximate amount of $61,735.00. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the purchase of the new truck and truck body.

There being no further business, on the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting to Executive Session at 8:17 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter, with no action to be taken by the Board as a result of the Executive Session.