

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
WORKSHOP MEETING
October 30, 2009**

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

Chairman Vic Stabile called the meeting to order at 7:36 am in the Middlesex Township Building

PUBLIC COMMENT – Amy Brickner, John Stover's granddaughter came to the Board presenting a concept that would diversify the farming business and help the family through the current economic crisis. Mr. Stabile asked several questions concerning the zoning or changing the zoning district in the area of the farm. The Stover Family is thinking about putting the store on Trindle Road. They have lost about \$500.00 per cow for the first 3 quarters of the year, but the crop farming has helped them this year. Mr. Brenneman suggested that if the Board is trying to support farming, they may want to make it an accessory use as permitted. Mr. Carpenter suggested that he could draft something using examples he has acquired and take it to the Planning Commission for approval.

WS EMS – Larry Roberts made a presentation concerning the history and the eventual separation of Cumberland Goodwill and West Shore EMS. Mr. Roberts explained the difference between the BLS and ALS. Basic Life Support are non evasive and Advanced Life Support which would be care provided by an EMS which would be evasive. After the presentation, the Board decided to talk to Cumberland Goodwill again and make a decision after that.

KEYSTONE ARMS – Mr. Charles Courtney and Mr. David Marschka explained to the Board that the setbacks at Keystone Arms for the commercial properties are not the same as North Middleton of 50 ft. Middlesex Township setbacks are 75 ft. They were wondering what they need to do to make the setbacks consistent in both townships. Mr. Carpenter stated that this part of the Ordinance needs to be looked at for this very reason. Mr. Stabile suggested that we look at a zoning amendment and we look at both North Middleton and Silver Spring townships. After some discussion Mr. Stabile suggested that a variance request would be the easiest and best way to approach this problem. Mr. Stabile made a motion in connection with the approved plan for Keystone Arms that the Board would give immediate support for a variance request if made by the applicant to the Zoning Hearing Board to reduce the front from 75' to 50' on the Harrisburg Pike, Route 11, to be the same as North Middleton. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2010 WSTB BUDGET – Mr. Stabile asked about the Resolution for the West Shore Tax Bureau, Budget and Delegates. Mr. Stabile made a motion to approve the budget as a member of the West Shore Tax Bureau. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Stabile made a motion to adopt by way of the Resolution presented to us by the West Shore Tax Bureau, appointing Al Timko as the Executive Director of the West Shore Tax Bureau and appointing Mary Justh as our delegate and Don Geistwhite as our alternate to the Board of Directors of the West Shore Tax Bureau. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

WIND TURBINE ZONING AMENDMENT DRAFT – Mr. Carpenter presented a draft of the Wind Turbine Zoning Amendment. Mr. Stabile asked Mr. Claycomb to attend the next meeting and go over the draft at that time.

2010 TOWNSHIP CALENDAR – Mr. Stabile made a motion to authorize Mrs. Justh advertise the Calendar as presented this morning for 2010. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

TRAFFIC ORDINANCES – Chief Sherman explained that at Meadowbrook Farms we need to have an Ordinance for several roads that have stop intersections in Phase III, for Rutter's on Rt. 11 and Sheetz on Trindle Road stop signs and no left turns. Mr. Stabile made a motion to authorize the Township Solicitor to prepare Traffic Ordinances to conform with the posted traffic signs for Meadowbrook Farms Phase III, Rutter's on Rt. 11, and Sheetz, Trindle Road. Mr. Brenneman suggested that the cost of the preparation for the ordinance and the advertisement be passed onto the developer's. Chief Sherman reported on the condition for North Middleton's roads as compared to our roads in Meadowbrook and there is no comparison. Mr. Grove does a good job on his inspections for the Township.

2010 WASTE AND RECYCLABLES CONTRACT – Mrs. Justh reported that it is again time to renew a contract for Trash. Mr. Brenneman stated that he will have this for the meeting on the 20th of November.

2010 TOWNSHIP BUDGET – Discussion followed on the proposed budget for 2010. We will again review it at the meeting on Wednesday.

Don Geistwhite made a motion to appoint **Herb Weigl to the Letort Authority** for a 4 year term until 2013. Mr. Steve Larson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mrs. Justh asked the Board about the **insurance** to cover what happened to Monroe Township and Cumberland County Redevelopment Authority. They asked her to check it out and get back to them.

The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 9:33 on a motion by Mr. Geistwhite and seconded by Mr. Larson for a personnel matter with no action being taken.