

# **MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING**

*November 3, 2004*

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| OFFICIALS PRESENT: | SUPERVISORS:    | Chuck Shughart, Chairman<br>Vic Stabile, Vice Chairman<br>Donald Geistwhite |
|                    | SOLICITOR:      | Keith Brenneman                                                             |
|                    | ENGINEER:       | Bud Grove (Absent)                                                          |
|                    | POLICE:         | Chief Barry Sherman                                                         |
|                    | FIRE:           | Chief Ed Beam                                                               |
|                    | ZONING OFFICER: | Mark Carpenter                                                              |
|                    | SECRETARY:      | Mary Justh                                                                  |

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Chuck Shughart called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. at the Middlesex Township Building.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG** – Mr. Carpenter led the assembly in the Pledge to the Flag.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** – Chairman Shughart made a motion to approve the minutes of October 6 and October 29. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS** – Chairman Shughart asked for a motion to approve the payment of bills for October. Mr. Stabile made the motion and Chairman Shughart seconded it and the motion passed unanimously.

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| General Fund Checks #15836 - #15944 | \$ 214,899.94 |
| Transfer for Payroll #21 and #22    | \$ 74,810.28  |
| Escrow Fund Check #270-271          | \$ 5,409.75   |
| State Fund #186                     | \$ 1,199.01   |

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Mr. Shellinberger asked the Supervisors to examine the problem of parking at the Township building during Election Day. He feels the Township facilities are inadequate and would like to see the polling place moved to Middlesex Elementary School. The Supervisors informed Mr. Shellinberger that the Board of Elections determines the location of the polling facility. This was an unusual event as the Township has never experienced this problem before, and the voting lines should return to normal in the spring.

Mrs. Johnsen attended the meeting to update the Supervisors on the progress she has made at her residence. She has been attending an organizational skills development group, which has been helpful to her. A neighbor has offered to permit Mrs. Johnsen use of their bathroom facilities in return for walking their dog. Mrs. Johnsen has set up a payment plan to pay off her water bill. She has also set a date of May 15 for inspection of her home. Mrs. Johnsen claims one neighbor has been threatening her in spite of improvements she has made. She plans to contact the police if the situation escalates. The Supervisors thanked Mrs. Johnsen for her report and congratulated her on her progress.

## **REPORTS:**

Solicitor: Solicitor Brenneman reported that Pilot would need to obtain approval from the Zoning Hearing Board for a proposed truck maintenance facility and ask for a variance. The Supervisors can attend the hearing to advocate for the project if they choose to do so.

Engineer: No report.

Police: Ordered to file.

Zoning Officer: Ordered to file.

Recreation: Ordered to file.

Fire: Ordered to file.

Municipal Authority: Ordered to file.

Secretary: No report.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**(#04-9) Appalachian Estates Preliminary Subdivision Plan** – Mr. Hoover from Hoover Engineering met with the Supervisors to discuss a proposed 11-lot subdivision of this 33-acre tract. Mr. Hoover has supplied Mr. Grove's office with revised information. Mr. Stabile made a motion to grant the five waiver requests as shown on the face of the Appalachian Estates Preliminary Subdivision Plan dated June 25, 2004 and revised October 28, 2004, subject to the condition that the applicant comply with Mr. Grove's memorandum dated October 27, 2004. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Stabile made a motion to approve the Appalachian Estates Preliminary Subdivision Plan dated June 25, 2004 and revised October 28, 2004, subject to the condition that the applicant comply with Mr. Grove's memorandum dated October 27, 2004. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**(#04-23) Trindle Gardens Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan** – Mr. Clarke with Hartman Associates met with the Supervisors at the last workshop meeting to discuss making minor changes to the entry area for Trindle Gardens, which is located in Middlesex Township. Mr. Stabile made a motion to approve the Trindle Gardens Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan dated July 12, 2000, last revised September 10, 2004, subject to the applicant satisfying the comments of the Township Engineer dated October 27, 2004 and the applicant satisfying the comments of the Planning Commission dated October 21, 2004 and that the applicant also enter into a security agreement for improvements that is acceptable to both the Township Solicitor and the Township Engineer. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Ordinance 4-04 Authorizing the Use of Retaining Tanks for the Collection of Wastewater Generated from Non-residential Use and Amending Ordinance 3-01** – Mr. Stabile made a motion to adopt Ordinance 4-04, authorizing the use of retaining tanks for the collection of wastewater generated from non-residential use and amending ordinance 3-01. Chairman Shughart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Ordinance 5-04 Prohibiting the Use of Deer Lane by Vehicles Weighing More Than 20,000 Pounds and Providing for the Erection of Signs and Establishing Penalties** – Mr. Stabile made a motion to adopt Ordinance 5-04, prohibiting the use of Deer Lane by vehicles weighing more than 20,000 pounds and providing for the erection of signs and establishing penalties. Chairman Shughart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Pyrotek Release of Improvement Security** – Mrs. Justh informed the Supervisors that Mr. Grove had received a request dated October 11, 2004 from Pyrotek for release of maintenance security. Mr. Stabile made a motion to release the maintenance security for Pyrotek subject to the Township Engineer's recommendation dated October 30, 2004. Chairman Shughart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**2005 Animal Protection Service Agreement** – Chairman Shughart stated he has been in contact with PAWS and the Helen Krause Foundation and discovered PAWS has a program to spay/neuter cats and release them. He suggested an article on this subject be put in the Spring newsletter. Solicitor Brenneman will make an addition to the Humane Society contract excluding any charges for animals that are not dropped off by the police or authorized by the Police Department. Mrs. Justh is in the process of researching animal control services in other Townships and was asked to find out what Cumberland County does with the funds generated by dog licensure.

**2005 Budget** – The Supervisors deferred this for discussion at the next workshop meeting.

**Zoning Officer's Report** - Mr. Carpenter notified the Supervisors that he has received a building permit application from Pilot for a truck maintenance facility and other improvements. The Supervisors requested Mr. Carpenter to forward the application to Mr. Grove to review.

Mr. Carpenter informed the Supervisors that he has received a request from John Walter's Excavating for reclamation of a mining site located behind the Hampton Inn. Mr. Walter's has requested to utilize Area 2 for storage of construction materials. Mr. Brenneman advised the Supervisors to document the items currently stored there and the volume of these materials so there can be a way later to determine if there is a deviation from what is already located there.

Mr. Carpenter updated the Supervisors on the problem of an illegal boarding house being located at 45 Wolfs Bridge Road. Mr. Carpenter sent a notice on November 1, 2004 giving 30-days to cease the boarding house use.

Chairman Shughart made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.