

MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
WORKSHOP MEETING
OCTOBER 29, 1999

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

Chairman Robert Eppley called the meeting to order at 7:34 AM.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY – FUTURE PLANS FOR SEWER AND WATER AS IT RELATES TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN –

Supervisor Capuano asked the Municipal Authority to attend the workshop meeting to give the Supervisors and the Planning Commission an idea of where sewer and water will be extended in the Township. Mr. Larry Zimmerman, consultant to the Authority, made a presentation to the Board of Fetrow Acres, and the costs involved with trying to sewer that area. The Supervisors were given a fact sheet with the results of the study and whether it would be cost effective. Mr. Zimmerman explained that there are 4 alternatives for the State to examine. Mr. Zimmerman reported that with the uncertainty of financing it would be hard to predict what would happen to the Authority in the future. Mr. Capuano asked if there is money available. Mr. Zimmerman went on to explain what's available. Mr. Zimmerman explained that the only way we can afford to sewer the Fetrow Acres area is with grants in the amount 1,300,000.00. Mr. Capuano explained that there is an individual that is presently having a hard time paying for a holding tank installation. Mr. Shughart made a motion to accept the report given by Larry Zimmerman for the Municipal Authority and submit this report to DEP allowing the Township to continue with the On-Lot Sewer Management. Mr. Capuano seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Zimmerman explained that the Municipal Authority can't determine where sewer and water will proceed in the Township. It is dependent on where the Supervisors allow development to occur in the Township. Mr. Zimmerman explained that the township should be trying to develop where sewer and water exists for the most effective way. Mr. Shughart stated that a plan is necessary. Mr. Capuano explained that he wanted the people to know what is involved concerning sewer and water and that is while the Municipal Authority was invited. Mr. Carpenter asked Mr. Zimmerman if he could give this report at the November 8th meeting of the Planning Commission. Mr. Zimmerman agreed that the report could be given. Comments were made concerning an article in the Sentinel that was misleading. Mr. Capuano made a statement about the Comprehensive Plan Draft and what the Township goals are concerning where sewer and water will be extended.

RESIGNATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER – MR. EDWARD KESSLER

Mr. Capuano made a motion to accept Mr. Ed Kessler's resignation on the Planning Commission, with regret. Mr. Capuano requested that a letter recognizing his service to the Township be sent to Mr. Kessler. Mr. Shughart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

RESIGNATION OF ZONING HEARING BOARD MEMBER – LOIS WEARY –

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2000 – Mr. Shughart made a motion to accept the resignation of Lois Weary on the Zoning Hearing Board effective January 2000. Mr. Capuano seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

REVISIONS TO PARK PAVILION AND RECREATION BUILDING APPLICATION

FORM AND RENTAL FEES – Mr. Shughart made a motion to accept the changes to the application form and rental fees beginning at the first of the year for the Park Pavilion and the Recreation Building Rental. Mr. Capuano seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 99-17 – FEE SCHEDULE FOR IMPROVEMENT INSPECTIONS – Mr.

Capuano made a motion to adopt Resolution 99-17 setting a fee schedule for improvement inspections. Mr. Shughart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

DCED GRANT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TENNIS COURTS – Mr. Shughart made

a motion to accept the DCED Grant contingent upon the understanding that the grant can be returned at no cost to the Township if we are unable to fund the balance of the price of a tennis court. Mr. Capuano seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

JANE L. CROSSWHITE – PROPOSAL FOR AGRICULTURAL SECURITY AREA –

490 HOLLW BROOK DRIVE – Mr. Capuano made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the application to allow the property at 490 Hollow Brook Drive to be posted for Ag Security Area, following Mr. Carpenters instructions. Mr. Shughart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

POSSIBLE PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT 256 COUNTRY CLUB

ROAD – MCNAUGHTON HOMES – Mr. Francis McNaughton, Mr. Jim Strupe and Ms.

Paula Leight, Law Firm of Matte, Evens & Woodside, presented a sketch for a proposed development on Country Club Road. Mr. McNaughton will be going to the Planning Commission asking for consideration to reduce the PRD from 250 acres to 150 acres in order for this plan to be developed. The plan proposes to have a density of 2.5 units per acres, with 30% open space. The plan also calls for a mix of dwelling types, totaling 438 units. Ms. Leight explained that the plan is to build not less than 30, but could be 40-50 units a year over 10 years. Mr. Capuano asked why Mr. McNaughton did not buy additional property so he would not have to amend the Ordinance by changing the PRD or getting a variance. Mr. McNaughton explained that there was no other property for sale. Mr. Capuano indicated that the Township needs affordable housing, but we also need to know what the impact will be on road systems in the Township.

Mr. Eppley asked if trucks will be using **Mountain Road while Sunnyside** is closed? Chief Sherman explained that the detour goes to Rt. 34 at Carlisle Springs.

Mr. Capuano asked what happened with the **MOU**? Mr. Shughart indicated that next Tuesday will be the meeting with the County Solicitor.

Mr. Carpenter asked what has been done concerning the **David Duncan residence at Fetrow Acres** with holding tank fees, since we told him we would have a decision. Mr. Capuano made a motion to have him pay the fee of \$500.00 and ask him to make payments on the balance over 3 years no interest being charged, unless delinquent. Equal payments of \$100.00, till the \$3,500.00 is paid to the Township. Mr. Shughart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Brenneman will do the necessary paper work.

Mrs. Justh explained that she will be meeting with **Debbie Steffie from North Middleton Township** on Friday 5th to discuss Debbie Vogel's position with both townships. Mrs. Justh asked Solicitor Brenneman if he would review the contract for both townships.

Chief Sherman asked if anyone remembers when **Pilot Oil** came to the Township with the plans. We tried to tell the State that the traffic would backup on Rt. 11 onto the turnpike ramp at Pilot Oil. They are now asking our police department to direct traffic at the pilot location. Chief Sherman explained what happens when people going north try to cross over traffic to enter the Hampton Inn. Mr. Shughart asked if the Sunday Driveway behind McDonald's could be use to get to Hampton Inn.

Mr. Shughart made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Capuano seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM.