

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
WORKSHOP MEETING
October 26, 2007**

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

Chairman Chuck Shughart called the meeting to order at 7:32 AM in the Middlesex Twp Building.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Attorney Suhr representing Oppidan Investment Co. requested a new hearing date for a Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment that would include Recreational Vehicle sales and service in the VC zoning district. Mr. Stabile was concerned about the consistency in the language, but Mr. Brenneman and Mr. Suhr assured him that was not a problem. Mr. Stabile made a motion to advertise for a hearing to be scheduled for December 5th, at 7:00 PM. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE 11 - 2007 PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF A LOCAL SERVICES TAX AND REPEALING ORDINANCE 6-2005. Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to adopt Ordinance 11-2007 providing for the Assessment of a Local Services Tax and Repealing Ordinance 6-2005. Mr. Stabile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

GYPSY MOTH SPRAYING – Mr. Stabile stated this is pretty much a no brainer, and he can't understand why the County would drop the funding on the spraying. The Supervisors think that this is a crime to take it from the County budget and put it on the Municipalities budget. Mr. Shughart stated that he will call Perry County to find out if they are spraying. The Supervisors decided to go to the County meeting for the spraying on November 7th. The Supervisors meeting will be cancelled and all business will be conducted at the workshop meeting on November 30th, with the hearings for the Burning Ordinance and Oppidan on the agenda for December 5th, at 7:00 PM. Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to move the Burning Ordinance to December 5th along with the RV Ordinance. Mr. Stabile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Stabile asked for a letter to be sent to the County on the Gypsy Moth problem and copies sent to the other municipalities.

EARNED INCOME TAX COLLECTION - NECESSARY LEGISLATIVE REFORMS – Mr. Stabile reported that there is no accountability for the Earned Income Tax Bureaus in Pennsylvania and there needs to be some reforms to the system. After reporting on the short comings of the Capital Area Tax Bureau, Mr. Shughart and Mr. Geistwhite gave their support to

the Task Force on Regional Development when it comes to the tax collection of Earned Income Tax.

2008 CALENDAR – Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to adopt the 2008 Calendar for the Township. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stabile and passed unanimously.

HARRISBURG HUMANE SOCIETY 2008 AGREEMENT – Chief Barry Sherman explained that the Humane Society is going to stay in business and he has worked at trying to find another location to take the animals. Mr. Stabile questioned the amount of increase to the Township. Mr. Brenneman explained how the Humane Society reached the charge for the Township taking animals to the Humane Society. Mr. Stabile requested that a letter be sent to Mr. Gross asking what percentage of the licensing goes to the Humane Society. Discussion followed about a state dog officer. Mr. Stabile made a motion to accept the contract with the Humane Society. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ALLOCATION OF 2007 EXCESS INTEREST AWARD – Mr. Stabile made a motion to approve the Allocation of 2007 Excess Interest Award to credit all excess monies to the Members' Account proportional to each individual credited service proposed by Mrs. Justh on October 26, 2007. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

WEST SHORE TAX BUREAU 2008 OPERATING BUDGET – Mr. Stabile made a motion to adopt the proposed 2008 budget for the WSTB. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Stabile made a motion to reaffirm Mrs. Justh and Mr. Geistwhite as representatives to the Tax Bureau. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2008 DELTA DENTAL/2008 BENECON – Mrs. Justh introduced the increases to the Delta Dental and Blue Cross through Benecon. According to Mrs. Justh both will be adjustments to the budget.

STATUS REPORT OF UNLICENSED VEHICLES – Chief Barry Sherman asked if there is anyway to make an ordinance change that would allow the police department to handle the unlicensed and abandoned vehicles. Mr. Stabile made a motion to take the unlicensed and abandoned vehicles away from zoning and put it with the police department. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Geistwhite questioned the progress on Duane McClintock's property. Mr. Stabile wants him to be sited again. Mr. Shughart asked if he has sited him yet or not. If he hasn't, he needs to site him immediately.

COMPOSTING FACILITY – Chief Sherman reported to the Supervisors about the South Middleton Township composting site. He explained that the township could easily have a similar operation at little cost to the township. Chief Sherman explained that they have a loader that handles the materials and the people bring it to them. Mr. Shughart stated that if we are going forward with no burning of leaves, it is necessary for the township to provide a composting site for the residents. Mr. Geistwhite stated that we

have to provide this service and he is willing to help make this happen, but not picking up the materials at this time. Mrs. Justh suggested that we apply for the grant, because they will cover 90% of the cost. Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to begin the grant process for a composting site of brush and leaves, no grass clippings. Mr. Stabile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

GROVE INVOICE FOR SHERWOOD DRIVE – Mr. Stabile asked for this to be discussed in Executive Session because of land acquisition.

2008 BUDGET – Questions and discussion about the budget followed with no motion being taken at this time about advertising the budget. The Supervisors discussed all aspects of the increases to the budget. Chief Sherman reported that the following highway items have been accomplished:

Clemson Bridge Widening – 2006	\$60,000.00
Crossing Gates – 2007	
Army Heritage Drive Resurface – 2010	
Harmony Hall Bridge – 2007	
Replace Loader – 2008	
Bernheisel Bridge Road – 2041	\$900,000.00

EXECUTIVE SESSION

After the Executive Session Mr. Stabile made a motion to give \$100.00 to Hickorytown Methodist Church in memory of Dale Fields who served as an alternate on the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14.