

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
WORKSHOP AGENDA
December 28, 2007**

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

Chairman Chuck Shughart called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM in the Middlesex Twp Building.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mr. Jerry Barrack from West Pennsboro Township gave an explanation of a brand of outdoor wood burning furnaces that are virtually smoke free. He also stated that the town of Chicopee, Massachusetts has an Ordinance concerning these furnaces. After a comment session the Board was prepared to adopt the Ordinance, and Mr. Brenneman stated that he will contact Chicopee, Massachusetts about the Ordinance. Mr. Deitch asked if the Supervisors were considering changing the dates for Spring and Fall for the furnaces. The Supervisors agreed to considerate it as an amendment to the Ordinance at a later time.

ORDINANCE 13 – 2007 REGULATING OUTDOOR AND OPEN BURNING – Mr. Shughart made a motion to adopt Ordinance 13-2007 regulating the Outdoor Wood Burning Furnaces and Open Burning. Mr. Stabile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE 14 – 2007 ESTABLISHING FOR A POSTED MAXIMUM SPEED OF 25 MPH ON A PORTION OF ARMY HERITAGE DRIVE – Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to adopt Ordinance 14-2007 Establishing for a Posted Maximum Speed of 25 MPH on a Portion of Army Heritage Drive from Claremont Road to the Railroad Crossing on Army Heritage Drive. Mr. Shughart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

KEYSTONE ARMS FENCING SUBSTITUTION REQUEST – Mr. John Snyder representing Keystone Arms with a request for changing fencing to screening such as tress and bushes. Keystone Arms will come back with a plan for the planting.

ADOPTION OF THE 2008 BUDGET – Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to adopt the 2008 budget as advertised. Mr. Stabile seconded the motion with the caveat that there will not be any tax increase and the budget amount is \$2,272,474.00.

RESOLUTION 2007-10 ADOPTION OF THE 2008 TAX RESOLUTION – Mr. Stabile made a motion to adopt Resolution 2007-10 establishing a rate of .87 mills for the Township and \$1.01 per front footage of the street light. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2007-11 ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION ASSESSING THE PARCEL FOOT FRONTAGE – Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to adopt Resolution 2007-11 assessing the Parcel Foot Frontage for the street lights on Route 11. Mr. Stabile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

CHESAPEAKE BAY COG RESOLUTION – Mr. Geistwhite explained how the Chesapeake Bay requirements are going to affect residents and the Municipal Authorities in the state. Mr. Geistwhite wants to see the Chesapeake cleaned up, but all guilty parties claim some responsibility. After some discussion, Mr. Stabile made a motion expressing our support of Resolution 2–2007 by the Capital Region Council of Government. Mr. Geistwhite seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2007 BENATEC BRIDGE REPORT – Mrs. Justh reported that she and Chief Sherman met with Ron Powell, who explained that the Shady Lane Bridge is really getting in bad shape. Chief Sherman will look at it this summer and possibly lift steel off and replace with concrete. Chief Sherman will get prices and get back to the Supervisors. While he is talking about repairs, Chief Sherman asked about purchasing a Wheel Loader. It is 20 years old and he would like to sell the old one for \$20,000.00 minimum bid. Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to purchase a 721 E Case wheel loader not to exceed the budgeted amount and to sell the old one for not less than \$20,000.00. Mr. Stabile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

CENSUS LUCA PROGRAM SIGNATURE – Mr. Geistwhite made a motion to authorize Mr. Shughart to sign for the LUCA Program before December 31, 2007, designating Mark Carpenter as the liaison and reviewer and Mary Justh as reviewer. Mr. Stabile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

DRAFT LIGHTING ORDINANCE – Mr. Carpenter gave an explanation concerning the Lighting Ordinance. After some discussion, Mr. Brenneman suggested that businesses that are in violation of the lighting standards should be identified. The Board decided to have Mr. Brenneman wait until the Supervisors have an opportunity to review the draft Ordinance before he starts working on it.

GREY GOOSE CIRCLE LETTER FOR INSPECTION REPORT AND SECURITY REDUCTION – Mr. Grove reported that everything is good for Grey Goose Circle to go forward with the dedication of the roadway. Mr. Brenneman stated that all requirements have been forwarded to the proper people. Mr. Stabile explained the difference between the improvement security and maintenance security, stating that the improvements have been made and now they need to provide the documents necessary for deed of dedication and the maintenance security for Grey Goose Circle.

2008 STANDARD IRS MILEAGE RATE OF 50.5 CENTS PER MILE – Mr.

Geistwhite made a motion to accept the standard IRS rate of 50.5 cents per mile for 2008. Mr. Stabile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

JULIE JOHNSEN VACANT PROPERTY – Mr. Carpenter provided some information that he received concerning blighted property. Mr. Carpenter stated that a fee of \$250.00 plus a contribution from the Township toward demolition or rehabilitation of the property. Mr. Carpenter stated that she is not living in the house. Mr. Morrison stated that it has been 12 years since her utilities have been shut off. Mr. Carpenter can file a report to the County and once that has been done, then a letter is sent to the property owner. If there is no attempt of the owner to remove the blight, the County will again attempt to contact the owner and after several attempts they take the property as a blighted property and it is sold or rehabilitated. If the property is in need of demolition, the township can provide in kind services stated Chief Sherman. Mr. Stabile suggested that we contact Mr. Specter's office as a courtesy because he had been contacted by Julie with her housing situation. Mr. Stabile suggested contacting Gayle Mills at Specter's office. This should be on the agenda for the Workshop Meeting.

Mrs. Justh reported that we received notification of \$14,000.00 for the **Letort Park**. Mrs. Justh also reported that we received a letter from Rich Moore about the **Gypsy Moth** and it is with Keith Brenneman to contact Mr. Moore. Mrs. Justh also reported that **Andrea Wandling** is the only applicant for the position of Auditor. The Supervisors will make an appointment at the Re-organizational Meeting.

Mr. Shughart read a letter from **Mr. Hanaford** about the Jake Brakes and said he will be attending a meeting in the spring, when he has all the information together that he needs.

Chief Sherman explained that the township is eligible to receive a portion of a take in a drug case. A total of **\$408,000.00** was taken and we will get a portion of that.

Mr. Stabile read a letter from Kirk Stoner regarding the Ordinance regarding **unlicensed vehicles**.

A plaque was presented to **Mr. Shughart** for his 12 years of service to the Township as a thank you from the Supervisors and employees. Mr. Geistwhite had a few words concerning Mr. Shughart and his work for the Township. Mr. Comp mentioned Mr. Shughart's respect for the people he dealt with at the meetings. Chief Sherman stated that he remembers working with Chuck on the picket lines at Roadway.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 AM on a motion by Mr. Shughart, seconded by Mr. Stabile and Mr. Geistwhite. The Last official action of Mr. Shughart was to adjourn the meeting.