

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
WORKSHOP MEETING
November 17, 2017**

OFFICIALS PRESENT: SUPERVISORS: Chairman Donald S. Geistwhite, Jr.
Vice-Chairman Steve Larson
SOLICITOR: Keith O. Brenneman
DIRECTOR OF
PUBLIC SAFETY: Barry L. Sherman
ZONING OFFICER: Mark D. Carpenter
MANAGER: Eileen M. Gault

OFFICIALS ABSENT: SUPERVISOR: William H. Goodhart
ENGINEER: Bud Grove

Chairman Geistwhite called the meeting to order at 7:32 am in the Middlesex Township Building.

PUBLIC HEARING: AMENDING THE MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE WITH RESPECT TO NONCONFORMING SIGNS, STRUCTURES AND USES AS THEY RELATE TO THE NEED TO OBTAIN SPECIAL EXCEPTION APPROVAL: Chairman Geistwhite announced that the first order of business is a Public Hearing in which Chairman Geistwhite then turned the meeting over to the Township Solicitor Mr. Brenneman. Mr. Brenneman gave a summary of the procedures followed prior to the hearing. Reviews and comments were provided by the Middlesex Township Planning Commission and the Cumberland County Planning Department. Mr. Brenneman reported that this public hearing is on the proposed amendment to the Middlesex Township Zoning Ordinance. There are 2 amendments to be considered. One is to amend Section 14.16N non-conforming signs so that if any change in non-conforming sign decreases the non-conformity it does not need to go before the Zoning Hearing Board for a special exception and Section 15.01C1 – any changes to non-conforming structures and property that reduces the non-conformity also does not need to go before the Zoning Hearing Board for special exception. Mr. Brenneman then turned the hearing over to Chairman Geistwhite for public comment. There being no further questions or comments, Chairman Geistwhite declared the hearing closed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PROPOSED ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 7 – 2017 AMENDING THE MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE WITH RESPECT TO MODIFICATIONS TO NONCONFORMING SIGNS, STRUCTURES AND USES: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to adopt Ordinance 7-2017 amending the Middlesex Township Zoning Ordinance with respect to modifications to non-conforming signs, structures and uses.

REDISTRICTING DISCUSSION: Michael A. Buchanan & Ellen P. Graham-Buchanan were present to seek the support of the Supervisors by a resolution or endorsement of Cumberland

County Resolution 2017-13, reaffirming an independent citizen's commission for legislative and congressional reapportionment & redistricting. This issue will be tabled until the December 6, 2017 meeting for further review by the Board of Supervisors.

PROPOSED ADOPTION OF 2018 BUDGET: After a brief discussion, on the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to approve the tentative 2018 budget for Middlesex Township.

AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR REVIEW THE PROPOSED 2018 BUDGET: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to authorize for advertisement the tentative 2018 budget for review.

AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE THE 2018 REAL ESTATE TAX RATE AND FOOT FRONTAGE ASSESSMENT FOR LIGHTING IN STREET LIGHT DISTRICT 1 & DISTRICT 2: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Solicitor to advertise the 2018 Real Estate Tax Rate and Foot Frontage Assessment Ordinance for Street Light District 1 & District 2 for proposed enactment on December 29, 2017.

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 8:13 a.m.