

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS MEETING
December 1, 2021**

OFFICIALS PRESENT: SUPERVISORS: Chairman Donald S. Geistwhite, Jr.
Vice-Chairman Steven Larson
William H. Goodhart
SOLICITOR: Keith O. Brenneman
PUBLIC SAFETY
DIRECTOR: Chief Steve D. Kingsborough
ZONING OFFICER: Mark D. Carpenter
CODES ENFORCEMENT
ROADMASTER: Zachary L. Zook
MANAGER: Eileen M. Gault

OFFICIAL ABSENT: FIRE / EMC: Chief Edwin Beam
ENGINEER: Bud Grove
MS4 COORDINATOR: Gerald Steigleman

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Chairman Donald S. Geistwhite, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Middlesex Township Municipal Building, with Vice-Chairman Larson leading the pledge to the flag.

Chairman Geistwhite announced that an Executive Session was held this morning on the matter of the Collective Bargaining Unit. No action was taken as a result.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Stan Tarka, 210 N. Old Stonehouse Road, with regards to the agenda item pertaining to trash, commented that the residents should not have to deal with the excuses made by the trash company for their lack of service. He stated that the residents should receive a credit on their bill when service is not provided as stated in the contract. Mr. Tarka is aware that a penalty is in the current contract and wondered if the Township had penalized Waste Management for the lack of service. The Township has penalized Waste Management four times and is currently waiting on \$2000.00 to replenish the escrow account.

TRASH BIDS READ: Trash / Recycling Bid Opening: Township Solicitor Mr. Brenneman opened bids from the following:

Penn Waste: No bid proposal submitted.

Republic Services:	residential unit – contract year #1	\$29.75	per tag \$12.00
	contract year #2	\$31.53	per tag \$13.00
	contract year #3	\$33.42	per tag \$14.00
	contract year #4	\$35.42	per tag \$15.00
	contract year #5	\$37.54	per tag \$16.00

Waste Management:	residential unit – contract year #1	\$28.29	per tag \$4.50
	contract year #2	\$29.42	per tag \$4.50
	contract year #3	\$30.60	per tag \$4.50
	contract year #4	\$31.82	per tag \$5.00
	contract year #5	\$33.09	per tag \$5.00

Possible action to be taken by the Supervisors will be at the January 5, 2022, meeting.

MS4 STORMWATER: The Roadmaster reported that he met with the engineering team who is working on the stream restoration project on Wolf Bridge Road.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of October 6, 2021.

On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of November 3, 2021.

On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of November 19, 2021.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to approve the payments of the December 2020 bills.

Discussion and possible action on waiver of land development plan and stormwater management plan requirements for Giant employee recreation pavilion: After some discussion, the Supervisors decided to postpone action on the waiver of the land development plan. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to acting on the recommendation of Township Engineer, Bud Grove in memo dated 12-1-2021, to approve waiver of section 301 of the Middlesex Township Stormwater Management Ordinance No. 6 – 2011 (SWMO) to allow development of an employee recreation pavilion on County Tax Parcel No. 21-07-0467-022, as shown on the plans submitted with the request.

REPORTS:

Solicitor – Present. No report.

Engineer – Absent. No report.

Director of Public Safety – Chief Kingsborough discussed and submitted the monthly Police Report. Report entered into record.

Zoning – Mr. Carpenter discussed and submitted the monthly Zoning Report. Report entered into record.

Codes Enforcement – Absent. No report.

Roadmaster – Mr. Zook discussed and submitted the monthly Highway Department Report. Report entered into record. The Roadmaster reported that the line painting was completed and that all the trucks are ready for the winter season.

Recreation/Recycling Coordinator – Mrs. Jumper submitted the monthly Recreation Director Report. Report entered into record. The Township Manager mentioned the upcoming Tree Lighting Event and Santa Breakfast.

Fire/EMC – Absent. Chief Beam submitted the monthly Fire Chief Report. Report entered into record.

Municipal Authority – Chairman Geistwhite reported the following:

1. The Authority has adopted its 2022 draft budget, and no rate increase is warranted for 2022.
2. The water inter-connection is nearing completion with Pennsylvania American Water. The meter pit will be installed by PA American and then the Municipal Authority will make the tie-in to the meter pit on the Middlesex connection side.
3. The Authority received two minor comments from DEP for the pump station for Phase 1 of the Cumberland Preserve Development. The comments have been addressed by Glace Associates, so the permit should be issued in the near future.

Manager – The Manager reported that she received a letter from a resident who volunteers with the Union Fire Company and wanted to know if the Township has a real estate tax credit available. The Supervisors are interested in providing this and have asked the Manager to research this more and provide an update.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion and review of proposed 2022 budget and possible motion to adopt and authorize advertisement for public review of the proposed 2022 budget: The Manager reported that there has been a change to the revenue to include a transfer of the ARP funds received into the General Fund. The expenses of these funds would include the consulting firm cost, the county radio system, traffic signal pre-emptive devices and upcoming MS4 projects. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to adopt the proposed 2022 budget and authorize advertisement for public review of the proposed budget.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and possible motion to execute the 2022 Municipal Domestic Animal Protective Services Agreement: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to execute the 2022 Municipal Domestic Animal Protective Services Agreement between Middlesex Township and the Humane Society of Harrisburg Area.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: There being no further business, on the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. to Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter with no action to be taken as a result of the Executive Session.

Ronald Kizima, 144 N. Middlesex Road, commented that he spent most of his life in the private sector working in business management and business ownership and has fired Waste Management from every contract he had with them once the contract expired. Mr. Kizima not only did this locally, but in New York and New Jersey as well.