

**MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2015**

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, January 4, 2016 Reorganization Meeting.** Mr. Mallon advised that the two newly elected supervisors, Amy Strouse and Thomas Tosti will be sworn in at the reorganization meeting.

- b. Recognition of Chairman Pat Mallon and Secretary Drew Kreiling

Mr. Leonhauser thanked Mr. Mallon and Mr. Kreiling for their service and dedication to Middletown Township for the past 6 years. He noted that during the past two years sitting next to Mr. Kreiling has been entertaining and made even the most tedious of meetings enjoyable.

Mr. Leonhauser also noted that many people do not know how much time Mr. Mallon spends on Township business. Mr. Mallon actually has a real job and flies all over the country to places like the Philippines, Mexico, and is able to attend all meetings, functions and events to better the Township. The Township is in a better place because Mr. Mallon stuck to his principles while leading the Township through thick and thin.

Mr. Gallagher said this is tough as they came on Board at the same time and he feels bad how this all happened. Mr. Gallagher said that even though he, Mr. Mallon and Mr. Kreiling didn't always agree on everything but agreed on a lot more than they disagreed on. Even when they didn't agree Mr. Gallagher knew that Mr. Mallon and Mr. Kreiling fervently believed in their heart of hearts they were doing the right thing as did Mr. Gallagher.

On behalf of the residents of Middletown Township, Mr. Gallagher thanked Mr. Mallon and Mr. Kreiling for the tremendous amount of time and effort they placed in the community and as Mr. Leonhauser stated, the Township is in a much better position than when they came on as supervisors.

Ms. Teoli Kuhls spoke on behalf of the employees of Middletown Township to both Mr. Kreiling and Mr. Mallon. We couldn't ask for two elected officials that supported the employees of the organization more. Ms. Teoli Kuhls said it has been an honor to work for Mr. Kreiling and Mr. Mallon for the past three years and thanked them for everything they have done for the employees and for her.

Mr. Mallon thanked everyone for the kind words and stated that he is humbled and it has been an honor to serve the community and be the chairperson.

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

Hugh Cooperman, Chief PennDel Middletown Emergency Squad provided an update on the state of emergency medical services provider. The volunteer and career members of PennDel Middletown Emergency Squad are proud to serve the community 24/7 providing emergency medical services, disaster support, specialty bariatric transport services to the residents of Middletown Township, its surrounding boroughs and through mutual aid most of Lower Bucks County.

The majority of the squad's income comes from billing for services for patients who utilize the EMS system. However, since PennDel Middletown is an emergency service they answer many other calls for service for which there is no mechanism to receive reimbursement. Mr. Cooperman encourages every community member to take part in the annual subscription fund drive. The funds are used to directly support their mission by providing emergency medical care to the sick and injured of Middletown Township and the surrounding communities.

While PennDel Middletown remains a financially stable and healthy organization there are challenges looming on the horizon. Ever increasing calls for service stretch resources on a daily basis. Mandated requirements for equipment, medications and provider training from the Department of Health must be regularly addressed. Lacking of direct pay legislation in Pennsylvania allows patients to pocket insurance reimbursement rightfully owed to PennDel Middletown Emergency Squad for emergency medical care provided during a 911 call.

Recently a neighboring EMS service chose to solicit donations from businesses in and around Middletown Township. While PennDel Middletown Emergency Rescue Squad believes this is deceptive to the community they realize they cannot stop them from taking this action. Mr. Cooperman wanted to remind every resident, worker and business owner in Middletown Township of this fact – PennDel Middletown Emergency Squad is the primary emergency medical services provider. If you are considering making a donation to the out of township ambulance service, Mr. Cooperman respectfully requested that you make a donation to PennDel Middletown Emergency Squad.

The PennDel Middletown Emergency Squad has proudly served the residents and visitors of Middletown Township and surrounding communities for 56 years. They take pride in being prepared 24/7 to be there to respond quickly and at a moment of need. Mr. Cooperman thanked the Board for the opportunity to provide an update on the PennDel Middletown Emergency Squad and looks forward to speaking at future meetings about the EMS service.

4. Consent Agenda Items.

- a. Consideration of authorizing payment of December 14, 2015 Bill List in the amount of \$3,312,826.24.
- b. Consideration of approving the November 9, 2015 Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Middletown Township Board of Supervisors.
- c. Consideration of approving escrow release in the amount of \$190,454 for Wells Fargo Bank.

ACTION: MR. KREILING MOVED TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A THRU C AS LISTED ABOVE. MR. LEONHAUSER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0-1 WITH MR. GALLAGHER ABSTAINING ON ITEM B AS HE DID NOT ATTEND THE MEETING.

5. Consideration of approval of a Memorandum of Agreement between Middletown Township and the Middletown Township Police Benevolent Association, establishing terms for a Collective Bargaining Agreement from January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2019.

Ms. Teoli Kuhls advised that the Memorandum of Agreement outlines the terms with the Police Union. The Township has been negotiating with the PBA since May and has had quite a few meetings. The Board has been updated periodically throughout the time period and Ms. Teoli Kuhls is happy to report they are reaching this consensus with the Police Union. It is a four-year contract with the terms of the contract outlined in a two page document.

With the Board's approval this evening we would move to the next phase and formalize it into a written contract. Ms. Teoli Kuhls is happy to report that this has been resolved without having to go to arbitration which is a costly endeavor.

Mr. Mallon concurred and said this is a good arrangement for both parties. If you look at the Act 111 arbitration process, it is binding arbitration and the Township has spent close to a half of a million dollars or more in previous negotiations because of the arbitration process and the inherent delays involved.

ACTION: MR. MALLON MOVED TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP AND THE MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, ESTABLISHING TERMS FOR A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT FROM JANUARY 1, 2016 – DECEMBER 31, 2019. MR. KREILING SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

6. Consideration of authorizing the purchase of a 2015 Ford Taurus from Milham Ford in the amount of \$24,713; and also authorize outfitting the vehicle with lights, siren, radio, decals, dash camera, which will add an additional \$11,434 for a total of \$36,147.

Ms. Teoli Kuhls advised that the Township proposal to the RDA was for nine (9) vehicles and received funding for five (5) of the vehicles. Those vehicles that weren't funded will be funded from the Capital Reserve Fund. The chief found a leftover vehicle at a favorable cost and are asking for the Board's consideration to purchase one of those vehicles for next year

ACTION: MR. OETTINGER MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A 2015 FORD TAURUS INTERCEPTOR AWD FROM MILHAM FORD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,713; AND ALSO AUTHORIZE OUTFITTING THE VEHICLE WITH LIGHTS, SIREN, RADIO, DECALS, AND DASH CAMERA FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$11,434 FOR A TOTAL OF \$36,147. MR. GALLAGHER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

7. Consideration of approval of the 2016 Budget and associated Budget Resolutions:

- Resolution #15-23R fixing the tax rate and special levies for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016, and appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purposes of the Township during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016.
- Resolution #15-24R fixing the Earned Income Tax rate for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016.
- Resolution #15-25R establishing 2016 employee wage increases.
- Resolution #15-26R authorizing amendments to the 2015 budget.

ACTION: MR. GALLAGHER MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2016 BUDGET AND ASSOCIATED BUDGET RESOLUTIONS AS LISTED ABOVE. MR. LEONHAUSER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

8. Consideration of enacting RDA Resolutions as follows:

- #15-27R Acquisition of Vehicles for the Police Department in the amount of \$176,057;
- #15-28R Acquisition of Public Works Vehicles in the amount of \$98,350;
- #15-29R Acquisition of a Fire Marshal Vehicle in the amount of \$29,400;
- #15-30R Acquisition of Police Department in car computers in the amount of \$89,633;
- #15-31R Fire Company/EMS Radio in the amount of \$109,558;
- #15-32R Acquisition of County Radio in the amount of \$212,000; and
- #15-33R Acquisition of William Penn Fire Company "Quick Attack" truck in the amount of \$200,000.

ACTION: MR. GALLAGHER MOVED TO ENACT THE FOLLOWING RDA RESOLUTIONS:

- #15-27R Acquisition of Vehicles for the Police Department in the amount of \$176,057;
- #15-28R Acquisition of Public Works Vehicles in the amount of \$98,350;
- #15-29R Acquisition of a Fire Marshal Vehicle in the amount of \$29,400;
- #15-30R Acquisition of Police Department in car computers in the amount of \$89,633;
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- #15-32R Acquisition of County Radio in the amount of \$212,000; and
- #15-33R Acquisition of William Penn Fire Company "Quick Attack" truck in the amount of \$200,000.

MR. KREILING SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

Mr. Mallon thanked the RDA for their generosity and the County for their support as this is a significant amount of money that is coming into Middletown Township to help pay for infrastructure and capital equipment that would have come out of our Capital Equipment Fund. Mr. Mallon also thanked the Board for the past 6 years that he has been on the Board and for the past 5 years that he has been the chairperson for the ability to gain almost \$6 million in funding that would have otherwise been borne by the taxpayers of Middletown Township.

9. Consideration of authorization to enter into Subcontract Agreements with William Penn Fire Company, Langhorne-Middletown Fire Company, Penndel Fire Company, Penndel-Middletown EMS and Parkland Fire Company for administration of RDA Grants.

Ms. Teoli Kuhls advised the Township accepts and administers the grants so need to have a subcontract agreement with each entity listed above in order to move forward with the grant administration.

ACTION: MR. OETTINGER MOVED TO AUTHORIZE ENTERING INTO SUBCONTRACT AGREEMENTS WITH WILLIAM PENN FIRE COMPANY, LANGHORNE-MIDDLETOWN FIRE COMPANY, PENNDEL FIRE COMPANY, PENNDEL-MIDDLETOWN EMS AND PARKLAND FIRE COMPANY FOR ADMINISTRATION OF RDA GRANTS. MR. KREILING SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

10. Consideration of enacting Ordinance #15-05 amending the Police Pension Fund Ordinance. (Duly advertised in the Bucks County Courier Times on Monday, December 7, 2015; Proof of publication has been received.)

Ms. Teoli Kuhls advised that this is an ordinance the Board authorized advertisement of nearly a year ago. When the Department of the Auditor General was in to do our pension fund audit there were two administrative findings where we needed to make sure that our ordinance was consistent with our Collective Bargaining Agreement. The ordinance was to have our Drop reflected accurately in our ordinance and also to have the change for Act 51 of 2009 which is regarding "killed in service" benefits for police officers.

This has been fully vetted through the PBA and signed off on and as Mr. Mallon noted, it has been advertised and this will keep the Township in compliance with the Auditor General.

ACTION: MR. MALLON MOVED TO ENACT ORDINANCE #15-05 AMENDING THE POLICE PENSION FUND ORDINANCE. MR. KREILING SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

11. Consideration of awarding the HVAC Contract to Burns Mechanical of Horsham, PA in the amount of \$68,880 for the Township Municipal Center and Township Department of Public Works Building. (Duly advertised in the Bucks County Courier Times on Thursday, November 5th and Monday, November 9, 2015; proof of publication has been received.)

Pat Duffy, Building and Zoning Director stated that two quality bids were received for the annual service and maintenance contract. The qualified low bidder is Burns Mechanical at a price of \$68,880 for the year with an option to continue for two (2) additional years provided both parties agree moving forward. Mr. Duffy recommended Option 3 which is for the amount,

full labor and parts coverage and full preventative maintenance. Giving the age of the Municipal Center between this building the Public Works building, the equipment is between 10 and 13 years old range. Most people in the HVAC industry see the equipment life being in the 15 to 18 year range, so we are nearing the end of the life for a lot of this equipment. The full labor and parts coverage gives the best cost advantage moving forward because as this equipment begins to break down obviously there will be more parts, more service, and more labor.

The present contractor that was doing the work was in the midst of a three-year term at a price of just under \$65,000. It will be an additional \$4,000 to take on Burns Mechanical for this year; however, it will be more than offset by the fact that the contract by Burns Mechanical has a complete energy audit of our system and they will work with the Township to secure grants for upgrading our system to make it much more energy efficient.

Mr. Kreiling inquired if Mr. Duffy has worked with Burns Mechanical before. Mr. Duffy said no, but they have sent in all of their references and the history of their company. They are involved in many major projects and the advantage to them is that they not only service the equipment but they install it. They are fully authorized to work on all of our Trane air handlers, whereas the past Honeywell was not. Honeywell would have to call Trane to come in and work on our air handlers.

ACTION: MR. LEONHAUSER MOVED TO AWARD AN HVAC SERVICE CONTRACT FOR THE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL CENTER AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING TO BURNS MECHANICAL, INC. OF HORSHAM, PA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$68,880 FOR FULL LABOR & PARTS COVERAGE INCLUDING PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE FOR A ONE YEAR TERM WITH AN OPTION TO RENEW FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR TERMS. MR. KREILING SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

12. Discussion of participation in the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) LED Street Light Program

Ms. Teoli Kuhls stated that this is an informational item for the Board and the public. The Township has been looking into moving to LED streetlights as an energy conservation plan. We have a great opportunity through the DVRPC to participate with a total of 45 municipalities in the Delaware Valley Region which is Bucks, Montgomery, Chester and Delaware Counties. DVRPC has been sponsoring the whole process to issue an RFP. The Township has indicated our interest in participating in the RFP process. The low bid for the contract is Johnson Controls.

At this time the Township has not entered into an agreement, we have just stated that we would like to participate in the group purchasing effort. The prices are 40% lower than what we could get on our own. There will be a preliminary audit at no cost to the Township that will be coming back to the Board most likely in late January or early February outlining the savings. Because we are doing this program jointly with DVRPC there will be a financing option available through the Pennsylvania Energy Sustainable Fund allowing for favorable borrowing. The idea of the project is that the annual savings will pay for the cost of the project.

13. Report on South Flowers Mill Road Improvement Project

Mr. Duffy gave an update on the paving of South Flowers Mill Road. There were two main objectives when this project was proposed. Number one was reducing the grade of the large hill at the railroad overpass. The main reason for that was the safety concern in the way it used to be when you were approaching that curve in either direction there was a blind spot as you were going down the hill or coming up the hill just past the crest of the hill or below it. By reducing the hill by 5 feet we were able to increase the sight distance to over 100 feet, so now there are no blind spots in either direction. It is not optimal, but in order to achieve a 200 foot sight distance an additional 5 feet would have to be removed and would be much too low to the driveways that are adjacent to the highway.

Mr. Duffy further explained that by reducing the roadway 5 feet it necessitated installing a retaining wall along the sides to stabilize the banks. The second objective was that in 2010 South Flowers Mill Road was milled and paved as part of the paving program. Within 3 years the roadway was beginning to see pavement collapses and breaking up because of the drainage problems. There was no drainage along South Flowers Mill Road from the Woods Services property. As part of this project an under drain system was installed with a beefier road section with a lot more stone and sub-base to handle it making the road much stronger and capable to handle the drainage problems that may occur. We believe we will get much more life out of the roadway and it will not begin breaking up in 3 years like it did the last time.

Mr. Gallagher asked if the beautiful retaining wall has been christened yet. Mr. Duffy stated that a 2.5 to 3 foot shoulder was added to separate travel lane from the retention wall.

14. Other Business.

Mr. Pizzo said that he has been representing townships, boroughs, municipal authorities, Zoning Hearing Boards for a quarter of a century. There is an old adage “a leader takes people where they want to go, a great leader takes people where they ought to be”. For six years Mr. Pizzo said it has been his privilege to serve with Mr. Kreiling and Mr. Mallon, two gentlemen in his estimation have been great leaders for the community. Mr. Pizzo also wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Kreiling said it was 25 years ago that he and Mr. Mallon became friends on the baseball field in Middletown. In 2009 when Mr. Kreiling and Mr. Mallon were taped on the shoulder to run for office they decided to give it a try. Mr. Kreiling said he has met some really neat people during his time on the Board. Mr. Kreiling gives Mr. Gallagher credit for hanging in there with him and Mr. Mallon during the first year. Even though they didn't always agree, Mr. Gallagher provided the “devil's advocate” side of everything.

Mr. Kreiling said during his 6 year tenure, the Township has been turned around and is in the best set financially that it has ever been. With the hiring of Ms. Teoli Kuhls as the Township Manager we are at a point where to be a good township, you need a good leader and we have that in Ms. Teoli Kuhls.

Mr. Kreiling listed the following things that have taken place over the past 6 years: Chris Jones Park, Simmons Park Renovation, Veterans' Park, work on the Community Center, acquired the Spring Valley Farm property. One big thing that we never had in Middletown was a parade and the 4th of July Parade was initiated by Mr. Mallon and given to Ms. Lamanna to

pay forward and has gotten larger each year. The Township e-news, website, social media, with face book and twitter, breakfast with the Board, Middletown at the Mall, Open House, Tree lighting ceremony and helping Middletown Seniors. We reduced the size of government with the Early Retirement Incentive Program by 15 people since 2010. Two years in a row the Township has received a Citizens Communication Award, solid waste/recycling cost reduction, employees now contribute to their benefits which came about by the employees working with the Board.

The big box ordinance was repealed allowing businesses the opportunity to come into the Township. That was a major holdup of businesses coming into Middletown. The former Giant was redeveloped along with the Dump. Mr. Kreiling provided a list of businesses that have come to the Township.

Big Oak Road was reconstructed at no cost to the residents. A 15 year road program was also launched along with stormwater projects being completed. The next big hurdle was the Police Department. The Board took their time going out looking for a new police chief with 69 people applying for the position. The hiring of Joe Bartorilla is a great asset to the Township making the police department the best it has been in years. For the first time in a long time the Police Department is at full compliment.

Mr. Kreiling thanked Scott Sadowsky for his work on the welcome packet. Mr. Kreiling thanked Mr. Mallon for the countless hours he put in as supervisor. Mr. Kreiling thanked the Administration, Department of Public Works and the Police Department for all of their hard work.

Mr. Mallon said it has been an interesting 6 years. He congratulated Amy Strouse and Tom Tosti, the newly elected Supervisors. He commended them for stepping out to become an elected official as it takes a lot of integrity and courage. It is a foundation of our democracy that our citizens step out and are elected by our citizens to govern. Mr. Mallon said he would be more than happy to help the newly elected supervisors because this is where he lives and he has a vested interest in their success.

Mr. Mallon said he walks out of this office and holds his head high for a lot of reasons. One because he served as a supervisor the way he lives his life and tries to teach his children to live their lives; leave it all in the field. Give your 150%. We don't get any do overs; we get one shot, so make it count.

Mr. Mallon said there were some decisions he could have made that would have been politically correct and maybe this would not be his last meeting. That is not who he is and not who he can be. He does what is right and not what is politically correct. He does what is right for the long term and not just for the short term. He wasn't elected to make the easy decisions, he was elected to make the tough decisions because that is what elected officials do. It is real easy to go along with the mob especially when they are in the crowd yelling at you, writing letters to the editor, etc. Mr. Mallon said he won't be bullied and he will never take the easy way out.

Mr. Mallon said the Board has accomplished a lot as Mr. Kreiling stated, but there is still so much more to be done. He asked the Board to carry forward with a few key things. One of the things that he is proud of is the fact that they maintained a level of professionalism and

decorum on the Board. He asked that this be carried forward and stated that you can disagree without being disagreeable. Be transparent, be open, work with each other as you will not always agree. You have to find a way to make it work. Respect each other. The people that sit on the Board were elected by the Community, so showing them a lack of respect is showing our citizens a lack of respect.

He asked the Board to continue to practice sound fiscal management something that has been done in the past 6 years. Mr. Mallon said he walked into a situation where the Township begged, borrowed and stole to get through the first several years during some of the worst economic recession of the history of the country. Part of that was Ms. Lamanna being the Township's Acting Township Manager, Mr. Penko our Finance Director and Ms. Teoli Kuhls and when we had to make a decision to replenish our revenues we made the tough decision and it was the right decision. Mr. Mallon said it three years ago and he will say it again and now you are seeing it in Bensalem Township, those few bastions of communities that don't have an earned income tax will soon have it. Why, because it is the only alternative.

Mr. Mallon said at the time he didn't think it was fair to put that burden on the backs of our senior citizens by raising real estate taxes. Our senior citizens in Levittown are basically getting by on Welfare, Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid and do not have huge 401K's or pensions and to burden them with additional real estate taxes in his mind was not an alternative. Mr. Mallon said he did what he felt was best for the community.

Mr. Mallon asked the Board to continue to look at the infrastructure as there is so much more to be done; stormwater issues, roads, etc. We need to continue to focus on that because we need to continue the quality of life that we have come to enjoy in Middletown. We need to continue to focus on economic development and he suggested that the Board move forward in putting together a board for a formal 5 and 10 year plan.

Let's not forget the underserved members of our community, our seniors, our disabled and our vets. Let's keep those programs going to support them, to help them and to make their life better and all that it can be. They have given a lot to us and let's give back to them. He encouraged the Board and administration to continue activities around community involvement. One of the things that Mr. Mallon has said is that we need to get more people in the community involved. We had 4 budget meetings and there were only two people show up. There were budget meetings year before and no one showed up and yet the Board was criticized that they were not public with the financial status of the community. It is hard to communicate when there is no one to communicate with.

Mr. Mallon knocked on over 9,000 doors this year and was shocked and concerned on how many people on whose doors he knocked did not know what the role of a Township supervisor is. That has to change, good government starts at the local level. Local government has a bigger impact on your quality of life than anything that happens in Washington or Harrisburg. We need to get our young people involved. He encouraged the Board and this administration to try and engage the younger members of the Township's population.

Lastly, Mr. Mallon has a lot of people he wants to thank. He had the opportunity to serve with 5 wonderful dedicated Board members. A former Board member, Mr. Robert McMonagle who was committed and worked hard. Mr. Mallon thanked the Board for their support for letting him be their chairman. Mr. Mallon said they always treated each other with respect and

always treated each other knowing that regardless of what the opinion was we knew we had the best interest of Middletown Township at heart.

Mr. Mallon thanked the wonderful staff of the Township. Middletown Township has the best administration in Bucks County and in the state of Pennsylvania. He thanked Ms. Lamanna for all of the hats she has worn, and for her dedication to the community. He thanked Mr. Penko for his hard work and making sure our financials are always the best and for making sure that he “counts every penny”. Mr. Duffy has done a great job in his new role and Mr. Mallon looks forward to some of his new initiatives around development and land use in Middletown Township. Mr. Mallon said that Chief Bartorilla is the best Police Chief Middletown has ever had and is the best Police Chief in Bucks County and Pennsylvania.

Mr. Mallon thanked the employees in the Department of Public Works and the Police Department. He also thanked Ms. Teoli Kuhls who he thinks is the best Township Manager in the state. Ms. Teoli Kuhls’ leadership, professionalism and ability to take an organization and get it on the right track is commendable and he thanks Ms. Teoli Kuhls for that.

Mr. Mallon thanked the professionals; Mr. Young of Tri-State Engineers; Mr. Pizzo, Township Solicitor who is not just the Township Solicitor, but a friend and supporter someone Mr. Mallon knew was always available.

Mr. Mallon thanked his family. When the election results came in Mrs. Mallon said it best: “Hon you didn’t lose, I got my husband back.” Mr. Mallon said his family has been extremely supportive and he thanks them very much. He thanked his daughter for getting involved by being the chairperson of the Disabled Persons Advisory Board and his son for serving on the Planning Commission.

Finally, Mr. Mallon thanked the citizens of Middletown Township. It has been an honor to be Supervisor and Chairman and is something that he will remember the rest of his life. If in some small way he has been able to positively affect someone’s life, then all of the hard work, all of the effort and sacrifice was well worth it. Mr. Mallon said thank you for the kind words he has received over the past couple of weeks and it was never a burden for him, it is his town and he loves Middletown.

Mr. Mallon wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

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 8:33 P.M. MR. KREILING SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.