

**MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 14, 2016**

PRESENT

H. GEORGE LEONHAUSER, CHAIRPERSON	}	
THOMAS GALLAGHER, VICE CHAIR	}	
WILLIAM OETTINGER, SECRETARY	}	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AMY STROUSE	}	
THOMAS TOSTI	}	
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.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Oettinger called roll. All Supervisors were in attendance along with interested citizens.

Mr. Pizzo advised that the Board met in Executive Session prior to the meeting for approximately one hour. Present for the Executive Session were the five Board of Supervisors, Township Manager, Assistant to the Township Manager, Chief of Police and Township Solicitor. The Board was briefed on a number of matters involving police operations and safety by the Chief. The Board was also briefed by Mr. Pizzo on a matter of potential litigation. No official action was taken by the Board of Supervisors during the Executive Session and none is required this evening as a result of the Executive Session.

2. Announcements, correspondence, awards and reports.

- a. Next Board of Supervisors Meeting – Monday, April 4, 2016 @7:30 p.m.
- b. Recognition of Paul Bingaman’s Retirement.

Chief Bartorilla presented Officer Bingaman with a commendation for his 36 years of service.

- c. Recognition – George Frederick James Reese, Eagle Scout

Mr. Leonhauser presented George Frederick James Reese with a commendation for achieving Eagle Scout the highest rank in Boy Scouts.

Mr. Tosti said during his campaign that he would not take his salary for the first year. He is donating it back to Township organizations to help with funding. Mr. Tosti sits on the Board of the Bucks County Senior Citizens Center and he sees the struggles that seniors face from day to day in their everyday life. Mr. Tosti presented a \$500 check to Gus Cowsls and Georjinne Lynn of the Middletown Senior Center.

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

John Labaha, 320 Delaware Avenue, Langhorne provided information about the ongoing cat situation in his neighborhood.

Jim Jenca, 17 Spicebush Road, Levittown suggested that the Township public meetings be put on You Tube. He also requested that the Board consider a second public comment for those citizens that may show up late for the meeting and miss the first public comment.

Ms. Teoli Kuhls said as follow-up to Mr. Jenca's first suggestion, Ms. Strouse had made that recommendation about You Tube at the last meeting and since that time the Township Staff has been working toward streaming the meetings on the website.

4. **Consent Agenda Items.**

- a. Consideration of authorizing payment of March 14, 2016 Bill List in the amount of \$1,646,740.17.
- b. Consideration of approving the February 16, 2016 Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Middletown Township Board of Supervisors.
- c. Consideration of enacting Resolution #16-05R authorizing Chairperson Leonhauser to sign as authorized signatory for Township bank accounts.

ACTION: MR. GALLAGHER MOVED TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A, B & C AS LISTED ABOVE. MR. OETTINGER SECONDED.

Mr. Tosti said with regard to the minutes on Page 6, it wasn't in order of the way it was presented. Mr. Pizzo's comments were out of order of the way it was presented.

Mr. Tosti also asked for clarification of Item C. Ms. Teoli Kuhls said because there is a new Chairperson of the Board, we have to change the bank account from Pat Mallon to George Leonhauser.

ACTION: MR. TOSTI MOVED TO AMEND THE FEBRUARY 16, 2016 MINUTES TO REFLECT THE ORDER THAT WAS SAID IN THE MINUTES WITH MR. TOSTI AND THEN FINALIZING WITH MR. GALLAGHER. MR. LEONHAUSER SECONDED.

Mr. Pizzo stated that it did happen in that sequence with Mr. Tosti speaking, Mr. Pizzo speaking and then Mr. Pizzo came back after and added subsequent conversation, but it would make sense to reorder things so that Mr. Pizzo's comments on the Stone Farm all flow as one presentation.

SECOND MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

5. LED Streetlight Proposal presentation by Mike Fuller, Keystone Lighting Solutions. Consideration of enacting Resolution #16-06R authorizing the RSLPP Preliminary Audit and the Administration to enter into a guaranteed savings agreement with JCI and continue to the investment grade audit stage.

Ms. Teoli Kuhls introduced Mike Fuller of Keystone Lighting Solutions who has been working with the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) and Middletown

Township to look at the Johnson Controls proposal. Mr. Fuller said this is part of a 40 plus municipality regional procurement program. At this point we are in the preliminary audit phase so there has not been any hard design done. Of the 40 plus municipalities in the program, 75 to 80 percent have approved moving on to the next phase. The program represents 4 counties with over 33,000 streetlights in the program and basically the goal is to upgrade to more efficient technology to save energy, maintenance cost, improve performance of the lighting, etc.

Ms. Strouse inquired about the municipalities that have dropped out and is there a consistent reason as to why they have done so. Mr. Fuller said that they knew from the beginning that some may want to do their own thing and didn't see the value of a large program. There have been varied reasons of those municipalities that have dropped out.

Mr. Fuller stated that DVRPC is "quarterbacking" the entire effort and has been moving 40 plus municipalities along in a very tight timeframe. The Department of Treasury has also been involved. Keystone Lighting Solutions is not only the Township's lighting consultant but also is the technical advisor for the entire program.

The primary structure of the program is modeled around a guaranteed savings agreement and the state of Pennsylvania allows for a municipality or a group of municipalities to enter into a guaranteed savings agreement. Under a guaranteed savings agreement the primary benefit to the Township is the savings that are generated from the project are the same or greater than the financing (loan payments). This will ultimately be financed through Pennsylvania Sustainable Energy Finance (PennSEF) Program which is in collaboration with the Treasury Department and will be the ones to finance and oversee the guaranteed savings agreement.

Mr. Fuller went into great detail about the Energy Savings Companies (ESCO). Mr. Tosti asked if any of the ESCO's are based in Pennsylvania because he notices that Johnson Controls is located in Wisconsin. Mr. Fuller explained that one of the key attributes of Johnson Controls being chosen was they have a great deal of experience in Southeastern Pennsylvania and all of the engineering and installation will be done by subcontractors in the local southeast area.

The next step, which is before the Board this evening, is to approve a resolution authorizing JCI to move into the next phase; Investment Grade Audit Stage. The Township has had no expenditure to JCI to this point. Mr. Fuller advised the Board that they are not approving the project this evening. The project will be further refined during the investment grade audit phase.

The Township has 1,800 cobrahead fixtures and the project will replace the fixtures with new LED street lights. There are close to 1,000 decorative lights that will be replaced with a new fixture head that is more cost effective. Generally when you go from traditional technology to new LED technology, on average the savings will be between 50 to 70 percent of the energy that was used before. There also are 134 other lighting fixtures; wall packs attached to building, parking lot lights, etc. that will also be upgraded to LED. Finally there are 1,800 traffic signals that will be installed as needed by the in-house employees. Middletown will also be installing the decorative lights to save a considerable amount of money.

Mr. Leonhauser inquired which other Bucks County municipalities are involved in this project. Mr. Fuller said there are eight (8) – New Hope, Newtown Borough, Middletown, Bensalem, Warrington, New Britain. Northampton Township pulled out.

Mr. Oettinger requested a timeline for the project. Mr. Fuller said a financial package will be put together in May/June and as soon as that is signed off, funds will be made available and construction could begin at that point. JCI has been indicating the project to take 18 months, but with 40 municipalities, some will be done sooner than others.

Mr. Leonhauser asked what the projected savings is with some of the installation being done in-house. Mr. Fuller advised that the savings on the decorative lights alone it was close to \$100,000 in savings.

Mr. Leonhauser opened this issue to public comment.

Jim Jenca, Snowball Gate, asked if the Board has explored other companies besides JCI to do this work. Ms. Teoli Kuhls explained that the RFP went out on behalf of all of the municipalities with 4 companies that bid. Ms. Teoli Kuhls was a member of the municipal steering committee that held significant in-depth interviews with the finalists. JCI had a favorable price in addition to that JCI has significant local experience; i.e., Doylestown Borough, West Chester Borough which are places the Board could drive and see the product. The managers in those two communities said it was the easiest project they have done in their career, it was a no-brainer which went a long way with the selection committee.

Mr. Jenca also asked if the Township has considered using funds on hand as opposed to financing the project. Ms. Teoli Kuhls advised the Township is contemplating using some funds out of the Street Light Fund to make a capital contribution to the project.

ACTION: MR. GALLAGHER MOVED TO ENACT RESOLUTION #16-06R TO APPROVE RSLPP PRELIMINARY AUDIT AND AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO A GUARANTEED SAVINGS AGREEMENT WITH JCI AND CONTINUE TO THE INVESTMENT GRADE AUDIT STAGE CONDITIONED UPON INVESTIGATING WHY NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP OPTED OUT AND ALSO THAT THE GUARANTEED SAVINGS AGREEMENT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE IN FORM AND CONTENT BY THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER, TOWNSHIP FINANCE DIRECTOR AND TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR. MR. OETTINGER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

6. Act 537 Plan Presentation by John Swenson, P.E. of Carroll Engineering. Consideration of enacting Resolution #16-04R adopting and submitting the Act 537 Plan Revision to the Department of Environmental Protection for its approval as a revision of the "Official Plan" of Middletown Township.

John Swenson, P.E. of Carroll Engineer presented the Act 537 Plan. The Act 537 Plan Revision addresses Middletown Township's sanitary sewer capacity needs to the estimated future buildout per the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP requirement of all municipalities tributary to the Neshaminy Interceptor. The Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority (BCWSA) owns, operates and maintains the sanitary sewer system to the Neshaminy Interceptor in Middletown Township. The Plan's objective is to generate future wastewater growth projections to evaluate the Township's existing collection and conveyance systems, identify potential deficiencies and recommend alternatives for addressing such deficiencies.

The last time Middletown Township updated their Act 537 Plan was in 1989. As part of the Act 537 Plan the Township's zoning was evaluated to determine what is expected to connect in way

of equivalent dwelling units (EDU's) to the system. In the five year projection 360 EDUs are anticipated based on the Chapter 94 Report completed by Carroll Engineering through consultation with the Township to determine what is coming forward.

Implementation of expansions to collection and conveyance capabilities to the BCWSA system subsequent to approval of the Township's 537 Plan will be the responsibility of the BCWSA. The existing inter-municipal agreements, ordinances, and regulations are in place for the project implementation. There is no projected capital cost to the Township as a result of the selected alternative initially. Any needed expansion of the BCWSA system will involve the incurring of debt by the BCWSA. A portion of that cost will be shared by the Township through sewer rental rates to be determined when the BCWSA determines the extent of the project.

Mr. Tosti asked if BCWSA does any expansion in the Township, would the cost be incurred by the Township for the 537 Plan. Mr. Swenson stated that BCWSA is basically paying for the 537 Plan on behalf of the Township and there is no charge to the Township for the 537 Plan.

Mr. Pizzo stated that all of the collection and conveyance facilities in the areas that Mr. Swenson has been talking about which are the areas not served by Lower Bucks County Joint Municipal Authority and are owned, operated and maintained by BCWSA. Theoretically if a new line had to be run somewhere in the Township, it would be a decision made by BCWSA and they would construct it at their cost.

Mr. Oettinger inquired if Philadelphia has fined BCWSA for any of Middletown's area. Mr. Swenson said Philadelphia monitors flows at the Totem Road Pump Station which is where all of the flows from all of the municipalities accumulate so no particular municipality has been targeted or assessed a penalty. If there is a penalty it would be for a maximum daily flow exceedance and that is built into charges that Philadelphia would charge BCWSA and it would be distributed among the municipalities at some point into the future the connections may be looked at individually and they would be assessed. Again, Middletown is not the owner of the sewer system so Middletown would not be the entity that anyone would look to and say Middletown owes a penalty for flow. Mr. Oettinger asked if the recent increase in the water bill has anything to do with this issue. Mr. Swenson said it does not as this is the sewer system which has nothing to do with the water.

Ms. Strouse asked about the expected 5, 10 and 15 year plan, does it require any of the Township residents to hook up to sewer or is it a "what if" situation. Mr. Swenson answered that it is more of a forecast scenario.

ACTION: MR. LEONHAUSER MOVED TO ENACT RESOLUTION #16-04R TO ADOPT AND SUBMIT THE ACT 537 PLAN REVISION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR ITS APPROVAL AS A REVISION OF THE "OFFICIAL PLAN" OF MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP. MR. GALLAGHER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-1 WITH MR. TOSTI OPPOSED.

7. Consideration of the Final Minor Subdivision and Land Development approval for 301 Ellis Road, Langhorne, PA TMP #22-031-013, S/LD #15-10.

Charles O. Marte, Jr., Esq. represented the applicant Mike Alexander regarding the Huberfeld Subdivision. This is a two acre lot located at the corner of Ellis and Woodbourne Road across from Core Creek Park and Lake Luxembourg. The lot is being divided into a 59,841 square foot lot and the

other is 27,064 square feet. The applicant was granted a variance from the Township Zoning Hearing Board to allow a lot area of 27,064 where a minimum lot area is 30,000 square feet.

Mr. Young stated that this is a simple subdivision and the waivers that are requested are not detrimental to the community and are customary for smaller projects. The applicant is making a contribution in lieu of the curbs and sidewalks that would otherwise be required and also the Park & Recreation Fee which is a customary fee.

ACTION: MR. GALLAGHER MOVED TO GRANT FINAL MINOR SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL FOR 301 ELLIS ROAD, S/LD #15-10, WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- 1. THE APPLICANT SHALL COMPLY IN ALL RESPECTS WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING REPORTS, UNLESS SUCH RECOMMENDATIONS WERE MODIFIED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DURING THE APPROVAL PROCESS – THERE ARE NONE.**
REPORTS
TOWNSHIP ENGINEER
BUCKS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
FIRE MARSHAL
TRAFFIC ENGINEER
LIGHTING ENGINEER
- 2. APPLICANT SHALL COMPLY IN FULL WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS OF MIDDLETOWN SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE AND MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE, UNLESS RELIEF WAS GRANTED BY THE BODY HAVING JURISDICTION.**
- 3. APPLICANT SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL REGULATIONS WITH REGARD TO THE PROPOSED LAND DEVELOPMENT AND APPLY AND RECEIVE ALL APPROPRIATE PERMITS PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE DWELLING AND IMPROVEMENTS. SUCH APPROVAL SHALL INCLUDE, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, THOSE FROM THE BUCKS COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT, PA DEP (SEWAGE FACILITIES PLANNING), BUCKS COUNTY WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY AND NEWTOWN ARTESIAN WATER COMPANY.**
- 4. APPLICANT SHALL BE REQUIRED TO PAY MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP FOR ANY OUTSTANDING ADMINISTRATION AND PROFESSIONAL FEES.**
- 5. THE APPLICANT SHALL PAY MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP THE FOLLOWING FEES AT TIME OF ISSUANCE OF THE BUILDING PERMIT:**
 - A. PARK AND RECREATION FEE - \$2000.00**
 - B. APPLICANT WILL PROVIDE STREET TREES ALONG WOODBOURNE ROAD AND WILL MEET WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER.**
 - C. FEE-IN-LIEU OF INSTALLING CURB AND SIDEWALK ALONG FRONTAGES - \$5,301.00**

6. APPLICANT SHALL ENTER INTO A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP AND POST APPROPRIATE CONSTRUCTION, ADMINISTRATIVE, AND PROFESSIONAL ESCROWS.

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

8. Consideration of authorization to advertise 2016 Road Program Bid.

Pat Duffy, Building and Zoning Director advised that the 2016 Road Paving Program includes the 1-1/2 inch milling and 1-1/2 inch paving, sealing, base repair and line striping for approximately 9 miles of Township roads. The following is a list of the roads that will be paved:

Ivystream: Alscot Circle, Alscot Lane, Essex Lane, Oswin Turn, Oxford Drive

Green Valley: Coach Road, Friendship Lane, Green Valley Road, Lenape Circle

Oaklihurst Gables: Delaware, Grove, Parkway, Sunset & Wyoming Avenues

Parkland: Fulton, Mt. Royal, Myrtle, Parkvale, Fee, Sunflower, Prospect & Parkland Avenues Poplar, North, Olive and Walnut Streets, Fox Court, Jeffrey Lane, Avenues A, B, C, D, E & F, Buchanan Drive, Fairview & Woodvale Avenues, Ramble Road

Other: Ash Drive, N. Buckthorne, Cedar & Forrest Avenues

In addition, three (3) roads in Langhorne Borough will be included in our contract. The roads are Hill & Station Avenues and Green Street. Langhorne will pay Middletown for all the costs associated with their roads per the awarded contract pricing and inspection costs.

The cost estimate for the 2016 Road Program is \$1.6 million; \$750,000 will be funded through Liquid Fuels with the balance available from the remaining bond fund (\$336,000), Public Works Capital Reserve Fund (\$520,000) and the Parkland Road Drainage in Fund 30 (\$100,000).

Mr. Gallagher asked Mr. Duffy if he anticipates the same favorable pricing as last year with the price of oil being down. Mr. Duffy replied at the present time it is very good, but could escalate in a month or so which is why it is very important to get moving as soon as possible.

ACTION: MR. GALLAGHER MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE PREPARATION OF BID DOCUMENTS AND THE ADVERTISEMENT TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR THE TOWNSHIP'S 2016 ROAD PAVING PROGRAM. MR. TOSTI SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

9. Consideration of awarding the 2016-2017 Sign Material Consortium Bids for highway sign material, posts and assorted hardware to Garden State Highway Products, Vineland, NJ.

ACTION: MR. GALLAGHER MOVED TO AWARD THE 2016-2017 SIGN MATERIAL CONSORTIUM CONTRACT FOR HIGHWAY SIGN MATERIAL, POSTS, AND ASSORTED HARDWARE, TO GARDEN STATE HIGHWAY PRODUCTS ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS NOT TO EXCEED \$24,588.26. MR. TOSTI SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

10. Consideration of awarding the 2016-2017 Road Material Supplies Consortium Contract to Eureka Stone Quarry, Chalfont, PA for the purchase of materials on an as needed basis in an amount not to exceed \$30,600.

ACTION: MR. TOSTI MOVED TO AWARD THE 2016-2017 ROAD MATERIAL CONSORTIUM CONTRACT TO EUREKA STONE QUARRY ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,600. MR. LEONHAUSER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

11. Consideration of authorizing the purchase of five (5) vehicles for the Police Department.

Ms. Teoli Kuhls advised that the five (5) vehicles along with all of the associated equipment have been budgeted for and have received RDA funding for most of the purchase. The total cost of the vehicles along with the associated equipment is \$179,480 and we have received an RDA grant in the amount of \$176,057. The overage of \$3,423.15 will be covered by the 2016 Police Department Budget.

ACTION: MR. GALLAGHER MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF FIVE (5) POLICE VEHICLES INCLUDING THE ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT FOR A TOTAL OF \$179,480.15. MR. OETTINGER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

12. Consideration of Authorization to advertise an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to create a transient dwelling use.

Mr. Pizzo said the proposed ordinance would amend several portions of the Township Code; specifically the Township Zoning Ordinance, Township rental property ordinance and the Township fire safety inspection ordinance. The Township has been grappling with the issue of access and safety inspection of group homes for several years. Mr. Pizzo went into great detail concerning this amendment to the Zoning Ordinance.

Mr. Tosti requested a map of the Township where the areas are located that will be rezoned. Ms. Teoli Kuhls to provide a Zoning Map to Mr. Tosti.

Mr. Leonhauser asked if the Bucks County Planning Commission and the Township's Planning Commission will be reviewing the proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Pizzo advised that if the Board approves the advertisement of this ordinance this evening because it involves an amendment to the Township Zoning Ordinance, the Municipalities Planning Code requires that any such amendment be sent to the County Planning Commission and the Township Planning Commission for their review and comment at public hearings held by both Commissions.

Mr. Gallagher clarified that the only thing the Board is voting on this evening is to authorize advertisement of the amendment to the Ordinance.

Ms. Strouse asked because this will affect people that currently have rental properties in Middletown Township does anything change for someone with a rental property that is not filled with transient dwellers.

Mr. Pizzo responded that if you are the owner of a rental property as of March 14, 2016 and assuming you otherwise are compliance with the Township's reporting requirements and all of the applicable Township ordinances and regulations that are currently in place for your rental property, nothing will change should the Board ultimately approve the proposed ordinance.

Mr. Tosti asked for a timeframe of how long it would take for the two Planning Commissions to review the ordinance. Mr. Pizzo advised that the Commissions are entitled to a 30 day review period to comment on the ordinance and the 30 day review period begins on the day they receive it, which means the enactment of the ordinance will be in late April or early May.

Mr. Oettinger asked if there would be a change to the person that is operating a transient dwelling at this time. Mr. Pizzo explained that nothing would change for the occupant, it would change for the operator.

ACTION: MR. GALLAGHER MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISEMENT OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE TO CREATE A DEFINITION OF A TRANSIENT DWELLING USE, AND TO DESIGNATE THOSE ZONING DISTRICTS IN WHICH TRANSIENT DWELLINGS MAY BE LOCATED; TO AMEND THE RENTAL PROPERTY REGULATIONS OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE TO SPECIFICALLY INCLUDE TRANSIENT DWELLINGS; AND TO AMEND THE FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION REGULATIONS OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE TO SPECIFICALLY INCLUDE TRANSIENT DWELLINGS, ALONG WITH ALL OTHER PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWNSHIP CODE THAT ARE CONTAINED IN THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE. MS. STROUSE SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

13. Consideration of Authorization to Advertise Truss Construction Ordinance.

Mr. Pizzo explained with regard to health and safety for our residents and first responders the proposed ordinance for truss construction identification ordinance has been requested and proposed to the Township Administration by the Fire Chiefs of the 4 companies that serve Middletown Township. Buildings with truss construction in either the roof or floor pose a danger to first responders going into the building when the building is on fire. They pose a greater risk for building collapse than other forms of construction.

The Fire Chiefs along with the Fire Marshal have requested a system of identifying buildings that have truss construction in either the roof or floor that would be a benefit to the owners of the properties and certainly to a first responder who is being asked to risk their life going into such a structure.

The ordinance being proposed this evening would amend a section of the Code Chapter 167 which currently requires the numbering of every building in the Township. This is the appropriate place to insert the new requirement that along with requiring adequate and visible numbering of buildings within the Township for the benefit of first responders as well as mailmen, that in the same location in the Township Code a requirement would be inserted that will require the affixation of an emblem which is standard in the fire safety community, a triangular emblem with either an F for floor, R for roof or FR for floor and roof, when viewed by the first responder that there is truss construction in either the floor or the roof or both.

ACTION: MR. OETTINGER MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISEMENT OF A TRUSS CONSTRUCTION ORDINANCE. MR. LEONHAUSER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

14. Other Business.

Ms. Strouse asked Mr. Pizzo about following up with a resident that inquired about liability on the New Falls Road sidewalk project. Mr. Pizzo said he had completed the follow up with the resident.

Ms. Strouse directed the Township Manager to check on the issue of having the public comment at the end of the meeting as well.

Mr. Tosti directed the Township Manager to look into designating a lighted area for Craig's List purchases in the Township's Parking Lot.

Mr. Tosti requested that the Board packets be delivered earlier than 3 p.m. on Fridays. After discussion it was decided that the cut off for submission of agenda items would be Thursday with the packets being sent out by noon on Friday.

Mr. Tosti thanked everyone for their well wishes since the loss of his father.

Mr. Gallagher wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Mr. Leonhauser said he has received complaints regarding the school zone in front of Sandburg/Schweitzer on Harmony Road. There are no "Flashing School Zones". Mr. Leonhauser directed the Township Manager to look into this issue.

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

16. Adjournment.

ACTION: MR. TOSTI MOVED TO ADJOURN THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AT 9:55 P.M. MS. STROUSE SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.