

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
WORKSHOP MEETING
December 28, 2012**

OFFICIALS PRESENT: **SUPERVISORS:** Chairman Donald S. Geistwhite, Jr.
 Vice-Chairman Steve Larson
 William H. Goodhart
 SOLICITOR: Keith O. Brenneman
 POLICE: Chief Barry L. Sherman
 ZONING OFFICER: Mark Carpenter
 MANAGER: Eileen M. Gault

OFFICIALS ABSENT: **ENGINEER:** Bud Grove

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

PUBLIC HEARING: Chairman Geistwhite turned the meeting over to the Township Solicitor Keith Brenneman. Mr. Brenneman reported that the public hearing is on the proposed text amendment permitting motorcycle, motor-driven cycle and/or pedalcycle (bicycle) sales and services as a permitted use in the VC – Village Center District. Mr. Brenneman gave a summary of the procedures followed prior to the hearing. Reviews and comments were provided by the Middlesex Township Planning Commission and the Cumberland County Planning Department with recommendations for approval of the ordinance. Mr. Brenneman then opened the hearing up to any public comment in which there was no public present. Mr. Brenneman then asked the Supervisors if there were any questions or comments. Chairman Geistwhite asked Mr. Carpenter if all the issues discussed at the meeting with the applicants were included with this amendment, at which time Mr. Carpenter informed him that it was included. With no further comments or questions, at the direction of the Solicitor, Chairman Geistwhite declared the hearing closed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: DECEMBER 5, 2012: On the motion of Vice-Chairman Larson, seconded by Chairman Geistwhite, it was unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of December 5, 2012.

ADOPTION OF 2013 BUDGET: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to approve and adopt without any tax increase the 2013 budget for Middlesex Township in the REVENUE amount of \$2,968,247.00 and EXPENSE amount of \$2,955,924.00 with a SURPLUS of \$12,323.00

ORDINANCE NO. 5 - 2012 ESTABLISHING THE 2013 MILL RATE OF TAXATION AND THE FOOT FRONTAGE ASSESSMENT FOR STREET LIGHT DISTRICT 1: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to adopt Ordinance No. 5 – 2012 establishing the millage for taxation and the foot frontage assessment for Street Light District 1 for the year 2013.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 12 ESTABLISHING THE 2013 FOOT FRONT ASSESSMENT FOR LIGHTING IN STREET LIGHT DISTRICT 1: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to adopt Resolution No. 2012 – 12 establishing the Foot Front Assessment for lighting in Street Light District 1 for the year 2013.

PROPOSED ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 6 – 2012 TEXT AMENDMENT PERMITTING MOTORCYCLE, MOTOR-DRIVEN CYCLE AND/OR PEDALCYCLE (BICYCLE) SALES AND SERVICE AS A PERMITTED USE IN THE VC – VILLAGE CENTER DISTRICT: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to adopt Ordinance No. 6 – 2012 text amendment permitting motorcycle, motor-driven cycle and/or pedalcycle (bicycle) sales and service as a permitted use in the VC – Village Center District.

PROPOSED ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 7 – 2012 ESTABLISHING A SPEED AND STOPPING ORDINANCE FOR COUNTRYSIDE, CHERRY BLOSSOM AND BELLWOOD COURT AND A PARKING ORDINANCE FOR FARMHOUSE LANE AND CHERRY BLOSSOM AND BELLWOOD COURT: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to adopt Ordinance No. 7 – 2012 establishing a speed and stopping ordinance for Countryside, Cherry Blossom and Bellwood Court and a parking ordinance for Farmhouse Lane and Cherry Blossom and Bellwood Court.

DISCUSSION ABOUT STREET LIGHT DISTRICT 2 AT KEYSTONE ARMS: Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Brenneman recommended that the Supervisors accept the lights for the portions of the streets that dedication is accepted. The idea is that the lights that are accepted are lighting streets in Middlesex Township and they are not Township streets until dedicated. As roads are accepted, lights can be added to district 2. Mr. Carpenter is currently working on the list and doing all the yeoman work for this matter.

DISCUSSION ABOUT A DEVELOPER’S AGREEMENT FOR APPALACHIAN ESTATES: Mr. Carpenter reported that this development was sold from Braam Hattingh to Fred Tiday. When the property was sold Middlesex Township had an agreement with Braam Hattingh stating that this is the plan that we approve and we agreed to the public improvement security. The agreement does not state that it transfers if sold, so either a new developer’s agreement is needed or an agreement with Tiday and the Township accepting the old agreement and terms. It was agreed to do the standard agreement with Tiday. It is suggested that the Engineer Mr. Grove review the improvement security and provide any comments and an estimate.

There was some discussion of the proposed project on Middlesex Road and the hotel being built on Shady Lane. Discussion then continued about the Camping World in which Mr. Carpenter informed the Board that Mr. Plasterer stated that by the end of the year the purchase had to happen or the agreement was void. An extension agreement could be entered into. Mr. Goodhart then inquired about the opening of the Chinese Restaurant at which Mr. Carpenter stated that no official date has been determined but that it is being actively worked on with kitchen equipment being put into place. Chairman Geistwhite also reminded everyone that he will be gone the whole month of March.

There being no further business, on the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 a.m.