

MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
WORKSHOP MEETING
31 OCTOBER 1997

OFFICIALS PRESENT:	SUPERVISORS:	Robert Eppley Joseph Capuano Charles Shughart
	SOLICITOR:	Keith Brenneman
	ENGINEER:	Dana Aunkst
	POLICE:	Barry Sherman
	ZON.OFFICER:	Mark Carpenter
	SECRETARY:	Gail Jensik
	TAX COLLECTOR:	Nancy Sheibley
	PLANING COMM.	Ed Kessler

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 AM in the new Municipal Building by Supervisor Chairman Robert Eppley. There was no public comment at this time.

AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING OF ANNUAL BUDGET - On a motion by Mr. Capuano which was seconded by Mr. Shughart and passed unanimously, the Board adopted the proposed annual budget and authorized the Secretary to publish a notice stating that the budget is available for public inspection, and that consideration for final adoption will be at the 3 December meeting.

PER CAPITA EXONERATIONS - Ms. Sheibley participated in a discussion with the Board over whether to follow the county's lead and do away with per capita exonerations or to maintain the present policy of exonerating active military and low income students. The Board agreed to wait and see how the County addresses the situation with billing active military before making a decision.

GLEIM PRELIMINARY / FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAN, #97016 - Represented by Pam Fisher of Fisher, Mowery Rosendale and Associates and John Gleim, who described the 16.42 acre lot addition subdivision proposed for construction of a new elementary school. There was discussion concerning seven requested waivers (street width, sidewalks, separate Preliminary and Final Plans, Stormwater Plan, fire hydrants, length of cul-de-sac and Landscaping Plan), the new access road, Leida Lane, and associated issues such as street lighting and snow plowing concerns. Tabled until the 3 December meeting.

GCW PROPERTIES, INC. #97007 & #97008, TIME EXTENSION ON BOTH SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT PLANS - On a motion by Mr. Capuano which was seconded by Mr. Shughart and passed unanimously, the Board granted an extension of time (until 7 January 1998) for review of the Subdivision and Land Development Plans for GCW Properties Inc.

GIANT FOOD TRAFFIC LIGHT AGREEMENT - On a motion by Mr. Capuano which was seconded by Mr. Shughart and passed unanimously, the Board authorized Mr. Brenneman to proceed with the draft agreement and to approach legal counsel for Giant, Inc. to determine whether Giant would be willing to have traffic on Shady Lane use the Giant access road and driveway to exit at the traffic light and also whether Giant would dedicate these roads to the Township after bringing them up to Township standards, if necessary.

CENTRAL CUMBERLAND COUNTY TASK FORCE RESOLUTION REQUEST - The proposed resolution, which indicates support for a cooperative approach to identifying and addressing regional problems and needs, was tabled until the 5 November meeting.

SPEED RESTRICTION ORDINANCE REQUEST FOR BRIARPATCH DRIVE - On a motion by Mr. Shughart which was seconded by Mr. Capuano and passed unanimously, the Board authorized Mr. Brenneman to draft an ordinance restricting traffic speed on Briarpatch Drive.

REQUEST TO ALLOW 102 INCHES WIDE, 53 FOOT LONG, TRAILERS ON STOVER DRIVE - After discussing the advisability of allowing the extra wide and long trailers on Stover Drive, given both the radius of that road and also the condition of the intersection at Claremont and South Middlesex Roads, the Board decided to wait and see whether PaDOT will allow 102" wide trailers on Claremont Road between Harmony Hall Road and South Middlesex Road. If PaDOT does allow the extra wide trailers, then the Board will authorize the Township Engineer and Township Solicitor to perform the appropriate studies for the Township.

REDUCTION OF SECURITY FOR THE MEADOWS - Chief Sherman reported that two inlets on Fieldstone Drive are not at the correct height. Zack Bond replied that he would address that immediately. Mr. Aunkst indicated that he would develop a security figure for the 5 November meeting.

ALLOCATION OF EXCESS INTEREST TO POLICE PENSIONS - On a motion by Mr. Shughart which was seconded by Mr. Capuano and passed unanimously, the Board approved allocating the entire amount of the excess interest to the individual accounts of the officers, crediting an equal percentage against the individual balances.

RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS - Mr. Capuano moved to appoint Frank Reasner, 18 Goldenrod Drive, and Marian Smyser, 176 West Middlesex Drive, to the Recreation Advisory Board. Motion seconded by Mr. Shughart and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT - Ed Kessler, Planning Commissioner and Clemson Drive resident, expressed concerns over the safety of travellers on, and residents of, Clemson Drive. Chief Sherman responded that the Township has purchased guard rail and plans to install it on Clemson.

Ron Chilcoate, Manager of All-American Truck Plaza, commented that the present traffic pattern set up by PaDOT on Clinton Avenue at the intersection with Rt. 11 is causing serious problems when tractor trailers are exiting the truck plaza. The Supervisors directed Chief Sherman to contact Barry Hoffman at PaDOT to seek a resolution to the problem.

RESOLUTION 97-21, SUPPORTING THE LETORT AUTHORITY - Mr. Shughart introduced Resolution 97-21 supporting the Letort Authority, the concept of the Keystone Rivers Conservation Grant Programs and the project for which the Authority is making an application, which is not a commitment of funding. The Resolution was seconded by Mr. Capuano and passed unanimously.

STOP SIGN AT END OF WALTERS DRIVE - On a motion by Mr. Capuano which was seconded by Mr. Shughart and passed unanimously, the Board directed the Solicitor to draft an ordinance establishing a stop intersection at the end of the John F. Walters driveway on Wolfs Bridge Road.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 to an executive session for personnel matters.