

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
WORKSHOP MEETING
December 29, 2023**

OFFICIALS PRESENT:	SUPERVISORS:	Chairman Donald S. Geistwhite, Jr. Vice-Chairman Steven Larson William H. Goodhart Keith O. Brenneman
	SOLICITOR:	
	DIRECTOR	
	OF PUBLIC SAFETY:	Chief Steve Kingsborough
	ZONING/CODES	
	ENFORCEMENT:	Mark D. Carpenter
	ASST. CODES/MS4	
	CO-ORDINATOR:	Gerald Steigleman
	ENGINEER:	Bud Grove
	ROADMASTER:	Zachary L. Zook
	MANAGER:	Eileen M. Gault

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Vice-Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. in the Middlesex Township Municipal Building.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION on proposed PennDOT Highway Occupancy Permit Application for Final Subdivision Plan, Pine Hill Industrial Park Phase 2: Betsy Davison, representative for the applicant was present to discuss the need for the existing driveway access of Pine Hill Industrial Park to SR0011 (Harrisburg Pike) to remain and be permitted as part of the approval process. It is the understanding that PennDOT has requested closure of the existing driveway which traffic exiting onto SR0011 is less than 1% of the total traffic. The applicant is requesting that the driveway be permitted as a low volume driveway with the Highway Occupancy Permit (HOP) and is seeking the support of the Supervisors in keeping the driveway accessible. On the motion of Vice-Chairman Larson, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Township Solicitor to draft a letter to PennDOT in support of Pine Hill Industrial Park keeping the existing driveway onto SR0011 remaining and accessible.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION on Application of Provco Pinegood Acquisition LLC for Variances for a proposed convenience store development: Adam DeBernardis, representative for the applicant was present to discuss the Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) application for a lot at the intersection of Sunday Drive and SR0011 (Harrisburg Pike) to build a Wawa Convenience Store in the Commercial Highway (CH) Zoning District. The applicant is requesting the following variances: to allow approximately 16.5% more impervious area than the maximum allowable 60% impervious area on any lot, to allow a fueling canopy and two (2) fuel pump structures fronting on an arterial road, to be setback approximately 24.5 ft. less than the required minimum 75 ft. setback from the right-of-way line of SR0011, and to allow trash dumpster enclosure walls approximately 3 ft. taller than the required maximum 6 ft. in height. A Zoning Hearing is scheduled for January 10, 2024. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to support the variance requests of the applicant Provco Pinegood Acquisition LLC., for a proposed convenience store development.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION to reaffirm the issuance of a letter approving rolling stops on Route 81 for the blasting associated with the UGI Carlisle Project: Due to the urgency of a response, this letter had been submitted on December 15, 2023, to Schlouch Incorporated for the UGI project. The rolling stops will be done on Interstate 81 north and south bound. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to reaffirm the issuance of a letter approving rolling stops on Route 81 for the blasting associated with the UGI Carlisle Project.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION to reject all bids for trash and recycling collection services: The Township Solicitor stated that three (3) bids had been received and were opened and read at a public meeting. Although the calculation of the lowest bid was in the RFP, one of the bidders did a different method to calculate and as a result the Solicitor thought the contract period should be changed to exclude the extensions that are optional and limit it to a three-year period. Also, the difference in the bidding between the lowest bidder, who had defects in the bid submission, and the next bid is extreme. There is an opportunity for the Supervisors to go out to bid again to see if they can receive a compliant bid that is beneficial to the Township if all the requirements are met. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed, acting on the recommendation of the Township Solicitor to reject all bids for trash and recycling collection services and to authorize the Township solicitor to advertise for trash and recycling collection services for 2024 – 2027.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION to authorize advertising for trash and recycling collection services for 2024 - 2027: (See action taken on the above item.)

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION to adopt the 2024 Budget: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to adopt the 2024 Budget in the amount of \$4,726,267.00 in Revenues and \$4,726,267.00 in Expenses.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION to adopt Ordinance 5 – 2023 establishing Real Estate, Fire Tax and Street Light District Assessment for 2024: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to adopt Ordinance 5 – 2023 establishing the Real Estate, Fire Tax and Street Light District Assessment for 2024.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION to adopt Resolution 2023 – 15 providing Foot Frontage Assessments on property in Street Light Districts 1 and 2: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed adopt Resolution 2023 – 15 providing foot frontage assessments on property in Street Light Districts 1 and 2.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION on purchase of a 2024 Ford F550 with dump bed, plow, and spreader: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the purchase of a 2024 Ford F550 truck with a dump bed, plow and spreader.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION to hire Gerald Grove as a salaried full-time Engineer, effective January 3, 2024: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed hire Gerald “Bud” Grove as a salaried full-time Engineer for Middlesex Township, effective January 3, 2024.

There being no further business, on the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 a.m.