

MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
WORKSHOP MEETING
DECEMBER 29, 1998

OFFICIALS PRESENT:	SUPERVISORS:	Robert Eppley
		Joe Capuano
		Chuck Shughart
	SOLICITOR:	Keith Brenneman
	ENGINEER:	Bud Grove - absent
	POLICE:	Chief Barry Sherman
	ZONING OFFICER:	Mark Carpenter - late
	SECRETARY:	Mary Justh

Chairman Robert Eppley called the meeting to order at 7:35 AM.

BID OPENING FOR THE 1999 DUMP TRUCK – Chief Barry Sherman opened the bids. The bid from Keystone Trucks was \$49,900.00 and the bid from Carl Beasley Ford was \$46,943.45, plus \$1,400.00 to have it painted. The Supervisors requested that we contact Beasley about the color. Mr. Shughart made a motion to accept the Carl Beasley Ford bid. Seconded by Mr. Capuano and passed unanimously.

Mr. Shughart asked Chief Sherman to contact PP&L concerning the pole that was hit on corner of Trindle and South Middlesex Road about 3 or 4 months ago. Mr. Shughart stated that the pole looks really bad and needs to be replaced. Chief Sherman said he would call.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – None

END OF YEAR DISPERSEMENTS – Secretary Justh explained to the Supervisors the account balances for each fund and asked how they wish to distribute the excess in the General Fund for the upcoming year. Solicitor Brenneman asked if the Township normally invests more than \$100,000.00 in any one account. Mr. Shughart suggested that we only invest 94,500.00. Mrs. Justh indicated that Jumbo CDs are 100,000.00, but will call about the interest rate for Jumbo CDs and what the minimum must be. The debt reduction CD will come due in April of 1999 and will be put into the General Fund Money Market until we actually make a payment to the Municipal Authority and assume the mortgage on the building.

2 - York Federal CD 1/15/99	105,639.02	=	211,278.04
Will reinvest 200,000.00 Interest in New CD			
1 - York Federal CD 4/14/99	63,904.80		63,904.80
Debt Reduction into GFMM in April			
General Fund Money Market			199,453.00
New CD Radios			40,000.00
New Money Market Account Bridge			20,000.00
Deposit into Cap Res Equipment			10,000.00
Deposit into Cap Res Recreation			27,000.00

Scales for Police	6,500.00
Debt Reduction	21,000.00

The Supervisors agreed to the above distributions for year end. A check for \$97,000.00 will be distributed and \$27,500.00 will be left in the General Fund to cover the Scales and Debt Reduction.

Supervisor Shughart mentioned that with the advent of recycling, the Township needs to look into helping the residents out by getting a shredder to make mulch.

Supervisor Capuano questioned Solicitor Brenneman concerning where the Township was with regard to the Commercial Recreation Fees. Mr. Brenneman indicated that the next step was to present the Ordinance to the Recreation Board and Planning Commission for their input. Mr. Capuano made a motion to have the pending Ordinance for Recreation fees forwarded to the Recreation Board and Planning Commission.

Secretary Justh presented a plan with regards to having Debbie Vogel actually work at the park this summer, so that the program has better supervision, and work in the Township Office Monday and Friday the rest of the year. That way the office will have someone almost full time to help cover the phones. The Supervisors were all in agreement with the proposed new schedule.

Mrs. Justh explained to the Supervisors that Mr. Keith Plasterer from the Sports Emporium came to pay his August Amusement Tax, and he would like more time to make a payment to the Township. The Supervisors decided that he needs to be contacted and payment needs to be made so that he is up to date. Mrs. Justh agreed to contact him about the past due amount.

Chief Sherman would like the Supervisors to consider adding a Burning Ban Ordinance, that the police could enforce, when the Governor issues a Drought Emergency. Mr. Brenneman assured Chief Sherman that in an Emergency the State Law applies for flood or drought.

Chief Sherman asked if the Supervisors would consider changing the Solicitation Permit since there is a problem at Western Sizzlin'. Mr. Brenneman explained to Chief Sherman that the situation there is not a police problem as much as it is a Zoning Problem.

Next, Chief Sherman asked if the Supervisors would consider a Barking Dog Ordinance. Mr. Brenneman indicated that a barking dog problem is a civil case, between the individuals and unless it is a disturbance of the peace, the individuals should handle the problem.

Mr. Brenneman told the Supervisors that the advertisement for trash hauling and recycling should appear in the newspaper today. Mr. Brenneman will start the process to have the On-Lot Septic ready for the February Workshop Meeting.

Mr. Brenneman mentioned that there is now a Taxpayer Bill of Rights and he will have information for the Supervisors explaining what exactly it is.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 AM.