

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
WORKSHOP MEETING
November 21, 2008**

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 7:34am in the Middlesex Township Building.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

JULIE JOHNSEN VACANT PROPERTY – Julie Johnsen was present. Julie Johnsen stated that her lawyer should have been in contact with Mr. Brenneman. Ms. Johnsen questioned the amount the Township claimed it would cost to remove the house. Mr. Brenneman stated that the cap at \$18,000.00 is reasonable and at the high end for demolition of the building. Mr. Brenneman stated that the tipping, fee to take the materials away was a large part that cost. Ms. Johnsen was asking for some of the brick to sell to an individual. Mr. Brenneman asked Ms. Johnsen to talk to her attorney about the terms of the agreement. Ms. Johnsen questioned when she could pay the Township. Mr. Stabile stated that payment can be made as you are able. Ms. Johnsen is asked the township to wait until December 26th before the building is demolished because that is when she will have the money to pay taxes. Mr. Stabile noted that the lien on the property will only need to be paid completely if the property is sold. Mr. Stabile stated that once the house is gone the property value will change and your taxes should be less. Mr. Stabile stated it was important for Ms. Johnsen to understand that the township was not trying to take the property, but is trying to get rid of the nuisance: that it was still her property, and that Ms. Johnsen still owned it. Mr. Brenneman will be talking to her attorney.

CROWN VICTORIA BID OPENING – Chief Sherman announced that the high bid for the 2003 Ford Crown Victoria was \$1,654.11. The high bidder was Bxrepoman@aol.com. Mr. Stabile made a motion to accept the bid of \$1,654.11, the highest bidder of the Bronx, NY. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Chief Sherman stated the highest bidder for the 8" Post Hole Digger was millerps@comcast.net at a price of \$260.01. Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to accept the bid of \$260.01 as the high bidder for the 8" Post Hole Digger from millerps@comcast.net. Mr. Stabile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Chief Sherman stated that the high bid for the 7' blade was \$180.00 from dwynne@jwglein.com. Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to accept the bid of \$180.00 from

dwynne@jwglein.com for the 7' blade. Mr. Stabile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Chief Sherman stated that the high bid was \$432.08 for the 5' Rotor Matic from gcpd1@aol.com. Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to accept the high bid of \$432.08 for the 5' Rotor Matic from gcpd1@aol.com. Mr. Stabile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PENNDOT COUNTY MAINTENANCE FACILITY TIME EXTENSION – Mr. Stabile made a motion to accept the time extension request for the PennDOT County Maintenance Facility from Ang Associates until March 6, 2008. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

MEADOWBROOK FARMS REDUCTION OF SECURITY – Mr. Carpenter stated that he has emailed this request to Mr. Grove and he has 45 days to respond to the request. Mr. Stabile tabled this until Mr. Grove gets back to us.

RESOLUTION 2008-19 ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES AND RULES FOR THE COMPLIANCE WITH THE PA RIGHT-TO-KNOW LAW – Mr. Brenneman explained that this is a new law and we have to have an appointment of a records officer, and that would be the Manager. Mr. Stabile asked about why a resolution. Mr. Brenneman explained that because it is already a state law and we are enacting that law we need a resolution, unless we make other changes to it and then it would have to become an ordinance. Mr. Stabile asked about the use of manager as the records officer and Mr. Brenneman acknowledged that that would be so you don't have to change it when Mary leaves. Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008-19 establishing procedures and rules for the compliance with the PA Right-To-Know Law. Mr. Larson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2008-20 CONFIRMING AND ADOPTING THE USE OF THE RECORDS RETENTION AND DISPOSITION SCHEDULE OF THE PA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION – Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to adopt the use of the records retention and disposition schedule of the PA Historical and Museum Commission as reflected in Resolution 2008-20. Mr. Larson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2008-21 ACT 39 – ESTABLISHING FEE FOR PUBLICATION AND ADOPTION – Mr. Brenneman explained that Act 39 was a law that attempted to address a situation created by the PA Supreme Court dealing with the finality of the decisions of the Board of Supervisors, and Zoning Hearing Board Decisions. Act 39 was enacted so that it puts a time limit on an appeal. When something changes you advertise and the law allows 30 days to appeal. Before Act 39 there was no time limit. Mr. Brenneman will advertise all of the ordinances and Zoning Hearing Board decisions for the last 10 years. If any one comes in and wants to make a change in the zoning or modify an ordinance we will be asking for a fee for the publication and the cost to make the change. Mr. Brenneman it remains unknown if someone will eventually challenge Act 39. Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008-21 Act 39 establishing

fee for publication and adoption. Mr. Larson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mrs. Justh asked the Board to allow her to advertise the 2009 Budget. Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to have Mrs. Justh advertise the 2009 Budget in the amount of \$2,491,540.00 for enactment on December 30th. Mr. Larson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Don Zeigler complained to the Board about the winter maintenance of the park. Mr. Stabile asked Mr. Brenneman if a notice would be a good idea, because we are not maintaining it. Chief Sherman will get a sign printed for the park, stating that the park is only maintained from April to November, using it at others times is at your own risk.

Mr. Geistwhite attended a County Advisory Board meeting at which they discussed the **Floodplain Map** updates. Mr. Dan Fitzpatrick praised our Township for being on top of this which is due on March 16th. Mr. Greg Mohl from Upper Allen talked about the GIS system and how helpful it can be to the Township. Mr. Geistwhite wanted to make sure that we have access to it. He also asked if Denise Jumper has any knowledge of The Tree Vitalized Grant Program. Please have her check on this grant.

Mr. Stabile mentioned that Fire Chief Ed Beam will need to work on new agreements for 2009 as far as fire companies are concerned and he should have something for us on Wednesday night. Chief Sherman will talk to Fire Chief Ed Beam.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Mr. Stabile adjourned the meeting to Executive Session at 8:39am on pending litigation involving the suit against the Johnsens, with no action to be taken by the Board afterwards. Mr. Larson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.