

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS MEETING
December 5, 2007**

OFFICIALS PRESENT:	SUPERVISORS:	Chuck Shughart Vic Stabile Don Geistwhite
	SOLICITOR:	Keith Brenneman
	ENGINEER:	Bud Grove - Absent
	POLICE:	Chief Barry Sherman
	ZONING OFFICER:	Mark Carpenter
	SECRETARY:	Mary Justh

Chairman Chuck Shughart called the meeting to order at 7:00PM in the Middlesex Twp Building, with Steven Larson leading the pledge to the flag. Mr. Shughart introduced Mr. Larson to the public as the newly elected Supervisor for 2008.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mr. Jim McClafferty commented on how much he appreciated the police report in the newsletter, letting the residents know what the police are doing is a good thing..

ORDINANCE 10-2007 - Regulating Outdoor and Open Burning – Mr. Shughart asked if there were any comments. Ms. Elizabeth Barnes of Hollowbrook Road commented that she is a vegetable farmer in the township and her concerns are about the burning of cloth row covers from the farming. According to Mr. Shughart, these are all natural materials and they can be burned. Particularly since you have 10 acres you are exempt from the permit. Mr. Glenn Comp of North Middlesex Road had several comments about the language in the ordinance, the use of outdoor wood burning boiler, stack height, and the types of fuels. The Comp furnace is about 62 ft. from his house, and the stack is about 6 ft. high. Mr. Shughart stated that an ordinance must be in place before anything can be enforced. The question of smoke in the Township is the problem. There will be some smoke, but it doesn't have to be problem, if people use common sense. Mr. Larry Claycomb of North Middlesex Road explained to the Supervisors that stack height is important for air flow and pressure in these furnaces, because of the creosote. Mr. Claycomb suggested not using coal, as there is mercury in coal. Greg Crouse asked about a site for composting if we are not allowing the burning of leaves. Mr. Geistwhite stated that the Township is looking into a site and funding at the present. Mr. Shughart suggested that if you don't have enough land as required by the ordinance that you would not be able to have a wood burning furnace. Mr. Tracy Gleim commented on the fact that this is a rural community and that the people should be allowed to live rurally. Mr. John Gleim suggested that the ordinance should stay and adjustments being made to it that are needed. Mr. Jack Sproch is concerned about losing the rural character of the Township if we enact an ordinance that is too restrictive. Susie Jones is concerned about the cost to get rid of brush at her home. Mr. Stabile stated that we will have information about the burning Ordinance in the Township Newsletter for the residents. Mr. John Weary asked what he is to do with all the paper bags that he gets feed in at the feed mill. Mr. Stabile asked how much change can be made to the Ordinance before you have to re-advertise. Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to have Keith make the changes to advertise for

enactment for the workshop meeting on the 28th. Mr. Stabile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING – Application of Oppidan Investment Co. for Zoning Ordinance amendment adding Recreational Vehicle sales and service as a special exception use in the VC-Village Center zoning district. Mr. Shughart turned the meeting over to Brenneman. Mr. Brenneman noted that this was the time and place for the public hearing on an ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Ron Lucas represented Oppidan Investment Co. Mr. Lucas will be acquiring open space from the Sunday Property which would be a subdivision from the Sunday property and should be considered contiguous, with the property being considered by Oppidan. There would be a shared driveway with the Carlisle Sports Emporium. If the amendment was adopted by the Supervisors, the request would be taken to the Zoning Hearing Board and then back to the Planning Commission. After Mr. Lucas's presentation the meeting was turned over to Mr. Shughart and the hearing was closed. Mr. Stabile asked about the definition of RV being misconstrued as providing services for trucking. Mr. Lucas stated that would not be an appropriate use. Mr. Stabile asked if this would be considered spot zoning. Mr. Lucas stated that this should not be considered as such. Mr. Brenneman stated that this use is not allowed in any other zoning district and this is providing for a specific use. The property that will be considered contiguous should be left as open space. Mr. Shughart asked about used vehicles. Mr. Brenneman asked if they would be willing to address used vehicles on the property with the Planning Commission. Mr. Shughart closed the hearing

ORDINANCE 11-2007 – Amending Ordinance No. 3-89 providing for Recreational Vehicle sales and service as a special exception use in the VC-Village Center zoning district. – Mr. Stabile made a motion to amend Ordinance No. 3-89 for Recreational Vehicle sales and service as a special exception in the VC zoning district. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes 30 November – Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to approve the minutes of November 30th. Mr. Shughart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS – November Bill List – Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to approve the bill list for November. Mr. Stabile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Solicitor – Mr. Brenneman reported that he would request the authority to prepare and advertise an Ordinance to reduce the speed limit for Army Heritage Drive from the railroad crossing to Claremont Road for the Workshop Meeting on the 28th of December. Mr. Geistwhite made the motion and Mr. Stabile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Engineer – Mr. Grove had prepared a report for Mr. Brenneman on Army Heritage speed limit.

Police – Ordered to file

Zoning - No Report

Recreation – Ordered to file

Fire/EMC – Ordered to file

Municipal Authority – Mr. Geistwhite reported that the well house is under roof and pipe has been delivered and an application to DEP for Cumberland Knoll is at DEP.

Secretary – Mrs. Justh mentioned that the minutes from the composting meeting held earlier in the week were in the Supervisors folders. Mrs. Justh reported that another meeting is scheduled after the New Year with Justin Miller of Cumberland County Solid Waste.

OLD BUSINESS

Annual Meeting Calendar – Mrs. Justh presented the new 2008 Meeting Calendar and explained that she had the wrong date for the Organizational and Auditor meetings. The new calendar needs to be advertised within the next week. Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to approve and advertise the new calendar. Mr. Shughart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Subcontract for Planning/Ordinance Assistance Under Cumberland County Grant – Mr. Brenneman explained to the Board that some of the language had been changed and agreed upon by the Township and Cumberland County for the grant amount of \$6,650.00. Mr. Stabile made a motion to authorize and execute the Subcontract for Planning Ordinance Assistance Under Cumberland County Grant that has been offered to the Township. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

AHEC/Army Heritage Drive Traffic Signal – Mr. Stabile explained a conversation that he had with Mike Perry and that they should take the lead on a possible traffic signal at Claremont and Army Heritage Road. AHEC should be responsible to maintain the light. The County can donate land if needed according to Mr. Geistwhite. Mr. Brenneman stated that the Township is the permit fee. A traffic study is needed to prove that it is warranted. The Township would support any effort on the part of AHEC in getting the funds for the light. Mr. Geistwhite agreed to contact Mike Perry.

Accept the Letter of Resignation of Lisa Keefer as Auditor – Mr. Stabile made a motion to accept the Letter of Resignation from Lisa Keefer effective December 31, 2007 for her service to the Township. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Stabile stated that the cost of the auditors of \$1,500.00 was well worth it as compared to an Accounting firm.

Executive Session – The meeting was adjourned to executive session at 10:12 with no action taken.