

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS MEETING
November 1, 2017**

OFFICIALS PRESENT: **SUPERVISORS:** Chairman Donald S. Geistwhite, Jr
Vice-Chairman Steven Larson
William H. Goodhart
 SOLICITOR: Keith O. Brenneman
 DIRECTOR OF
 PUBLIC SAFETY: Barry L. Sherman
 ZONING OFFICER: Mark D. Carpenter
 MANAGER: Eileen M. Gault
 FIRE CHIEF: Ed Beam

OFFICIALS ABSENT: **ENGINEER:** Bud Grove

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Chairman Geistwhite called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Middlesex Township Building, with Township Solicitor Mr. Brenneman leading the pledge to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the payments of the October 2017 bills.

REPORTS:

Solicitor – No report.

Engineer – Absent. No report.

Police – Mr. Sherman submitted the monthly Police Report. There was a brief discussion of the report and the recent storm. Report entered into record.

Zoning – Mr. Carpenter submitted the monthly Zoning Report. There was a brief discussion of the report. Report entered into record.

Recreation/Recycling Coordinator – Mrs. Jumper submitted the monthly Recreation Report. Report entered into record.

Fire/EMC – Chief Beam submitted the monthly Fire Report. There was a brief discussion of the report. Report entered into record. Chief Beam reported that to date \$9,580 has been collected from residential properties and \$950 from commercial properties for the Fire Fund Drive. Chief Beam then read a letter received from a resident that commended 3 firefighters for a quick response to a concern she had.

 With volunteer firefighters/recruitment on the decline, operating costs up and the lack of support for fund drives, Chief Beam proposed to the Board of Supervisors the need to consider adopting a fire tax. There are currently 3 fire companies that have agreements to provide ems/fire services to Middlesex Township. The funds are divided by the percentage of calls. Chief Beam, after meeting with

the Township Manager and Director of Public Safety is proposing a .00032 mill fire tax which would mean \$32 a year for a property assessed at \$100,000. After much discussion the Supervisors were in support of adopting a fire tax. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Township Solicitor to advertise a Municipal Fire Appropriations Tax Ordinance at .00032 mills for proposed adoption on December 29, 2017.

Municipal Authority – Chairman Geistwhite reported that all is good with the Municipal Authority. They are in the process of reviewing the budget. The turbidity has been steady at the well. Mr. Max Stoner is the new consultant for the Municipal Authority.

Manager – Mrs. Gault reported that she recently spoke with Mr. Kirk Stoner, Director of Planning, Cumberland County, regarding an update on Wolf Bridge closure. She was informed that the right of way plan was approved by PennDOT. The Bog turtle and mussel surveys were completed with no findings. Approval of the memorandum of agreement (MOA) for the disposition of the old bridge is still needed. It was submitted to PennDOT in July. It has been waiting for approval by the Federal Government, Historic and Museum Commission and PennDOT since then. The next steps in the project (final design, right of way acquisition, utilities and construction) can't proceed until the MOA is signed. It is anticipated that bidding and notice to proceed on construction will be in Fall/Winter 2018.

OLD BUSINESS:

Authorization to advertise the 2018 Meeting Notice Schedule: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart it was unanimously agreed to authorize for advertisement the 2018 meeting notice schedule.

2018 Waste and Recyclables Contract: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson it was unanimously agreed to authorize for advertisement the 2018 Waste and Recyclables RFP.

NEW BUSINESS:

2018 Municipal Domestic Animal Protective Services Agreement: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was agreed to execute the 2018 Municipal Domestic Animal Protective Services Agreement as amended between Middlesex Township and the Humane Society of Harrisburg Area.

Chairman Geistwhite asked the Township Solicitor to keep the Board informed of the Amendments to Pennsylvania Gaming Law.

There being no further business, on the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.