

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
WORKSHOP MEETING
DECEMBER 30, 2010**

OFFICIALS PRESENT:	SUPERVISORS:	Chairman Victor P. Stabile Vice-Chairman Donald S. Geistwhite, Jr. Steve Larson
	SOLICITOR:	Keith Brenneman
	ENGINEER:	Bud Grove - Absent
	POLICE:	Chief Barry Sherman
	ZONING OFFICER:	Mark Carpenter
	FIRE CHIEF:	Ed Beam
	MANAGER:	Eileen Gault

Chairman Stabile called the meeting to order at 7:39 a.m. at the Township Building.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CUMBERLAND VALLEY APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB: Jim Foster, President of the Cumberland Valley Appalachian Trail Club (CVATC) presented to the Supervisors a plan to make a formal parking area at the portion of the trail in Middlesex Township at Trindle Road. The CVATC is currently waiting on the National Park Service and PennDot to sign off on this project before ground breaking. Mr. Foster stated that the club is applying for a grant from the National Trails Fund and South Mountain Partnership, understands that budgets are limited and is requesting in kind service from the Township. The Supervisors are in support of this project and told Mr. Foster to keep in touch with Chief Sherman regarding the in kind service.

APPLICANT FOR LETORT AUTHORITY VACANCY: On the motion of Mr. Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Larson, it was unanimously agreed to appoint Mrs. Donna Snyder to the Letort Authority Board for the unexpired term of Inez Thorton through 2013.

APPLICANT FOR RECREATION BOARD VACANCY: On the motion of Mr. Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Larson, it was unanimously agreed to appoint Mrs. Linda Eckenrode to the Recreation Board for four (4) years commencing January 1, 2011.

PROPOSED PAVILION FEE INCREASE: Recreation Director Mrs. Denise Jumper proposed to the Supervisors the need to increase pavilion fees due to the increase usage of the splash pad and the cost to maintain it. This increase would still keep the rates within the price range of neighboring municipalities. On the motion of Mr. Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Larson, it was unanimously agreed to approve the pavilion rate increases as of January 1, 2011 at the rate of \$50 for residents and \$60 for non-residents.

There was a brief discussion on the need to begin charging a fee to residents for replacing recycle bins due to the number of bins given out annually and the cost to do so. On the motion of Mr. Stabile, seconded by Mr. Geistwhite, it was unanimously agreed to implement for the year 2011 going forward a \$10.00 fee for the purchase of York Waste Recycling Bins in order to be able to cover the costs to Middlesex Township.

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK HEALTH CARE AMENDMENT: On the motion of Mr. Stabile, seconded by Mr. Geistwhite, it was unanimously agreed to include in our uniform and non-uniform employee health plan the revised provision for medical insurance coverage as

proposed in the attached addendum to allow employees 55 and older to continue medical insurance for themselves and their family members on the condition that they pay in a timely manner the premiums and that amendment be included in the plan document and is part of the uniform and non-uniform employee manual provisions.

ADOPTION OF 2011 BUDGET: On the motion of Mr. Stabile, seconded by Mr. Geistwhite, it was unanimously agreed to approve without any tax increase the 2011 budget for Middlesex Township in the amount of \$2,529,971.00; the same amount for the year 2010.

ORDINANCE NO. 7 - 2010 ESTABLISHING THE 2011 MILL RATE OF TAXATION AND THE FOOT FRONTAGE ASSESSMENT FOR STREET LIGHT DISTRICT 1: On the motion of Mr. Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Larson, it was unanimously agreed to adopt Ordinance No. 7 – 2010 establishing the millage for taxation and the assessment for Street Light District 1 for the year 2011.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010 - 9 ESTABLISHING THE FOOT FRONT ASSESSMENT FOR LIGHTING IN STREET LIGHT DISTRICT 1: On the motion of Mr. Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Larson, it was unanimously agreed to adopt Resolution No. 2010 - 9 establishing the Foot Front Assessment for lighting in Street Light District 1 for the year 2011.

ORDINANCE NO. 8 – 2010 AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1-2008 REGULATING UNLICENSED, INOPERABLE, UNINSPECTED, UNREGISTERED AND JUNK MOTOR VEHICLES: On the motion of Mr. Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Larson, it was unanimously agreed to adopt Ordinance No. 8 – 2010 amending Ordinance No. 1-2008 regulating unlicensed, inoperable, uninspected, unregistered and junk motor vehicles.

APPROVAL OF THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY / JONES DEED OF EASEMENT FOR COMMUNICATIONS: On the motion of Mr. Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Larson, it was unanimously agreed to adopt, approve and execute the Deed of Easement between the Jones, Middlesex Township and Cumberland County.

TRANSFER OF RADIO LICENSE FROM MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP TO CUMBERLAND COUNTY: Chief Sherman reported that this is a license the Township currently has for the old 800 radio system that is no longer needed due to the County having a new system. This matter is being tabled until the Re-organizational meeting on January 3, 2011 so that the Solicitor Mr. Brenneman can review the agreement from the County.

AUTHORIZATION TO SELL A VEHICLE: On the motion of Mr. Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Larson, it was unanimously agreed to authorize Chief Sherman to auction the 2005 Crown Victoria with over 200,000 miles.

LETTER OF APPRECIATION TO JOHN W. GLEIM: On the motion of Mr. Geistwhite, seconded by Mr. Larson, it was unanimously agreed to authorize Mrs. Gault to send a letter of appreciation to Mr. John W. Gleim for his time, equipment and materials at the newly constructed boat ramp at Letort Falls Park.

RUTTER'S FARM STORE TPF 08-01 FINANCIAL SECURITY RELEASE REQUEST: On the motion of Mr. Stabile, seconded by Mr. Geistwhite, it was unanimously agreed to accept the Engineers recommendation dated December 17, 2010 with regards to Rutter's Farm Store #64 request for Financial Security release of \$46,189.66 upon the condition that Rutter's provide the Township with Maintenance Security in the amount of \$50,416.00 to be held for 18 months.

AGREEMENT TO EXTEND POLICE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT:

On the motion of Mr. Stabile, seconded by Mr. Geistwhite, it was unanimously agreed to accept and approve the second agreement to extend the Collective Bargaining Agreement as of December 1, 2010 between Middlesex Township and the Middlesex Township Police Association.

In connection with this motion the Supervisors thank the Police Force again for their co-operation and consideration for the welfare of the Township in doing this.

LIFE INSURANCE AND DISABILITY PROPOSAL: Mrs. Gault presented to the Supervisors the insurance proposal from Benecon for the Hartford Insurance Co. guaranteeing the Township a 22% annual decrease in premium rates comparing our current policy to their proposal. Mr. Stabile asked that this proposal is tabled until Mrs. Gault could get the current ratings for the Hartford.

On the motion of Mr. Stabile, seconded by Mr. Geistwhite, it was unanimously agreed to approve the contract for fire and protection with Shermansdale Community Fire Company dated December 31, 2010.

On the motion of Mr. Stabile, seconded by Mr. Geistwhite, there being no further business, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 A.M.