

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
WORKSHOP MEETING
December 18, 2015**

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

Chairman Geistwhite called the meeting to order at 7:34 am in the Middlesex Township Building.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ms. Leah Larson, 22 W. Mulberry Hill Road, expressed her concern about the wreckless driving that has been occurring on Clemson Drive. Chairman Geistwhite assured Ms. Larson that the same problem has occurred on Claremont Road and speed enforcement is being done. Chief Sherman reported that a grant was received from PennDOT and enforcement is being done. Last month approximately 40 citations were issued including a DUI.

WOLF BRIDGE CLOSURE UPDATE: Mr. Kirk Stoner, County Planning Director and Mr. Brian Emberg, PE for HRG was present. Mr. Stoner gave an update on the Wolf Bridge closure and provided the Supervisors with a project schedule that can and will change. The project is fully funded through its completion. There are plans to have an open house public meeting sometime in February 2016 to discuss any concerns and answer any questions the public may have. Mr. Emberg reported that there is confirmation that the old bridge is being torn out. There was some discussion of the replacement plan scheduled for completion in 2018.

MINUTES – OCTOBER 30, 2015 AND NOVEMBER 4, 2015: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of October 30, 2015.

On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of November 4, 2015.

JOINDER TO ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION AGREEMENT: Township Solicitor Mr. Brenneman reported that several months ago the Supervisors were asked to sign a document consenting to assignment with respect to commercial property at Keystone Arms because there was a transfer of the property. There were some issues with the verbiage that have been resolved for the Township's rights to enforce the covenant contributing to the signal maintenance still remaining with all the property. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to execute the Joinder to Assignment and Assumption Agreement with respect to Keystone Arms Property.

RE-BID UNCLAIMED TOOL: The breaker that was put out for bid and awarded was never claimed prior to the deadline. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to put out for bid the unclaimed tool.

ADOPTION OF 2016 BUDGET: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to adopt the 2016 Budget in the amount of \$3,244,661 in revenue and expenses.

ORDINANCE NO. 8 – 2015 ESTABLISHING THE 2016 MILL RATE OF TAXATION AND THE FOOT FRONTAGE ASSESSMENT FOR STREET LIGHT DISTRICT 1 & STREET LIGHT DISTRICT 2: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to adopt Ordinance No. 8 – 2015 establishing the millage for taxation at 1.53 mills and the foot frontage assessment for Street Light District 1 at \$1.22 per foot and Street Light District 2 at \$0.95 per foot for the year 2016.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015 – 9 ESTABLISHING THE 2016 FOOT FRONT ASSESSMENT FOR LIGHTING IN STREET LIGHT DISTRICT 1 & STREET LIGHT DISTRICT 2: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to adopt Resolution No. 2015 – 9 establishing the Foot Front Assessment for parcels in Street Light District 1 and 2 for the year 2016.

HARDEES – PENNDOT HIGHWAY OCCUPANCY PERMIT APPLICATION: Township Engineer Mr. Grove reported that Hardees is applying for two Highway Occupancy Permits (HOP). The Township is responsible for one. Hardees is the applicant for the right turn in and out on Trindle Road. The other HOP is for improvements within the Trindle Road Right-of-Way. There is a form that was sent to the Solicitor for review where the Township has to authorize First Capital Engineering to be the agent for this application. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to authorize First Capital Engineering to be the agent for this application.

SALDO DISCUSSION: Township Engineer Mr. Grove reported that he had submitted to Township Manager Mrs. Gault his proposal to finish the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO). Mr. Grove included a timeline for review by the Planning Commission, the Supervisors as well as public meetings and public hearings. If everything were to go as planned it should be ready for adoption in one year.

There was some discussion about Hotel Carlisle and Sheetz leasing some of the property. Chairman Geistwhite mentioned that Hotel Carlisle is in arrears with its water/sewer bill and about the time the water was going to be shut off, a payment was made. If the water is going to be shut off, Zoning Officer Mr. Carpenter will post the property as condemned because it can't be occupied.

Supervisor Goodhart commented on how he thought the Tree Lighting was a success and that the Recreation Director Mrs. Jumper and Recreation Board did a wonderful job.

Zoning Officer Mr. Carpenter reported that he is still working on having the 3 properties demolished that he has been working on. The Sac, BP is coming in for a demolition permit in January, he is still

working on the other 2, Western Sizzlin and Charlottes. The Charlottes is still removing equipment that was stored inside.

Township Solicitor Mr. Brenneman reported that a company that owns property in Dickinson Township near exit 44 has made a request to South Middleton Municipal Authority for 5,000 gallons treatment capacity. This will require an Intermunicipal Agreement between South Middleton Municipal Authority and Dickinson Township to provide that capacity to the property owner that wants it. As a result of that request the Intermunicipal Agreement that we have from January 2014 requires South Middleton Authority to go to each of the participating members in the Intermunicipal Agreement with the exception of North Middleton and offer them the right to get an additional 5,000 gallons treatment capacity at the plant. It is a requirement that is set up to benefit the members first. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to decline additional capacity at the plant and allow the sale of capacity to the third party.

Chairman Geistwhite agreed with Supervisor Goodhart's comments about the Tree Lighting. He then expressed his gratitude to all the staff of Middlesex Township for all that gets done and for a great year.

Zoning Officer Mr. Carpenter reported that a resident had come in to a previous meeting and had a concern about the Toigo Greenhouse and the lack of proper construction of the stormwater facility and it not functioning properly. Mr. Carpenter spoke with the Conservation District about it and the ponds are not dewatering or infiltrating properly. During Toigo's Phase 2 of their construction they will provide an alternate plan for dewatering. The ponds may become permanent too.

There being no further business, on the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 a.m.