

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
WORKSHOP MEETING
November 20, 2009**

OFFICIALS PRESENT:	SUPERVISORS:	Vic Stabile Don Geistwhite Steve Larson
	SOLICITOR:	Keith Brenneman
	ENGINEER:	Bud Grove - Absent
	POLICE:	Chief Barry Sherman
	ZONING OFFICER:	Mark Carpenter
	SECRETARY:	Mary Justh

Chairman Vic Stabile called the meeting to order at 7:32 am in the Middlesex Township Building

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

AUTO DRIVE WAIVER REQUEST – Jennifer Garcia from Dawood represented Auto Drive with their waiver requests. The plan was never finished, and the paving was never installed. It will be less impervious than the original plan according to the owner. This building would be used strictly for storage. According to Mr. Carpenter the plan was never recorded at the Courthouse. It was recommended that both the old and the new be recorded together. Mr. Stabile asked Jennifer to make sure it was the same plan that Mr. Carpenter has in his possession. Mr. Stabile made a motion to approve the Preliminary/Final plan for 1130 Harrisburg Pike dated 4/18/1994 revised 6/8/1994 that the plan be reapproved as it was approved on 7/6/1994 subject to the same conditions upon the basis that the plan was never recorded and it is the desire of the Township and the applicant to have the plan recorded so that further land development can be accomplished on the property. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. Mr. Stabile made a motion to approve the single page request dated 4/18/1994, approved 7/6/1994 originally identified as 1130 Harrisburg Pike for Land Development waiver with requested revisions for Auto Drive with the following conditions 1. Any further Land Development requirements other than the single page submitted are hereby waived, 2. This revision be reflected to list the owner as 1130 Harrisburg Pike, 3. That the single page plan have a block on it for conditional approval, 4. That the original plan and this single page plan be recorded together as require by law. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

HEAVY DUTY TIRES IMPROVEMENT SECURITY REDUCTION - Mr. Stabile made a motion concerning the Heavy Duty Tires request of 11/5/09 for release of improvement security, that we accept our Engineer's memo of 11/12/09 to release the security to a maintenance amount of \$6,364.00 to be paid to the Township. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

TRINDLE ROAD ADDRESS CHANGES/TRAFFIC SIGNAL PERMIT

AMENDMENT – Mr. Carpenter explained that the Public Safety office of the County would like to have the addresses changed by 1/1/2010 for safety reasons. Mr. Carpenter is responsible to make notification to all the agencies that are required to have these changes. Mr. Stabile made a motion to approve the change in addresses for Trindle Road as recommended by the Cumberland County Department of Public Safety in the 10/21/09 letter and we recommend Mr. Carpenter to insure that all address changes are accomplished and all agencies are notified effective 1/1/2010. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2009-13 AMENDING PARK REGULATIONS – Mr. Stabile asked about the park rules concerning firearms. Mr. Brenneman has made the appropriate changes to the rules. Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to accept Resolution 2009-13 amending Park Regulations. Mr. Larson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2009-14 EMERGENCY SERVICES PROVIDERS – Mr. Stabile asked Fire Chief Ed Beam about the recommendation that he had written to the Board concerning both emergency providers for the Township. Fire Chief Beam stated that both had done their job and he wanted to be fair in all ways to both companies and listed the territories for each and using both for second due when the other company is not available. Fire Chief Beam suggested that we look at this issue again in 6 months regardless of the solution. Mr. Stabile asked that this be placed back on the agenda for the Supervisor's Meeting on December 2nd.

ENERGY PROVIDERS – Mrs. Justh reported that PPL will soon give you a provider if you don't soon pick one. CES is another provider that will give you a price for, one, two or three years. We provided a contract to Mr. Brenneman and asked that he review it for action at our next meeting on December 2, 2009.

Mrs. Justh asked the Board about investing in F&M Bank about the **interest rate of 1.5%**. Mr. Stabile asked Mrs. Justh to check with Orrstown to see if they will match the rate with Members 1st. Place this on the agenda for December 2, 2009 meeting.

RESOLUTION 2009-14 AMENDING RESOLUTION 2002-6 PERTAINING TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF LAND – Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-14 to correct the middle initial of Larry Claycomb. Mr. Larson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

TRASH HAULING CONTRACT – Mr. Brenneman explained the contract and how the bag service and pricing is subsidized. Mr. Stabile asked that the Board go over the contract, but that we do not want to go to one bulk item per week. According to Mr. Stabile we will go with same bid option as we did the last time. Recycling containers need to remain the same according to Mrs. Justh. The suggestion of the County to go to a larger size is not a good one, because we can give them two since the Township main stream for recycling is working using the container size that we now have in use. Mr. Larson complained about the recycling bins being thrown, so Mr. Stabile suggested that

we place in the contract that if the bins are destroyed the hauler will have to pay for them to be replaced. The County suggested the billing be done by the Township. The Board does not want to change what we are doing with respect to billing or recycling, because it would be too costly for the Township to hire someone to do billing. Discussion followed about leaves and Christmas trees. At the present time the cardboard dumpster is provided to the Township by York Waste, but we do need it in the bid specifications.

LETTER FROM SOUTH MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

- Mr. Stabile asked why we would want to waive the fees for review of the Carlisle Region Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project. Mr. Geistwhite stated that at last night's meeting of the Municipal Authority he seconded the motion to send a noncommittal letter to the Township. Mr. Stabile made a motion to have Mrs. Justh send a letter to South Middleton stating that we honor the request to have the fees waived, but that unfortunately we are not in a position to honor the request given our budget situation at this time. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

SECOND AMENDMENT TO MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH MTMA –

Mr. Brennenman explained that this is an increase to the reserve for the joint maintenance of the building. Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to adopt the Second Amendment to Maintenance Agreement with the MTMA. Mr. Larson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

HUMANE SOCIETY REQUEST – After some discussion the Board of Supervisors suggested that Mrs. Justh contact the Humane Society and find out how we can save money. If we must we will no longer pay for cats to be taken to the Humane Society by residents, only dogs. The Board asked that a status report be given at the next meeting on December 2, 2009.

Mr. Carpenter asked the Board what position they want to take at the Zoning Hearing Board for **Keystone Arms** and the changes from townhouses to apartments. The Board took no position on this request and the Board will not oppose the change to the setbacks, so that they are the same as North Middleton.

Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to sell **3 laptops that are 7 years old** and need to be replaced. Mr. Stabile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2010 BUDGET – Mrs. Justh asked the Board to consider increasing the Street Light Front Foot Tax, because of the expenses in 2009. After discussion about the budget and talking about the millage increase for 2010 they decided to increase the millage. The Board authorized Mrs. Justh to have the following statement given to the newspaper.
STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE MIDDLESEX BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
After only having one tax increase in nine years, Middlesex Township regrettably is looking at a tax increase for 2010 based principally on the following six factors:

1. Loss of EIT taxes due to the loss of approximately 200 jobs in the township
2. Loss of EMS taxes due to the loss of approximately 200 jobs in the township

3. A reduction of approximately 12,000,000. 00 in Real Estate value and pending commercial tax assessment appeals
4. Spiraling health insurance premiums
5. Anticipated 30% increase in electric rates
6. Loss of approximately 75% revenue from Building Permit Fees

The budget for 2010 also must to some degree be a forward looking budget for two years, since any budget for 2011 will be capped due to the pending county real estate reassessment to be conducted next year.

It is anticipated Middlesex will approve an increase in its Real Estate tax by .00033 mills to 1.2 mills (.00120). For the average home in Middlesex with a value of \$166,000.00, this would equate to \$1.00 per week per household. It was the belief of the Supervisors that this increase was the minimum increase necessary without cutting essential services to the township. If and when the economy improves, the Supervisors will look forward to adjusting its millage rate accordingly.

The Board of Supervisors, Middlesex Township

Mrs. Justh was asked to make sure this was advertised for enactment on December 30, 2009.

Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 with a second from Mr. Larson.