

**MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PUBLIC MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 2014**

PRESENT

PAT MALLON, CHAIRPERSON	}	
H. GEORGE LEONHAUSER, VICE CHAIR	}	
DREW KREILING, SECRETARY	}	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
THOMAS GALLAGHER	}	
WILLIAM OETTINGER	}	
STEPHANIE TEOLI KUHL, TOWNSHIP MANAGER		
JOSEPH PIZZO, ESQ., TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR		
LARRY YOUNG, P. E, TOWNSHIP ENGINEER		

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call.

Mr. Mallon called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Kreiling called roll. All Supervisors were in attendance along with many interested citizens.

2. Announcements, Correspondence, Awards and Reports.

- a. Next Board of Supervisors Meeting – **Monday, November 17, 2014 @ 7:30 p.m.**

Mr. Mallon reminded all that the first Breakfast with the Board will be held on Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at the Middletown Country Club from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Mr. Mallon encouraged everyone to come out have a cup of coffee and sit down and meet with the Board in a relaxed environment for one on one conversation.

Mr. Mallon also announced that the Township has received a grant in the amount of \$30,000 from the Community Conservation Partnership Program which is administered by DCNR for the Spring Valley Farm Master Site Plan. Mr. Mallon thanked Lt. Governor Jim Cawley for his generosity and help on this grant which will go a long way to help the Township to begin to build out a plan for the use of that open space that was acquired last year.

- b. Presentation by Woods Services to the Middletown Police Department.

Scott Spreat, President and CEO of Woods Services presented a check in the amount of \$32,500 to Chief Joseph Bartorilla for the great support they receive from the Middletown Township Police Department.

Mr. Mallon thanked Woods Services on behalf of the Middletown Supervisors for their continued generosity and support of the Police Department and thanked them for the wonderful work they are doing at Woods Services.

- c. Proclamation Designating October as Fire Prevention Month

Jim McGuire, Fire Marshal and Emergency Manager said every October all of the Emergency Managers get together and do a heavy push trying to educate children and adults on fire prevention. They have been successful over the years educating commercial businesses and have reduced the number of fires in commercial properties.

In residential communities, it has been harder getting into some of the different properties and getting to talk to different people. One of the ways this is accomplished is by going to the schools and talk and educate the children and also send packets home for children to do with their parents. However, this year's theme is based around smoke detectors and is labeled: Working smoke detectors save lives.

Mr. McGuire said that after walking through the community, they found that 17 percent of the homes did not have working smoke detectors even though smoke detectors are free to Middletown residents. Earlier this year there were two fire fatalities that occurred and that residence did not have working smoke detectors. When the neighborhood was canvassed, in that community 22 percent of the homes did not have working smoke detectors.

Mr. McGuire said it is important for everyone to get this information out to the community to help save lives.

At this point Mr. Mallon read the Proclamation designating October as Fire Prevention Month.

3. Public Comment. *Non-Agenda Items only.* (Maximum 30 minutes)

Daniel Kritzer, 43 Cleft Rock Road, Levittown was before the Board in July concerning shrubs and tree branches on Bristol Oxford Valley Road and said to this date nothing has been done. He said it may be a PennDOT issue or a homeowner issue, but it seems like it is nobody's issue. Mr. Kritzer is concerned for the safety of the residents who have to walk in the roadway because of the trees and shrubs blocking the side of the road.

Ms. Teoli Kuhls said the Public Works Department went out to the area to take a look at the complaint area and it was identified that there were no violations or need for the Township to cite the property owners.

Mr. Kritzer has scratches on his car from the tree branches and his neighbor also has scratches on his truck from the branches. It is an issue. A large pine tree branch came down over the roadway and the Public Works Department came out and pushed it off the road and Mr. Kritzer believes someone needs to come out and remove the branch.

Ms. Teoli Kuhls advised that Public Works does not go in and clear the branches off of private property. If a tree falls from someone's property onto the roadway it will be cleared off, but they will not remove the debris. Ms. Teoli Kuhls will have the Public Works Department take another look and report back to the Board.

Pam Jakubec, resident of Middletown lives on Langhorne-Yardley Road across from Maple Point Middle School. She expressed her concerns with the paving contractors parking their vehicles along Briggs Road blocking safe passage of the school children walking to Maple Point Middle School. Mrs. Jakubec also complained about the contractors jackhammering the walkway while the children were walking to school.

Ms. Teoli Kuhls stated that one of the things that she mentioned to Mrs. Jakubec is the fact that the paving program is a lot later than usual. Typically the paving is done during the summer months. The 2015 paving program will be put out to bid the first thing of the year with the paving projects starting in June and July. Complaints were registered by the Township with the contractor regarding this particular issue and it was unfortunate the entire thing happened the way it did. We will make sure that it doesn't happen in the future.

Mr. Mallon apologized stating it was one of those situations where the Township kept pushing the contractor and wishes we would have addressed the issue sooner.

Ron Krajewski, 9 Cobalt Ridge Drive, North, Levittown asked for an update from the last meeting concerning the issues on the subdivision where he lives. One of the properties was sold and a house is proposed for the property. He is going to be watching this like "a fine tooth comb" and everything better be by the book.

Mr. Krajewski went into great detail about how the Township let this minor subdivision go through without proper approval and everything was swept under the rug. Mr. Krajewski said the Township has the obligation to honor their own contract and are in breach of contract. If the Township is not going to honor it, Mr. Krajewski would like a letter saying why.

Mr. Mallon clarified that when Mr. Krajewski is talking about "yous guys" he is talking about the Township and not a single member of this present Board were involved in any of this.

Mr. Krajewski asked when he may expect an answer. Mr. Pizzo said as Mr. Mallon properly pointed out this matter involving Mr. Krajewski's property and this subdivision go back to 1960. Mr. Pizzo was not aware that a property is under sale and he would like to get together with Mr. Krajewski and get the information from him. The Township continues to plow through this matter and in fact he will be speaking with the Board on several matters of litigation that have been ongoing for the past month in Executive Session at the end of tonight's meeting.

4. **Consent Agenda Items.**

- a. Consideration of authorizing payment of October 20, 2014 Bill List in the amount of \$3,095,866.95.
- b. Consideration of approving the September 22, 2014 Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Middletown Township Board of Supervisors.
- c. Consideration of approving a Change Order for the Big Oak Road Improvements Project to James D. Morrissey, Inc. in the amount of \$11,456.00.
- d. Consideration of accepting final dedication of Core Creek Reserve.
- e. Consideration of Resolution #14-28R authorizing Official Sewage Facilities Plan Revision for Stonehaven Homes at the Arbutus Avenue Minor Subdivision, Langhorne, PA 19047, TMP # 22-013-164-021, S/LD 13-03.

- f. Consideration of Resolution #14-29R authorizing submission of an Application for Traffic Signal Timing Modification Approval to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for Wells Fargo Bank at the Lowes Home Improvement site, S/LD 14-05.

ACTION: MR. KREILING MOVED TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A THRU F AS LISTED ABOVE. MR. LEONHAUSER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

5. Presentation of Municipal Management Software by MuniLogic.

Pete Stainthorpe, Consultant for MuniLogic Software and elected Supervisor for Lower Makefield Township made a presentation. Matt Garber, Architect of the Software was also present for the presentation. The proposed program puts all of the Townships subdivision and land development information at the desk top of each employee.

Mr. Garber made a slide presentation explaining the software's document management and GIS mapping capabilities. He explained that it is fully secure and every user will have their own log-in account. The software will allow the Township staff to communicate with each other on items related to Township business; i.e. complaints, etc.

Mr. Garber said the software will have improved customer service. He went into great detail explaining how all of the modules work together. This is a centralized data base management system where everyone is working in the same data base.

Mr. Garber explained the GIS mapping will be available to every single staff member. The intent is to collect the existing mapping the Township has, get fresh data from the County and bring in some natural resource data from some federal sources and state resources. Another benefit is the increase in efficiency.

Mr. Garber said this program would reduce paper use. The system would provide full document managing functionality. Once documents have been created, they can be linked to any module in the system.

Finally, the last benefit is providing Township staff with additional capabilities. For instance, the roadway module will perform the sign retro reflectivity requirements necessary from the Federal Highway Administration. The storm module does MS4 functionality, the zoning module will do electronic reviews, the subdivision module has critical event timelines and the permit module allows the creation of custom permits to suit Township needs.

Mr. Garber said in closing this software is proven software that is being used by a lot of municipalities in the area and enhancements to the software are constantly being made allowing the Township to grow with the software and become viable for many years to come.

Mr. Gallagher asked the Township Manager to do a little more investigating on a few points and he would also like to check the references provided by MuniLogic. Mr. Gallagher would like to schedule a time to be able to see the "nuts and bolts" of the software program.

Mr. Mallon directed Ms. Teoli Kuhls and Ms. Berkis to work with Mr. Gallagher and MuniLogic to pull all of the information together. Mr. Mallon asked Mr. Gallagher about leasing versus purchasing.

Mr. Gallagher said at 4 and a half years you would be at the breakeven point, so if you believe that you will be using the same software 5 years from now, you would be better off to purchase it, if you will be using it for 4 years or less, it would be better to lease the software.

Mr. Garber explained that the maintenance charge is 18% of the purchase cost of the software. He said he has never lost a customer. The first customer came on board in 2008, which is New Britain Township.

Mr. Gallagher requested that Mr. Garber provide the Township with an additional list of users of the program along with the name and phone number of the person that most utilizes the software. He also requested that a meeting be scheduled with MuniLogic prior to the next Budget Workshop which is scheduled for November 5, 2014.

6. Consideration of awarding the 2014-2015 Consortium Rock Salt Contract to Morton Salt, Inc. in the amount of \$28,785.

Ms. Teoli Kuhls advised there were three bidders on the Bucks County Consortium Rock Salt Bid results with Morton Salt, Inc. which is merged with International Salt. The staff recommends moving ahead with the bid for \$28,785 with an estimated usage of 500 tons for the 2014-2015 season.

ACTION: MR. OETTINGER MOVED TO AWARD THE 2014-2015 CONSORTIUM ROCK SALT CONTRACT TO MORTON SALT, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,785 WITH AN ESTIMATED USAGE OF 500 TONS FOR THE 2014-2015 SEASON. MR. KREILING SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

7. Consideration of authorizing advertisement of Ordinance #14-06, which establishes an Early Retirement Incentive Program for the Non-uniformed Pension Plan.

Ms. Teoli Kuhls stated that as part of the Board's overall attempts to reduce expenditures in the General Fund, staff was directed several months ago to develop a proposal for an Early Retirement Incentive Program (ERIP) for the Non-uniformed Pension Plan. The program was based on an age of 60 years or older by October 31, 2014 with 10 years of service and a decision regarding participation be made by January 31, 2015. The individuals must retire by April 30, 2015.

There are 16 eligible employees in the Township for this program if the Board authorizes advertisement of the ordinance this evening. Ms. Teoli Kuhls will meet with the employees tomorrow. If the Board authorizes advertisement the vote would take place on November 17, 2014.

If all of the eligible employees took the Township up on this offer there could be a potential savings of \$460,000. It is not expected that all of the employees will take this offer, but looking at the potential savings that is the amount that would be achieved. The obvious benefit is that the long-tenured employee would be replaced with a starting level employee.

ACTION: MR. KREILING MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISEMENT OF ORDINANCE #14-06, WHICH ESTABLISHES AN EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR THE NON-UNIFORMED PENSION PLAN. MR. LEONHAUSER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

8. Consideration of awarding the 2015-2017 Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Contract, Option 1 with seasonal yard waste collection, to Waste Management, Inc. at a three-year cost of \$12,086,869.

Ms. Teoli Kuhls said the bids were sent out in the summer and this is a three-year solid waste and recycling collection contract. There was a great variety of options in the bid package from exactly what we have at the present time to a lot of changes. The Board talked about this at the most recent Budget Workshop.

What is being presented this evening is to proceed with Option 1 which is collection exactly as our residents are receiving collection now; twice a week with the only change being yard waste collection being seasonal from April to November instead of year round. Waste Management was the low bidder in every option presented in the bid and is the current provider. The good news is this contract provides a savings over 3 years of \$1.5 million and translates to the average resident of Middletown Township is that their trash collection will be \$50 less each year than it is right now.

One of the options that was looked at was moving to automated collection. There has been a lot of feedback from residents that they would like the trash collection to remain as it is. The Board requested that the staff try to solicit feedback from the public during this next contract period before that type of change be considered.

Mr. Mallon said the introduction of the automated collection would create a lot of change for the residents and even though it represents significant savings, the savings were offset by the change that would occur going to the large hoppers and once a week collection. That isn't to say that we won't go to such a collection method, but it would only be after a series of public meetings were held with residents to get their thoughts on that type of collection.

Mr. Mallon also added that there would be a 2 week period for Christmas Tree pickup so that although the yard waste pickup would run from April thru November, which is how it ran in Middletown Township prior to the last contract, there would be time to pick up Christmas Trees.

Mr. Leonhauser asked about off season yard waste and how it would be handled.

Chuck Raudenbush, Waste Management responded that it would go out with the regular trash pickup and does not have to be in a yard waste bag. Mr. Raudenbush thanked the Board for their confidence in Waste Management and stated that he looks forward to working with the Township during the next three year contract.

ACTION: MR. MALLON MOVED TO AWARD THE 2015-2017 SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION CONTRACT, OPTION 1 WITH SEASONAL YARD WASTE COLLECTION, TO WASTE MANAGEMENT, INC., AT A THREE-YEAR COST OF \$12,086,869. MR. GALLAGHER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

Mr. Mallon thanked Waste Management for their partnership and saving the taxpayers \$50 a year on their tax bills and he looks forward to them providing the same great service they have provided in the past.

9. Consideration of appointing a Special Traffic Engineer.

Mr. Mallon said it was discussed that a Special Traffic Engineer would be appointed to put together a Comprehensive Traffic Plan for the Township. Ms. Teoli Kuhls was tasked with putting out an RFP for the services. She was asked to vet the information and provide feedback on the participants in the RFP process.

Ms. Teoli Kuhls said three submittals were received; McMahon Associates, Inc., Pennoni Associates, Inc. and Traffic Planning & Design, Inc. All three firms are excellent firms. Ms. Teoli Kuhls met with two finalists, Pennoni Associates and Traffic Planning and Design and both have excellent credentials and experience. Traffic Planning and Design has the most favorable fee arrangement in terms of the hourly rate. Ms. Teoli Kuhls believes they would be a very good fit for Middletown Township. They are currently Bensalem's Traffic Engineer and are familiar with the area. Phil Wursta of TPD had some very practical solutions and recommendations.

Mr. Mallon agreed with Ms. Teoli Kuhls and stated that he had the opportunity to interview Mr. Wursta. The thing that struck Mr. Mallon was Mr. Wursta's ability to take a project and immediately begin to look at various considerations that we could use to either get state funding or federal funding. As we look at Middletown Township and rebuilding the infrastructure of the Township, the opportunities to partner with state and county government similar to Big Oak Road is something that needs to be considered going forward.

ACTION: MR. MALLON MOVED TO APPOINT PHIL WURSTA OF TRAFFIC PLANNING AND DESIGN AS SPECIAL TRAFFIC ENGINEER. MR. KREILING SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

10. Authorization to prepare and advertise an amendment to the Police Pension Ordinance to incorporate changes to the Killed in Service and Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) benefits.

Ms. Teoli Kuhls said the Township recently had an audit by the Department of the Auditor General Bureau of Municipal Pensions. Both of the Township pension plans were audited. There were two administrative findings related to the Police Pension Plan. First an act in 2009 required that the Killed-in-Service benefit for police pension would be paid by the Commonwealth. That is something that was in the PBA contract and were not able to remove it until the recent arbitration award, so we need to make an amendment to remove that from the Pension Plan document.

In addition the 2008 Contract extended the DROP to 96 months from 60 months. The ordinance was apparently never updated to reflect that change so we need to incorporate that as well. In order to comply with the Auditor General's recommendation, the staff is requesting authorization to prepare and advertise and amendment. Those were the only findings of the Audit and they were pretty minimal. There were no substantial findings at all for either pension plans, Kudos to Dennis Penko and the Finance Staff for that.

ACTION: MR. LEONHAUSER MOVED TO AUTHORIZE TOWNSHIP STAFF TO PREPARE AND ADVERTISE AN AMENDMENT TO THE POLICE PENSION PLAN ORDINANCE TO INCORPORATE CHANGES TO THE KILLED-IN-SERVICE AND DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PROGRAM (DROP) BENEFITS. MR. KREILING SECONDED.

Mr. Mallon said the extension of the DROP period to 96 months was not done by this Board; it was done by a previous Board that negotiated the PBA Contract in 2008.

MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

11. Authorization to advertise a bid for installation of 17 LED Street Lights on Woodbourne Road.

Ms. Teoli Kuhls advised that several months ago a petition was presented to the Board of Supervisors requesting that the Township look into installing street lights along Woodbourne Road from the Train Station to the entrance of Oxford Valley Mall. The Police Department looked into this and did identify that there were some safety concerns, so the Board directed staff to move forward and have an estimate and brief design drawn up.

Suburban Lighting Consultants prepared a proposal to do the work and scoped it out. It is anticipated that it will cost \$25,000. There is a balance in the Street Light Fund that could be utilized to fund the project. Within the next month or two a proposal to begin converting the street lights to LED will come before the Board so in this case LED lights should be installed.

If the Board is so inclined, the staff is requesting authorization to prepare the bid documents and solicit bids for this project in the range of \$25,000.

ACTION: MR. KREILING MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE PREPARATION OF BID DOCUMENTS AND THE SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SEVENTEEN (17) LED LIGHT FIXTURES ALONG WOODBOURNE ROAD FROM THE WOODBOURNE ROAD TRAIN STATION TO THE ENTRANCE OF THE OXFORD VALLEY MALL AT FOURTH STREET. MR. OETTINGER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

12. Third Quarter Financial Report

Dennis Penko, Finance Director provided a brief financial report for September 2014.

Budget highlights – all funds are on track to budget with minor exceptions.

Revenues are on target for the first nine months again with minor exceptions.

Cash flow has been maintained and is stable.

Expenses are tracking within the Q3 lineal target of 75% of plan.

The General Fund summary for the 9 months ended September 30, 2014 is in Millions of dollars and this column is the annual budget.

Operating revenue for the 9 months came in at \$13.5 million against the annual plan of \$14.3 million. That is at 94% of plan.

Operating expenses are at \$9.7 million against the budget of \$16.5 million. The \$16.5 million includes the pension contribution of roughly \$2.5 million which is paid in the 4th quarter. That \$9.7 million against the \$16.5 million is 59% of plan, but if you were to adjust the pension amount out of this figure of \$16.5 million we would be at 70% of plan still within target.

Operating results for the 9 months is \$3.8 million against the budgeted deficit of \$2.2 million for the year. Other financing sources make up the difference and we are at \$.Million or \$100,000 against a budget of \$2.2 million, which including that \$2.2 million is the emergency transfer from the Investment Fund.

The current year surplus for the 9 months is \$3.9 million against the budget of basically breakeven. Mr. Penko said as we go through the year and close it out it is hoped that this number will continue to improve and negate or comes close to negating the need to make this emergency transfer from the Investment Fund.

The General Fund Revenue is at 83% of budget which is total revenue including the other financing sources. If we just take operating revenue, we are at 94% as previously stated.

Real Estate tax revenues are on track at 97.7% collected through September which is slightly ahead of last year. The Real Estate Transfer Tax is at 84% of budget, which also is ahead of 2013. The other major tax revenues; Mercantile, Amusement and the Parking Tax, although they begin to come in the second half of the year, they are budgeted at \$2.6 million and they are currently at 86% of budget and that is ahead of 2013.

The Earned Income Tax was estimated at \$3.75 million at a .5% rate. It was budgeted at \$2 million; first year revenue, with the assumption the Township would receive 60% in 2014 and 40% in 2015. Revenues did start slowly as we didn't start receiving revenue until early April, but revenues have progressed once we got into May and continue to remain stable through the current period. Collection through September 30th totaled \$2.6 million which exceeds the budget of \$2 million, but the caveat is from Keystone Collects, the tax administrator, is that some employers are over withholding and that will require refunds.

General Fund Expenses as stated above are at 59% of budget, but 70% if you adjust the budget for the pension plan.

Favorable line item variance – Variances – Health Care Insurance \$240,000; Workers' Comp \$29,000 and Property and Casualty Liability Insurance is \$24,000. There are a multitude of other line items that are also favorable to budget, but too numerous to mention.

In terms of unfavorable expense line variances, there is really nothing worth noting at this time.

The Highway Aid Fund contains the snow removal expense and since we still have the possibility for snow as we go into Q4 with all of the snow storms we had in the first part of the year we are sitting at \$90,000 unfavorable to plan plus any additional cost that we incur for any Q4 storms.

The Investment Fund has plan assets of \$39.5 million as of September 30, 2014, which is up from \$39.2 million at December 31, 2013. Revenue for the 9 months is at \$338,000 which is .84%. The Investment fund is safely invested according to Second Class Township Code with the principal guaranteed if held to maturity. At September 30, 2014, the Fund has 86% in U.S. Treasury; 13% in U.S. Agency, specifically Ginnie Maes and 1% in cash.

Transfers to the Investment Fund include the Investment fund Emergency Transfer, which is a budgeted line item of \$2 million and that will only be done if necessary. By comparison to last year, \$1 million was budgeted as an emergency transfer in 2013 and \$1 million was actually transferred at the end of 2013.

In the currently investment climate for fixed rate securities, the Investment fund can't be relied upon for any significant transfer of income to the General Fund.

Cost reduction programs are basically the same as Q2. The Staff Reduction and Deferral was updated and that number has increased to \$200,000 estimated savings for this year.

New items include the trash collection, the RFP for the year 2015 thru 2017 average annual savings of \$716,000. The Early Retirement Incentive Plan has savings potential of up to \$460,000 over three years.

13. Forsythia Crossing Bridge Report – Larry Young, P.E.

Larry Young, Township Engineer provided an update on the Forsythia Crossing Bridge repairs. PennDOT performed a bridge inspection on September 12th and closed the bridge. The proposal for the improvements to the bridge was to rehab and keep one lane open while the work was being completed. PennDOT has shut the bridge down and there is no traffic through there and that is where it stands at the present time.

Some of the reasons for the delay that the contractor has not started has been we are waiting for a response from PennDOT since they did an initial inspection of the bridge what their involvement would be here on out. We received word today from PennDOT from Mr. Aoela that if local funds are being used PennDOT would have no involvement in this project. If we move forward and do the rehabbing of the support structures and stream improvements that are showing up. The only way PennDOT would be involved is if the Township would use money other than local funding which means we apply through the DVRPC for a grant and we will not hear back whether the Township is being considered for the grant until November. If the Township is awarded money through that grant you have to go through the process of nine of PennDOT requirements, which is the Liquid Fuels Program, which is a line item under PennDOT Bridge Rehab.

In that case PennDOT would be reviewing the plans and it would be a lengthier process than when they are not involved. We are also waiting for a call back from the contractor for the purpose of with the bridge being totally closed the contract should be reduced because you do not have traffic control, you do not have the amount of bracing and supporting underneath as needed when vehicles were driving over while they were working. Obviously it would be a shorter timeframe to get the work done because they are not working half of the time at that point.

The Township is waiting to hear back from Sparwick Contracting on that issue. Also we are researching other methods, now that the bridge is totally closed and PennDOT will not allow the

Township to reopen until the bridge has been improved, as far as new bridges, new types of bridges and Mr. Young is sorry to say that the contractors have not been as responsive as he would like to get a ballpark figure. If costs come in at \$300,000 to \$400,000 for a brand new bridge it would be in the Township's best interest to move in that direction with guidance from the Township Solicitor since there is a contract outstanding.

Mr. Mallon asked if the Township were to submit to PennDOT and incur the additional delays there is no guarantee that we will get any PennDOT money. Mr. Young said that is correct. He also said the County has 14 bridges that need repair and we would be up against other municipalities, the County and there are limited funds in the pool.

Mr. Mallon asked when will the Board know what is the quickest, safest replacement or repair of that bridge. Mr. Young said he would like to at least have some estimates on replacing the bridge to see where the contract falls as opposed to what numbers come in for a new bridge. Mr. Young is still waiting for what the cost reduction from the contractor based on the road being closed. Obviously the quickest way is to use local funding and do it per plan with what the contractor bid out for. Mr. Young is hoping to receive estimates by the Board of Supervisors next public meeting scheduled for November 17, 2014.

Mr. Kreiling asked if notices are being sent out to the residents. Ms. Teoli Kuhls said she has received one email and has not been getting calls about the closing of the Forsythia Crossing Bridge.

14. Other Business.

Ms. Teoli Kuhls updated the Board on the Laurel Oaks Homeowners Association request for a crosswalk from their development to the Community Park. She reported that the Township Traffic Engineer reviewed the request and expressed concerns with the crosswalk location due to sight distance and speed along the roadway. A recommendation was made by the Traffic Engineer to consider moving the crosswalk closer to the park entrance. Ms. Teoli reported that the next step would be to involve PennDOT in reviewing the options. The Board of Supervisors authorized Ms. Teoli Kuhls to move forward in contacting PennDOT and asked her to report back at the next meeting.

Mr. Gallagher reminded the residents that Halloween is coming and it is a Friday night, so please be careful with all of the children out in costume.

Mr. Pizzo advised that the Board needs to meet in Executive Session at the end of the public meeting to go over three issues, none of which will require official action by the Board.

Mr. Mallon announced that the Board did meet in Executive Session after the Public Budget Workshop on October 13, 2014.

Mr. Mallon also added that the Board is currently in the budget process and continue to work on the budget. The good news is the revenues appear to be trending in a positive direction and are beginning to see the Investment Fund rebound in a positive direction. The Board continues to look at ways to reduce costs and relieve the financial burden on the taxpayers.

The Board continues to tackle the issues of the infrastructure and if you have been out driving there are a lot of roads being paved. Big Oak Road is officially opened in the best condition it has ever been in. The bridge in Forsythia Gate will be fixed, but we want it to be repaired correctly.

This Board continues to move the business of the Township forward and you have the commitment of this Board that they will continue to do that in the future. Mr. Mallon looks forward to the Budget process.

15. Other public comment. (Only applicable if initial Public Comment period exceeds the 30 minute time limit.)
16. Adjournment.

ACTION: MR. MALLON MOVED TO ADJOURN THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AT 9:00 P.M. MR. GALLAGHER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.