

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS MEETING
November 7, 2018**

OFFICIALS PRESENT: **SUPERVISORS:** Chairman Donald S. Geistwhite, Jr
 Vice-Chairman Steven Larson
 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: **SUPERVISOR:** William H. Goodhart
 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. At this time, Chairman Geistwhite appointed the new Municipal Authority Board Member. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to appoint Mr. Donald Wandling to the Middlesex Township Municipal Authority Board to fulfill a vacant term until January 1, 2020.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of August 31, 2018.

On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of September 5, 2018.

On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of September 28, 2018.

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 2018 & November 2018 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.

Municipal Authority – Chairman Geistwhite reported that all is good with the turbidity at the well despite all the rain.

Manager – Mrs. Gault reported that she spoke with the Authority Manager Mr. Morrison to discuss the situation with the boiler system. If the amount is prepaid 100% there is a savings of \$3,500. The Township portion is 70% of the total cost of the bill for an approximate amount of \$81,900. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to pay the Township portion of the climate system renovations prior to the end of the fiscal year.

Mrs. Gault gave an update on Wolf Bridge. All the property owners that have right of ways within the area have reached amicable settlement with the county. The project is in the completion of final design tentatively until May 2019.

A letter of appreciation was sent to the Township for Mr. Sherman and the Highway Crew for the repair work recently completed on Oak Ridge Road.

OLD BUSINESS:

Proposed Resolution 2018 – 9 Opposing legislation for statewide collection & distribution of the local Earned Income Tax (EIT): On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson it was unanimously agreed to adopt Resolution 2018 - 9 opposing legislation for statewide collection & distribution of the local Earned Income Tax (EIT).

Zoning Ordinance Amendments to Zoning Map, IG Districts and supplemental regulations: Mr. Carpenter reported that this amendment has been discussed previously and been reviewed by the Township Solicitor and the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission has made some minor suggested changes and have concerns about changing too much in the Industrial General (IG) District until the Comprehensive Plan has been done. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Township Solicitor Mr. Brennenman to advertise this amendment for a public hearing and possible enactment.

Draft Zoning Ordinance Amendments to RF Districts for lots served by public sewer or water: Mr. Carpenter reported that in the Residential Farm (RF) Districts that have public sewer or water available the Ordinance still requires larger lots of 1.73 acres due to on-lot systems that required more land area. The proposed amendment is to add standards that reduce the larger lots and setbacks and is consistent with Residential Country (RC) Districts. The Supervisors have asked Mr. Carpenter to have the Planning Commission review the amendment by the November Workshop Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Scott Barrick proposed on-lot sewage system at lot near 30 Beagle Club Road: Mr. Scott Barrick was present to discuss the denial of his application for a sewage disposal system. The perc testing failed due to too much shale for a sand mound. Mr. Barrick is proposing to install a slow flow

treatment system with artificial wetland. An application and a plan for a slow flow treatment system will need to be submitted to the Board for proposed action.

2019 Municipal Domestic Animal Protective Services Agreement: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was agreed to execute the 2019 Municipal Domestic Animal Protective Services Agreement as amended between Middlesex Township and the Humane Society of Harrisburg Area.

Authorization to advertise the 2019 Meeting Notice Schedule: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson it was unanimously agreed to authorize for advertisement the 2019 meeting notice schedule.

Mr. Sherman gave an update on the usage at the compost site. To date the following has been dropped off and picked up: 871,822 lbs. of brush dropped off - 49,435 lbs. of leaves dropped off – 173,456 lbs. of mulch picked up for a total of 550 ton of materials and 5,384 vehicles coming through the site.

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 7:45 p.m.