

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS MEETING
November 2, 2016**

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 Mr. Rick McBride 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 2016 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. 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 \$10,599 has been collected for the Fire Fund Drive, a bit lower than last year. Chief Beam reported on an accident that occurred on Wertzville Road and Deer Lane that resulted in 4 injured that were transported to the hospital. When Chief Beam had arrived on the scene a woman that was there had started to triage the injured. Chief Beam suggested a thank you letter is sent to her recognizing her quick response to the situation.

Municipal Authority – Chairman Geistwhite reported that all is good with the Municipal Authority.

Manager – No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Toigo Organic Farms, LLC Application for Zoning Ordinance amendment: A formal application was submitted by Toigo Organic Farms, LLC for a Zoning Ordinance amendment per Zoning Ordinance Article XIX to provide for production and processing of medical marijuana in the Residential Farm Zoning District. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to authorize for advertisement a public hearing for the Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment in the RF Residential Farm Zoning District for enactment at the December 30, 2016 meeting at 7:30 a.m.

Scott F. Sheely, Planning Module Application and Recreation Fee-in-lieu Refund: A written request was submitted by the Sheely's withdrawing their request for a waiver dated September 26, 2016 and an application for plan approval dated September 23, 2016. There was a request for a refund of the plan submission fee \$300.00 and recreation fee-in-lieu for \$750.00. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to approve the request for refund in the total amount of \$1,050.00

York / Trindle Road Connector Project: This is project that was reviewed previously with a new plan submission that involves land development in South Middleton Township entirely and road widening. The small portion that involves Middlesex Township is located at the end of the connector road. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to waive the plan approval requirements of the Middlesex Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance No. 8 - 90 and the Stormwater Management Ordinance No. 6 – 2011 for the Preliminary Subdivision Plan for Rose Drive-York to Trindle-urban Collector Road and approve the plan as submitted with the following five (5) conditions:

1. That the applicant include a signature block on the plan for the Middlesex Township Supervisors with language that the Middlesex Township Board of Supervisors have decided to waive the plan approval procedure with certain conditions detailed in the motion approved at their November 2, 2016 Meeting.
2. That all future development of property in Middlesex Township accessed by extension of the connector road, is subject to required plan approval procedures in the Middlesex Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance No. 8 – 90 and the Middlesex Township Stormwater Management Ordinance No. 6 – 2011.
3. That upon future development of the approximately 3 acre parcel upon which they are situated, the two infiltration basins be subject to compliance with the requirements of the Middlesex Township Stormwater Management Ordinance No. 6 – 2011.
4. That any extension of public sewer and water utilities into property in Middlesex Township be subject to approval by the Middlesex Township Municipal Authority.
5. That Middlesex Township reserves the right to require compliance with the requirements of the Middlesex Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance No. 8 – 90 and the Middlesex Township Stormwater Management Ordinance No. 6 – 2011, in the event of any impacts by development proposed on the plan on property in Middlesex Township.

2017 Draft Budget Review: The Supervisors would like more time for review. Chairman Geistwhite gave the staff credit for the 5 year project / equipment expense plan. This budget is balanced and without a tax increase. The Township Manager reported that the final assessment for the township has not been received as of yet.

NEW BUSINESS:

Authorization to advertise the 2017 Meeting Notice Schedule: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart it was unanimously agreed to authorize for advertisement the 2017 meeting notice schedule.

Holy Spirit EMS – Medic 88: Chief Beam reported that Cumberland Goodwill provides BLS (Basic Life Support) and ALS (Advanced Life Support) to about 50 percent of the township. The other 50 percent is provided BLS by both Cumberland Goodwill and Silver Spring Ambulance and ALS by Medic 88 (Geisinger – Holy Spirit). Currently the billing procedure is Silver Spring submits their bill to Holy Spirit for transport costs to be paid by insurance companies. Cumberland Goodwill submits for both themselves and Medic 88 due to a joint agreement and then Cumberland Goodwill reimburses what is owed to Medic 88. A notice was received that the agreement will be terminated and the bill will be separate. The problem is that Medicare and a number of insurances will recognize the BLS bill only which means an ALS bill will be sent by Medic 88. The concern is that those on Medicare and other insurances will now receive 2 bills which may provide a hardship to the resident. The other option is to transfer the entire ALS service to Cumberland Goodwill. A final notification has not been received regarding the change. The Supervisors have some time to decide and want what is best for the residents.

There being no further business, on the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting to Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter with no action being taken as a result of the Executive Session.