

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS MEETING
December 2, 2015**

OFFICIALS PRESENT:	SUPERVISORS:	Chairman Donald S. Geistwhite, Jr. William H. Goodhart
	SOLICITOR:	Keith O. Brenneman
	POLICE:	Chief Barry L. Sherman
	ZONING OFFICER:	Mark D. Carpenter
	MANAGER:	Eileen M. Gault
	FIRE CHIEF:	Ed Beam
OFFICIAL ABSENT:	VICE-CHAIRMAN	Steven Larson
	ENGINEER:	Bud Grove

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Chairman Geistwhite called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Middlesex Township Building, with Mr. Robert Horning, Jr. leading the pledge to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Stanley Tarka of 210 N. Old Stonehouse Road was present to discuss his concern about the agenda item of the Cumberland Valley Commons Preliminary Subdivision Plan request for extension of review time until March 4, 2016. Mr. Tarka recalled that this plan was before the Supervisors in 2014 and was met with opposition from some residents. Mr. Tarka stated that the developer has had enough time for the plan and opposes any extension. He also stated that this development will impact the community, the roads, schools and the quality of life. Chairman Geistwhite stated that the developer had requested to change the zoning on the eastside of S. Middlesex Road which was denied. Township Solicitor Mr. Brenneman stated that the Township has an obligation in good faith to work with any developer that comes before them and that includes granting an extension of time.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was agreed to authorize the payments of the November 2015 bills.

REPORTS:

Solicitor – No report.

Engineer – Absent, no report.

Police – Chief Sherman submitted the monthly Police Report. There was a brief discussion of the report. Report entered into record.

Zoning – Mr. Carpenter submitted the monthly Zoning Report. There was a brief discussion of the report. Report entered into record.

Recreation/Recycling Coordinator – Recreation Director Mrs. Jumper submitted the monthly Recreation Report. The Township Manager reminded the Board of the upcoming Tree Lighting Event on December 4th and Breakfast with Santa on December 5th.

Fire/EMC – Chief Beam submitted the monthly Fire/EMC Report. The report was entered into record. Chief Beam reported that the Fire Fund Drive has \$19,165 to date. Chief Beam then reported

that a letter was received from FEMA approving the Hazard Mitigation Plan for 5 years. This approval makes the Township eligible to apply for any disaster assistance should the need arise.

Municipal Authority – Chairman Geistwhite reported that the turbidity is fine at the well.

Manager's Report – Township Manager reported that a thank you note was received from the Cumberland Valley FFA thanking the Supervisors for listening to their presentation about Marcellus Shale that they used at a competition. The group got a Bronze Medal at the competition.

Township Manager reported that she and the Chief had a conference call about the PennDOT Rapid Bridge Replacement Project. The portion in Middlesex Township affected will be at the bridge on RT 11 across the Letort and will last approximately 11 months. The Township Manager provided a schedule of the car shows for the representative. Chairman Geistwhite then requested that the Manager request that Mr. Kirk Stoner attend the next meeting to give an update of the Wolf Bridge closure.

On November 13th, the Township Manager, Authority Manager, Chief Sherman and Carroll Earhart of Skelley & Loy, Inc. met to get a proposal for assisting Middlesex Township prepare a Municipal Separated Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit application for the 2018 to 2023 Permit Cycle. The estimated cost for the services on a time-and-materials basis is \$108,300. There are plans to get another estimate from another engineering firm.

A quote was received from Skelley & Loy, Inc. to complete the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO). The tentative date for a completed first draft is April 12, 2016 with a proposed adoption of the amended SALDO on December 30, 2016. The Supervisors have asked for this matter to be tabled for further discussion at the Workshop Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Township Clean-up Update: Township Zoning Officer Mr. Carpenter reported that there are 3 (three) properties that he has been working on to clean-up. The SAC BP by the turnpike has a contract to demolish it. They are working on a DEP clearance for asbestos removal and expect to demolish this winter. The Western Sizzlin Restaurant is getting prices for demolition. They are close to signing an agreement to redevelop the property. Mr. Carpenter reported that the Charlottes Place Restaurant is working to clear out the equipment. The commitment is to demolish it within a few months.

TPF 15-4, Cumberland Valley Commons Preliminary Subdivision Plan, request for extension of review time until March 4, 2016: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was agreed to accept the request for extension of review time on the Preliminary Subdivision and Land Development Plan for Cumberland Valley Commons until March 4, 2016.

NEW BUSINESS:

2016 Municipal Domestic Animal Protective Services Agreement: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was agreed to execute the 2016 Municipal Domestic Animal Protective Services Agreement between Middlesex Township and the Humane Society of Harrisburg Area.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. The Board reconvened from executive session at 8:20 p.m.

On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was agreed to appoint Barry L. Sherman as the part-time Chief of Police for the Middlesex Township Police Department.

On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was agreed to authorize the Chief of Police to hire Malynnda Garcia as a full-time Police Officer with the Middlesex Township Police Department effective January 1, 2016, subject to a one year probation period.

There being no further business, on the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m.