

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
WORKSHOP MEETING
October 31, 2014**

OFFICIALS PRESENT: **SUPERVISORS:** Chairman Donald S. Geistwhite, Jr.
 Vice-Chairman Steve Larson
 William H. Goodhart
 SOLICITOR: Keith O. Brenneman
 POLICE: Chief Barry L. Sherman
 MANAGER: Eileen M. Gault

OFFICIALS ABSENT: **ZONING OFFICER:** Mark D. Carpenter
 ENGINEER: Bud Grove

Chairman Geistwhite called the meeting to order at 7:35 am in the Middlesex Township Building.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

LETORT REGIONAL AUTHORITY UPDATE: Present from the Letort Regional Authority were Mr. Herb Weigel, Jr. and Ms. Sandra Kern. They were seeking a \$1,000 increase in the \$3,000 municipal contribution from Middlesex Township. The Supervisors will look closely at the budget to see if an increase can be allotted. Ms. Kern then reviewed the services and the top accomplishments in 2014 for the Letort Regional Authority. Ms. Kern then briefly discussed the 2015 budget for the Letort Regional Authority. The Supervisors expressed their appreciation to Mr. Weigel and Ms. Kern for volunteering as members on behalf of Middlesex Township.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY TAX CLAIM BUREAU REPOSITORY SALE CONSENT: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to consent to Cumberland County selling the four (4) properties in Middlesex Township listed on the County Repository List under their cover letter dated October 14, 2014.

DISCUSSION OF ORDINANCE 1 – 95 REQUIRING LANDLORDS TO REPORT ON THE STATUS OF OCCUPANCY OF PARCELS OR UNITS OF REAL ESTATE: Mrs. Gault reported that since the Per Capita Tax is no longer being collected by Middlesex Township then the Supervisors should consider repealing Ordinance 1 -95 requiring landlords to report the status of occupancy. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Township Solicitor Mr. Brenneman to prepare and advertise the Ordinance repealing Ordinance 1 – 95 at the November Workshop Meeting.

2015 BUDGET REVIEW: There was some discussion about the proposed 2015 budget. The budget is balanced and is the same as 2014 with no tax increase in which the Supervisors were pleased to see. To date, the property assessment for the Township was low due to several property appeals. The final assessment is expected sometime in the first week of November. The Capital Project expense 5 year plan was discussed with the agreement that future expenditures could occur sooner if the funding is available.

There being no further business, on the motion of Mr. Goodhart, seconded by Chairman Geistwhite, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 a.m.