

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISOR MEETING**

**August 5, 2026
6:00 PM**

OFFICIALS PRESENT:	SUPERVISORS:	Chairman Donald S. Geistwhite, Jr. Vice Chairman Phil Neiderer
	SOLICITOR:	Keith O. Brenneman
	ENGINEER:	Gerald "Bud" Grove
	PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR:	Chief Andrew Bassler
	FIRE / EMC:	Chief Edwin Beam
	ZONING OFFICER:	Mark D. Carpenter
	ASST. CODES ENFORCEMENT/ MS4 COORDINATOR:	Gerald Steigleman
	MANAGER/ ROADMASTER:	Zachary L. Zook
	SECRETARY/ TREASURER:	Eileen M. Gault

OFFICIALS ABSENT: SUPERVISOR: William H. Goodhart

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Chairman Geistwhite called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. at the Middlesex Township Municipal Building, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Vice-Chairman Neiderer emphasized the importance of mutual respect and orderly conduct during meetings and expressed concern over suggestions that residents' comments were not being heard. He noted the time spent by the Board and Township staff reviewing plans and communicating with residents before opening public comments and outlining the applicable speaking procedures.

Hilda Vasquez Rosa of Buckeye Lane raised concerns that the Township is not requiring a formal decommissioning plan for the PAX-1 Data Center. She urged the Township to require financial guarantees to ensure future cleanup and prevent the site from being abandoned.

Andrew Dymski of Bernheisel Bridge Road opened his public comment with a prayer, asking for wisdom and guidance for Township officials, peace among residents, and respectful communication during the meeting.

Stan Shivell of Teaberry Drive argued that the Township's approval of the data center conflicted with the goals and policies of its current Comprehensive Plan, particularly those related to protecting natural resources, preserving rural character, and coordinating with neighboring municipalities. He also criticized restrictions on non-residents speaking during public comments and questioned whether the Board had been properly advised about potential legal consequences of approving the data center overlay.

Dr. Castrina was asked to hold his comments until after the PAX-1 presentation because of his remarks related to the construction project.

Earl Beam of Country Club Road questioned how members are selected for Township boards and commissions, expressing concern that residents may not be aware of vacancies or have an opportunity to participate in the selection process. He suggested that the Township provides greater public notice and allow residents more input into board appointments.

Jason Bullock of Goldenrod Drive raised concerns about respect and transparency, citing an email exchange involving the Township solicitor and blasting requirements. He defended his previous comment that residents' concerns were "falling on deaf ears" and expressed concern that the Township was promoting rather than critically reviewing the PAX-1 project.

John Manta of Wolf Ridge Road provided Township officials with studies and articles regarding potential impacts of data centers, including noise, air pollution, infrasound, and heat island effects. He asked the Board to review the materials and consider the concerns raised in research and by residents living near data centers in other areas.

Lynn Reinhold of N. Middlesex Road expressed concern that rapid development and the PAX-1 Data Center are changing the community's rural character and may exceed existing infrastructure capacity. She also raised concerns about impacts on nearby residents and property values and urged Township officials to prioritize residents and the community.

Jocelyn Colyer of Bernheisel Bridge Road asked whether the meeting attendance had exceeded the building's capacity and whether the inability of some residents to enter or participate raised a Sunshine Act concern. Township officials responded that it was not a Sunshine Act issue, though building occupancy could be a concern.

MS4 / STORMWATER PUBLIC COMMENT & UPDATES: Mr. Steigleman reported that the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will conduct a regulatory audit on Monday.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion by Vice-Chairman Neiderer, seconded by Chairman Geistwhite, the minutes of the July 1, 2026, and July 31, 2026, meeting were unanimously approved.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS: On a motion by Vice-Chairman Neiderer, seconded by Chairman Geistwhite, the Board unanimously authorized payment of the August 2026 bills.

REPORT:

Solicitor – No report submitted.

Engineer – No report submitted.

Police – Chief Bassler submitted the monthly Police Report, which was entered into the record. Vice-Chairman Neiderer thanked the Police Department for hosting a successful National Night Out event, praising the strong community turnout and support and expressing hope that it would become an annual event.

Fire / EMC - Chief Beam submitted the monthly Fire/EMC Report, which was entered into record.

Zoning – Mr. Carpenter submitted the monthly Zoning Report, which was entered into record.

Codes Enforcement – Mr. Steigleman submitted the monthly Codes Enforcement Report, which was entered into record.

Municipal Authority – Chairman Geistwhite representative to the Municipal Authority reported things are progressing along with the next well.

Roadmaster/ Manager – Mr. Zook submitted the monthly Roadmaster Report, which was entered into record. He then reported that the Public Works crew completed roadside mowing and replaced storm sewer pipes and inlets in Cloverleaf Acres. Staff also repaired the splash pad after an impeller failure and returned it to service.

Secretary/Treasurer – The monthly financial reports were provided, including fund balances. The Treasurer reported that Middlesex Township's local tax revenues are performing well compared to prior periods as indicated on the Cumberland County Tax Bureau monthly report. The Township's new PLGIT investment for the Capital Reserve Fund has already generated favorable interest earnings.

Recreation – Ms. Denise Jumper submitted the monthly Recreation Report, which was entered into record as well as the report from Mr. Scott Shepler for park maintenance. Some of the upcoming recreation events were mentioned.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Discussion and possible motion on Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan for Ahold Delahaize Solar Development (BOS action deadline 09/02/2026): The matter was tabled, with an action deadline of September 2, 2026.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and possible motion on Meadowbrook Farms Phase 10, Approving a Resolution for Dedication of Streets: Mr. Bud Grove, Township Engineer reported that the documentation and legal descriptions for the Meadowbrook Farms Phase 10 street dedication were in order. On the motion of Vice-Chairman Neiderer, seconded by Chairman Geistwhite, it was unanimously agreed to approve the resolution accepting the street dedication, contingent upon receipt of the required maintenance security.

Discussion and possible motion to approve Subcontract for Planning Assistance under the Cumberland Plans Grant Program: Mr. Zach Zook, Township Manager, reported that Middlesex Township was awarded a \$20,000 Cumberland County grant to help cover costs associated with updating the Comprehensive Plan. On the motion of Vice-Chairman Neiderer, seconded by Chairman Geistwhite, it was unanimously agreed to approve the planning assistance subcontract so the agreement could be executed and the process could begin.

Discussion and possible motion to appoint Kelly Brickey to the Middlesex Township Planning Commission: On the motion of Vice-Chairman Neiderer, seconded by Chairman Geistwhite, it was unanimously agreed to appoint Kelly Brickey to the Planning Commission and recognized her willingness to serve. Officials also noted several open positions on other Township boards and explained that appointments are made by the Board of Supervisors following submission and review of interested applicants' resumes, rather than through a public election.

6:42 p.m. With the room at possible maximum capacity a ten-minute recess was taken to determine how to proceed with the meeting.

Vice-Chairman Neiderer announced plans to reconvene the meeting on August 19, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., potentially at Middlesex Elementary School to accommodate the large crowd. The continued meeting would address PAX-1 Phase 3, sewage planning matters, and the possible approval of the PAX-1 Phase 1B final land development plan. It was clarified that the 90-day review period ends August 23, 2026, and the reconvened meeting would be held before that deadline. The meeting was then adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Discussion and possible motion on Preliminary Land Development Plan for Pennsylvania Digital (PAX-1) Phase 3(BOS action deadline August 5, 2026)

Discussion and possible motion on Pennsylvania Digital 1 (PAX-1) Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Sewage Facilities Planning Module & Component 3 for Sewage Collection and Treatment Facilities (BOS action deadline August 5, 2026)

Discussion and possible motion on Final Land Development Plan for Pennsylvania Digital 1 (PAX-1) Phase 1-B (BOS action deadline August 5, 2026)

SUPERVISOR / STAFF COMMENTS

Data Center Updates

Residents Q/A (time permitting)