

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS MEETING
November 2, 2011**

OFFICIALS PRESENT: **SUPERVISORS:** Chairman Victor P. Stabile
Vice-Chairman Donald S. Geistwhite, Jr.
Steve Larson
 SOLICITOR: Keith O. Brenneman
 POLICE: Chief Barry Sherman
 ZONING OFFICER: Mark Carpenter
 MANAGER: Eileen Gault
 FIRE CHIEF: Ed Beam

OFFICIALS ABSENT: **ENGINEER:** Bud Grove

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Chairman Stabile called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Middlesex Township Building, with Chief Barry Sherman leading the pledge to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On the motion of Mr. Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Larson, it was unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of September 30, 2011, with Chairman Stabile abstaining due to his absence.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS: On the motion of Mr. Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Larson, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the payments of the October 2011 bills.

REPORTS:

Solicitor: No Report.

Engineer: Absent.

Police: Entered to record.

Zoning: Entered to record. Mr. Carpenter reported that there were only 3 permits issued in October.

Recreation/Recycling Coordinator: Entered to record. Mrs. Gault then reported that the Hayman Farms Pumpkin Fest was a success and had more people in attendance than the actual pumpkin carving.

Fire/EMC: Entered to record.

Municipal Authority: Mr. Morrison had no report for Mr. Geistwhite for the month, since the last Municipal Authority meeting was cancelled due to there being no quorum.

Secretary: Mrs. Gault reviewed with the Supervisors the 2012 Meeting Schedule and mentioned that the first Wednesday in July was the 4th and asked if they wanted that meeting to remain as scheduled or would they like to schedule it for the following Wednesday, July 11th.

The Supervisors agreed to the July 11th meeting. This meeting schedule will be approved at the Reorganizational Meeting. Mrs. Gault then mentioned the Meet and Greet that Representative Bloom has scheduled to take place at the Township Building on November 17. A follow up report was given by Mrs. Gault with a brief history regarding Growing Greener. Growing Greener I program began in 1999 under Governor Ridge. In 2002 the program was then funded with the tipping fees. A bond referendum was on the ballot in 2005 under Governor Rendell that 60% of the voters were in favor of, so what is happening now is the funds are being used to pay Growing Greener II.

OLD BUSINESS:

Proposed Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment Pertaining to Changeable Signs: Attorney Paula Leitch was present and is pleased with the proposed Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment pertaining to changeable signs. After much discussion, on the motion of Chairman Stabile, seconded by Mr. Geistwhite, it was unanimously agreed in connection with the application for the Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment submitted by Premier Media, LLC to advertise for a Public Hearing the amendment submitted by the applicant with the exception that section C, paragraph 20 c. be changed so that each message shall remain fixed for a minimum of twenty (20) seconds and for all other changeable signs each message shall remained fixed for a minimum of fifteen (15) minutes and that the text amendment also include a change to address changeable signs for fuel stations allowing them to change their fuel prices every fifteen (15) minutes.

On the motion of Chairman Stabile, seconded by Mr. Geistwhite, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Solicitor Mr. Brennenman to draft the proposed Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment pertaining to Changeable Signs and to authorize him to advertise it so it can be considered for Public Hearing at the Workshop Meeting on December 30, 2011.

Keystone Arms Lot 165 – Proposed Minor Plan Revision and Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment Pertaining to Planned Center Sign Regulations: On the motion of Chairman Stabile, seconded by Mr. Geistwhite, in connection with the revised preliminary final land development plan commercial Lot 165 for Keystone Arms, it was unanimously agreed to approve and execute the agreement proposed between Keystone Arms and Middlesex Township in order to allow the proposed minor changes and to waive all other land development requirements except as noted in the agreement itself.

The Supervisors have once again heard the application for Keystone Arms for changes to Middlesex Township's sign regulations and have asked that the matter is addressed by the Planning Commission again so that the applicant and Planning Commission can agree on additional changes so that the matter can be addressed at the Workshop Meeting on November 18, 2011 so that it can be considered for possible publication and hearing at that time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Blue Beacon Hearing Application: Mr. Carpenter reported that the applicant has applied for a special exception and variance and is scheduled for a Zoning Hearing on December 14, 2011. The Supervisors have asked Mr. Carpenter to review this matter which has been tabled until the Workshop Meeting on November 18, 2011.

Cumberland Valley Christian Radio Zoning Hearing Application: The Supervisors have reviewed and are in support of the Zoning Hearing Application for the Cumberland Valley

Christian Radio Station for special exception and are sending it to the Planning Commission for their recommendations to the Zoning Hearing Board.

On the motion of Mr. Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Larson and there being no further business, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m.