

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
WORKSHOP MEETING
November 22, 2019**

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

OFFICIALS ABSENT: **ENGINEER:** Bud Grove

Chairman Geistwhite called the meeting to order at 7:30 am in the Middlesex Township Building.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL PERMIT PLAN FOR YORK TO TRINDLE URBAN CONNECTOR PROJECT: Zoning Officer Mr. Carpenter reported that part of this project is in Middlesex Township on Trindle Road. Township Engineer Mr. Grove has reviewed the traffic signal plans for the proposed signal at the intersection of the proposed connector and Trindle Road. Mr. Grove recommends the Township approve and sign the plans. This will be a joint application between Middlesex Township and S. Middleton Township. After much discussion, Township Solicitor Mr. Brenneman will review all documents before any action is to be taken.

PA SICKLERVILLE ASSOCIATES, LP APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS FOR RESTAURANT DRIVE THRUS AND VARIANCE FOR LOT WIDTH: Mr. Carpenter reported that this is a Zoning Hearing Board case and is asking whether the Supervisors wanted to take a position on this issue. This is related to the Burger King / Popeyes Restaurant between Clinton Avenue, N. Letort Drive and Harrisburg Pike. The proposed subdivision of two lots for development meet all the zoning standards except for lot width. The applicant is asking for a variance to allow propose Lot 1 to be created with a minimum lot width less than the 150 feet required. The Supervisors support this case and see it as an improvement to the area.

SHEETZ – EMBERS DRIVE, REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF SECURITY BOND: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to on the recommendation of Township Engineer Mr. Grove’s memo dated November 20, 2019, to release the security bond in the amount of \$261,098.00 subject to the posting of the required maintenance security in the amount of \$39,165.00.

KEYSTONE ARMS REQUEST FOR SECURITY REDUCTION: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to on the

recommendation of Township Engineer Mr. Grove's memo dated November 21, 2019, to reduce the improvement security in the amount of \$108,298.24 down to \$16,244.74. It is noted that these streets have not been dedicated to the Township. Further reduction cannot be approved until the end of the 18-month maintenance period which cannot begin until the streets are dedicated.

KEYSTONE ARMS LOT 163 (A & A AUTO) – MAINTENANCE SECURITY RELEASE: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to on the recommendation of Township Engineer Mr. Grove's memo dated November 20, 2019, to release the maintenance security in the amount of \$28,227.64.

PROPOSED ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2019 – 9 ESTABLISHING RECYCLABLES FOR COLLECTION FROM RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to adopt Resolution 2019 – 9 establishing acceptable recyclables for collection from residential dwellings.

Representatives for Master ManufacturerS were present and stated that they had recently submitted a land development plan to put an addition on their existing facility. During the review Township Engineer Mr. Grove suggested due to the simplicity of the plan, the applicant present the plan to the Supervisors to ask for a waiver of the land development ordinances so that the plan can be reviewed as a Stormwater Management Plan. Township Solicitor Mr. Brenneman suggested the Supervisors not take any action on the plan until the Stormwater Management Plan is complete.

Township Engineer Mr. Grove reported that he met with the developer for Appalachian Estates and reviewed the method for building most of the streets. There was no objection from the developer.

Township Manager Mrs. Gault reported that someone near and dear to her as well as to most of the other employees and many of the residents, handed her a letter stating that after 46 years of employment he is retiring and that is Director of Public Safety Chief Barry L. Sherman. This will leave some big shoes for the Township to fill and some major decisions to be made.

Chairman Geistwhite expressed his gratitude to Barry for his dedication to the township. He will be missed.

Mr. Stanley Tarka, 210 N. Old Stonehouse Road, thanked Barry for all that he has done for the community.

Supervisor Goodhart has worked with Barry longer than anyone and expressed how Barry has always been there for him, is his brother and works harder than anyone he has ever known.

Robin Rohrer, 457 Wolfs Bridge Road, stated that everything Barry has done was done from the goodness of his heart. He had no hidden agenda and done everything because it was the right thing to do. He has saved the Township a lot of money because of his knowledge and

relationships with others. His replacement should be hired from outside and not from within. There will be no other like Barry.

Detective Jerry Steigleman shared some of his memories from when he was the only police officer at Silver Spring Township and Barry was the only one with Middlesex Township. Barry has always been his brother and they always had each other's backs.

Lt. Steve Kingsborough stated that over 35 years he had worked at several different places before working for Middlesex and he has never worked for another man that was so good to people, as good a leader, not a boss as Barry. He always led from the front, not from the back. They had some good and bad times, but when Bill, Barry and Steve worked together they always knew they were going home at the end of their shift.

Township Engineer Bud Grove stated that Barry is one of those guys you can always rely on. He has learned a lot from Barry over the last 23 years. Bud has never worked with anyone quite like him. There will be big big shoes to fill.

Township Zoning Officer Mark Carpenter thanked Barry for everything. He has learned a lot from Barry and agrees with what everyone else was saying. He always felt that Barry should retire and deserved to be happy.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting to Executive Session at 8:25 a.m. to discuss a personnel matter. The Board reconvened at 8:55 a.m.

On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to appoint Lt. Steve Kingsborough to Director of Public Safety and Part-time Police Chief on a one (1) year probation period effective January 1, 2020.

On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to appoint Authority Manager Mr. Rory Morrison as acting Highway Superintendent effective January 1, 2020 until a replacement is found.

Chairman Geistwhite asked the Director of Public Safety Mr. Sherman when he is going on leave and he reported January 1, 2020.

There being no further business, on the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 a.m.