

MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS MEETING
3 DECEMBER 1997

OFFICIALS PRESENT:	SUPERVISORS:	Robert Eppley
		Joe Capuano
		Chuck Shughart
	SOLICITOR:	Keith Brenneman
	POLICE:	Chief Barry Sherman
	ZONING OFFICER	Mark Carpenter
	SECRETARY:	Gail Jensik
	RECREATION:	Bob Snyder
	FIRE CHIEF:	Ed Beam

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM in the new Municipal Building by Chairman Robert Eppley. Township Secretary Gail Jensik then led the assembly in the pledge to the flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Shughart which was seconded by Mr. Capuano, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of 5, 6, 13 & 21 November as submitted.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

On a motion by Mr. Shughart, seconded by Mr. Capuano and passed unanimously, the Board approved payment of bills represented by the bill list for November, summarized as follows:

General Fund: checks #6579 through #6670, inclusive, for a total of \$80,419.65

Escrow Fund: checks #139 through #144, inclusive, for a total of \$1,493.50

Capital Reserve for Recreation: checks #142 & #143, for \$13,695.00

General Capital Reserve: check #549 for \$47.78

Recreation Program: check #109 for \$55.00

Sewer Fund: checks #264 through #266, inclusive, for \$804.42

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Joe Giubardo, Manager of the Flying J Truck Plaza, commended and thanked both Officer Paula Mullen and Chief Barry Sherman for their work to control "drive offs". Mr. Giubardo estimated that the police efforts resulted in savings to the company of approximately \$1000 per month.

REPORTS

SOLICITOR: Mr. Brenneman reported the following: 1. management at Giant Corp. has approved the agreement with the Township over the access road, 2. the court has handed down a decision favorable to the Township in the Keen Leasing Assessment Appeal and 3. the Ridge Drive Speed Limit Ordinance will be up for approval at the regular meeting in January.

ENGINEER Mr. Grove indicated that he would present his comments later in the meeting.

POLICE. Presented by Chief Sherman and ordered to file. Mr. Capuano commended Chief Sherman on the excellent work done by the officers in his department.

ZONING: Presented by Mr. Carpenter and ordered to file.

RECREATION: Mr. Snyder reported that discount tickets for a number of regional attractions may be obtained at the Township Office. He also mentioned that a combined choir drawn from Middlesex United Methodist Church, St. Matthews United Church of Christ and St. Mathias Lutheran Church would perform at the annual Tree Lighting at 7 PM on December 7.

FIRE/EMC: Presented by Chief Beam at the end of the meeting and ordered to file. The Chief also requested that the Township contact PaDOT regarding additional signage in the vicinity of the Rt. 944 / Mountain Road intersection due to a high incidence of accidents at that intersection. The Supervisors directed Chief Sherman to communicate the request to PaDOT.

SECRETARY: No Report

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

Re-approval of Rotz Preliminary / Final Subdivision Plan - On a motion by Mr. Capuano which was seconded by Mr. Shughart and passed unanimously, the Board re-approved the Plan submitted by Fisher Mowery Rosendale and Associates, dated 9/30/96 and revised 11/5/96, which had first received approval on 11/6/96 and a re-approval on 2/5/97.

Middlesex Elementary School Preliminary / Final Land Development Plan, #97017 - Represented by Jim Wenger of Derck & Edson, who explained that the issues raised by Grove Associates and the Planning Commission have all been addressed by the addition of fencing around the detention pond and along both sides of the walkway at the end of the pond. Mr. Grove concurred. On a motion by Mr. Capuano which was seconded by Mr. Shughart and passed unanimously, the Board first approved waivers for the following: 1. Section 501 - separate Preliminary and Final Plans, 2. Sections 501 & 601 - required sheet size no larger than 24" X 36", 3. Section 718 - full Environmental Impact Report and 4. Section 708.c.2 - no more than two access drives off of a public road. Next, Mr. Capuano moved to approve the Plan prepared by Derck & Edson, dated 9/25/97 and revised 11/26/97, conditional upon the applicant's satisfactorily addressing outstanding issues raised by the Zoning Officer and upon the submission of bonding approved by the Township Engineer. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shughart and passed unanimously. Finally, Mr. Capuano moved that the Township submit the Planning Module Exemption Application for the project. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shughart and passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance 13-97, Establishing a Stop Intersection at the Intersection of Wolfs Bridge Road and the Driveway Servicing the John F. Walter Excavations Inc. Slate Extraction Site - Unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Shughart which was seconded by Mr. Capuano.

Ordinance 14-97, Providing for a Posted Maximum Speed Limit of 25 Miles Per Hour on Briarpatch Drive - Approved unanimously on a motion by Mr. Capuano which was seconded by Mr. Shughart.

Approval of 1998 Municipal Budget: Resolution 97-18 and 97-19 - Resolutions 97-18 and 97-19 were introduced by Mr. Capuano, seconded by Mr. Shughart and approved unanimously.

Reappointment to Middlesex Township Planning Commission - Ms. Doris Law was reappointed to a four year term.

NEW BUSINESS

Municipal Planning Advisory Service Agreement for 1998 - On a motion by Mr. Shughart which was seconded by Mr. Capuano, the Board unanimously approved the agreement with the County in which the County agrees to provide planning advisory services on a monthly basis at no cost to the Township.

Letort Regional Authority Proposed Guidelines for Environmental Studies - On a motion by Mr. Shughart which was seconded by Mr. Capuano and passed unanimously, the Board voted to support the guidelines proposed by the Authority for requesting Environmental Studies to be done by those proposing development in the Letort watershed.

There being no other matters to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM at which time an executive session for matters in litigation was called.