

MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS MEETING
November 7, 2001

OFFICIALS PRESENT:	SUPERVISORS:	Robert Eppley Chuck Shughart Vic Stabile
	SOLICITOR:	Keith Brenneman
	ENGINEER:	Bud Grove - Absent
	POLICE:	Chief Barry Sherman
	ZONING OFFICER:	Mark Carpenter
	RECREATION:	Eileen Ettleman - Absent
	FIRE CHIEF:	Ed Beam
	SECRETARY:	Mary Justh

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CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Chairman Robert Eppley called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and Supervisor Chuck Shughart led the pledge to the flag. Mr. Eppley asked for a moment of silence for those that lost their lives in the terrorist attack on September 11th.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Stabile asked for the minutes of October 26th minutes be reviewed before approving. Mr. Stabile made a motion to approve the minutes of October 3rd seconded by Mr. Shughart. The motion was approved unanimously. Mr. Stabile made a motion to postpone approval of the minutes of October 26th until the next meeting.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

On a motion by Mr. Stabile, seconded by Mr. Shughart, approval was given for payment of bills represented by the bill list for October, summarized as follows:

General Fund Checks #12020 thru #12123	\$ 167,384.11
Pension Fund Checks #116 & #117	3,860.60
State Fund Check #137	1,370.59
Transfer for Payroll #21 & #22	59,392.49

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

REPORTS

SOLICITOR: Mr. Brenneman stated the he has several items he is working on including preparation of the Groundwater Protection and the Weed Ordinance.

ENGINEER: Mr. Grove was absent.

POLICE: Presented by Chief Sherman and ordered to file.

ZONING OFFICER: Mr. Stabile asked Mr. Carpenter about the landscaping at the **Express Mart** building. Mr. Carpenter explained that the landscaping was a minor change, but they were notified that a new plan should be submitted to indicate the changes in the

landscaping. The company stated that they needed immediate approval since the trees have already been ordered, so they may go ahead and suffer the consequences. Mr. Stabile suggested that once a fee has been paid they would not pay an additional fee for changes. Mr. Shughart suggested that the Supervisors give Mr. Carpenter guidelines on handling plan changes in the future. Mr. Stabile explained his concern stems from a municipality violating their own Ordinance. Mr. Stabile stated that if we had anything in place on plan changes, then this could have been avoided. Mr. Stabile asked that Mr. Carpenter go back to Express Mart and explain what needs to be done. Mr. Stabile asked if the developer does everything without complying with the law. Mr. Brenneman suggested that the Township take legal action. Mr. Stabile stated that a letter is in order. Mr. Carpenter explained that he received a memo from Mr. Grove concerning the **Faulkner property**. Faulkner will not pay for the engineering fees associated with Roadway Drive, because they did not create the situation. Mr. Stabile's understanding is that Roadway is not accepting responsibility for the problem and Faulkner does not want to create a problem for Redneck Trailer Supply. Mr. Carpenter stated that when the study is done the only solution might be to do nothing. Mr. Brenneman stated that we do have recourse, but he needs to know what happened, therefore the study needs to be done. Mr. Carpenter stated that Faulkner would be attending the next meeting with a new plan. Mr. Shughart suggested waiting until the next meeting with Mr. Grove.

RECREATION: Report ordered to file. Mr. Stabile offered to donate a tree for the park. Mrs. Justh will relay the donation of a tree to Eileen Ettleman. Chuck offered to donate a tree for the tree lighting at the Township.

FIRE/EMC: Report ordered to file.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY: No report.

SECRETARY: Mrs. Justh investigated what needs to be done to qualify for a lower postal rate. Mrs. Justh explained that the Post Office does not think the Township would qualify. Mrs. Justh explained that since we have a new website we are asking those residents that are able to access the newsletter via the Internet to save Township funds.

OLD BUSINESS

2002 MEETING SCHEDULE – Mrs. Justh gave an updated 2002 Meeting Schedule with the first meeting on January 7th. Mr. Shughart made a motion to adopt the 2002 Meeting Schedule as presented. Mr. Stabile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Shughart received a complaint from **Roadway Safety Manager** about the traffic signal at Roadway Drive. Mr. Shughart is going to respond to this complaint. Mr. Stabile mentioned that the Township pays for the traffic lights on this state road. If Roadway needs additional time to pull out, then they need to commit to incurring the expenses for re-sequencing the lights along Rt. 11. Mr. Carpenter suggested that we get an agreement from Roadway if we go forward on

the light study. Mr. Shughart will respond to Roadway concerning the traffic study and PennDOT.

2002 BUDGET DRAFT -- Mr. Stabile suggested that the newspapers only report the facts, not to speculate on what the Board of Supervisors will do with respect to the budget. A budget discussion followed with no definitive conclusion with respect to balancing the budget. Another budget meeting is scheduled for November 28th at 6:30 PM with an updated budget printout.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50.

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