

**MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 19, 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.

Mr. Leonhauser called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Oettinger called roll. All supervisors were in attendance along with Township Manager Stephanie Teoli Kuhls, Township Solicitor Joseph Pizzo, Township Engineer Larry Young and interested citizens.

2. Announcements, Correspondence, Awards and Reports.
 - a. Next Board of Supervisors Meeting – *Tuesday, January 3, 2017 @7:30 p.m.*
 - b. Recognition of Detective Aileen Torrente – Completed Polygraph certification.

Chief Bartorilla recognized Detective Aileen Torrente for completion of an 11 week Polygraph certification program. Detective Torrente is the 3rd sworn officer in the Department's history to be a polygraph examiner and the first female detective to become a polygraph examiner.

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

None.

4. **Consent Agenda Items.**

- a. Consideration of authorizing payment of December 19, 2016 Bill List in the amount of \$1,789,595.67.

ACTION: MR. GALLAGHER MOVED TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF THE DECEMBER 19, 2016 BILL LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,789,595.67. MR. OETTINGER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-1 WITH MR. TOSTI OPPOSED.

- b. Consideration of approving the Minutes of the December 5, 2016 Public Meeting of the Middletown Township Board of Supervisors.

- c. Consideration of approving the Big Oak Crossing Construction Escrow Release #3 in the amount of \$978,792.76.

ACTION: MR. GALLAGHER MOVED TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS B & C AS LISTED ABOVE. MR. TOSTI SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

5. Consideration of enacting Resolution #16-27R authorizing application to the 2016 PECO Green Region Open Space Program.

Ms. Teoli Kuhls advised that in an effort to secure funding for the skate park project, Supervisor Strouse arranged a meeting with the PECO representative who recommended that the Township submit an application to the PECO Green Region program.

The maximum award is \$10,000 and is a grant that requires a match from the Township.

Mr. Tosti commended Supervisor Strouse for the work she is doing for the skate park.

ACTION: MS. STROUSE MOVED TO ENACT RESOLUTION #16-27R AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE 2016 PECO GREEN REGION PROGRAM FOR \$10,000 FOR THE SKATE PARK CONSTRUCTION. MR. TOSTI SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

6. Consideration of approving a joint grant application with Langhorne Manor Borough to the Bucks County Municipal Open Space program to fund the Levittown Footbridge Project. (Resolution #16-28R)

Ms. Teoli Kuhls advised the Township received a phone call from Langhorne Manor Borough explaining they have \$200,000 left in their allocation and offered it to the Township. The project the staff was immediately drawn to is the replacement of pedestrian bridges within the Mill Creek and Queen Ann Creek greenways in the Levittown area. There is a \$50,000 Township match of funds and three of the bridges can be scheduled for replacement.

Mr. Leonhauser thanked Langhorne Manor Borough for this offer.

Ms. Strouse further thanked the staff who will have to work quickly to get this grant submitted by the 30th of December.

ACTION: MR. LEONHAUSER MOVED TO ENACT RESOLUTION #16-28R TO APPROVE A JOINT APPLICATION WITH THE BOROUGH OF LANGHORNE MANOR TO THE BUCKS COUNTY MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE PROGRAM TO FUND THE REPLACEMENT OF THREE EXISTING PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES IN THE LEVITTOWN AREA. MR. TOSTI SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

7. Consideration of approving a grant application to the Bucks County Municipal Open Space program to fund the Laurel Oaks to Core Creek Park Pedestrian Linkage Project. (Resolution #16-29R)

Ms. Teoli Kuhls advised that the Bucks County Municipal Open Space Program is expiring at the end of 2016. Middletown Township has \$470,514 remaining of the original allocation. The project the Township is proposing is a pedestrian connection that would start at the Laurel Oaks Development from the crosswalk across to the Community Park and would be a connection through the park to the school, past the Maple Point Middle School to Core Creek Park.

The Township's 25% match would be \$117,628 and \$125,000 has been budgeted in the 2017 capital budget for this grant match.

ACTION: MR. TOSTI MOVED TO ENACT RESOLUTION #16-29R APPROVING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE BUCKS COUNTY MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE PROGRAM FOR \$470,514 TO FUND THE LANGHORNE-YARDLEY ROAD CROSSWALK AND WALKING PATH PROJECT. MS. STROUSE SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

8. Consideration of approving Resolution #16-30R, establishing compensation for the Middletown Township Tax Collector.

Ms. Teoli Kuhls advised that if the Board is interested in considering an increase in the Township's Tax Collector's compensation, now is the time to do it as it must be completed before February 15, 2017. The increase would take effect in November 2017. The last time the compensation was increased was in July of 2008. The current rate of compensation is \$56,250 plus reimbursement for expenses. A 3.5% increase would bring the rate to \$58,220.

Ms. Strouse can't believe this is before the Board when we are asking the Police Department to do "gimmicky" fundraisers for a canine for the police.

Mr. Tosti doesn't believe this is the way to handle this issue as it wasn't in the budget that was just approved by the Board.

Mr. Leonhauser stated that the increase would be in the 2018 budget.

ACTION: MR. LEONHAUSER MOVED TO ENACT RESOLUTION #16-30R APPROVING AN INCREASE IN THE TAX COLLECTOR COMPENSATION BEGINNING THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY 2018. MR. OETTINGER SECONDED. MOTION FAILED BY A VOTE OF 2-3 WITH MS. STROUSE, MR. GALLAGHER AND MR. TOSTI OPPOSED.

9. Consideration of authorizing an agreement for purchase of electricity for township general service accounts.

Scott Sadowsky, Assistant to the Township Manager made a presentation on the purchase of electricity for Township general service accounts.

ACTION: MS. STROUSE MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH WGL ENERGY AS AN ELECTRIC SUPPLIER FOR 36 MONTHS FOR THE RATE OF \$0.0484 PER kWh. MR. TOSTI SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

10. Other Business.

Ms. Teoli Kuhls thanked the Township Staff for all of their dedicated work over the past year and recognized Scott Sadowsky for his work on the last item which is \$150,000 worth of savings over the next three years. She also wished the Board, staff and residents a Happy Holiday Season.

Ms. Strouse wished everyone a Happy Holiday as well and with the oncoming cold weather to please check in on your neighbors.

Mr. Tosti requested that the Board receive copies of the minutes from the various Boards and Commissions beginning in 2017. Mr. Tosti also thanked the staff for the work they have done this year and every year and looks forward to working with the staff and residents. He also wished everyone a Happy Holiday season and to be safe.

Mr. Oettinger wished everyone a Happy Holiday and Happy New Year and advised that Santa will be out on Christmas Eve on the fire truck.

Mr. Gallagher echoed what has already been stated by previous Board members about the staff, board members and wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

Mr. Leonhauser advised that there was an Executive Session held prior to the public meeting on December 5, 2016 and no decisions were made and there will be an Executive Session held at the end of tonight's meeting and no decisions will be made.

Mr. Leonhauser commended the Board on all of the actions taken this past year and mentioned some of the projects and activities that were undertaken in 2016. *(A copy of the 2016 Accomplishments is attached to this document and will become part of the permanent record.)*

Mr. Leonhauser also thanked Mr. Pizzo for the work he has done for the Township this year and also Ms. Teoli Kuhls for her leadership and Mr. Young for all the upgrades he has done. He also thanked Pat Duffy, Building and Zoning, Rick Wendel, Public Works Director, Debby Lamanna and Paul Kopera for the Parks & Recreation Department and also Chief Bartorilla of the Police Department and James McGuire of the Fire Marshal's office. He also wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

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

12. Adjournment.

ACTION: MR. GALLAGHER MOVED TO ADJOURN THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AT 8:00 P.M. MR. TOSTI SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

Middletown Township Board of Supervisors
2016 Accomplishments

Projects:

- 2016 Roadway Program
- Ash Tree Management Plan
- Vehicle Replacement Program
- Purchase of 4 Harley Davidson police motorcycles
- Regional LED Streetlight Project
- Spring Valley Farm Master Plan
- Various drainage projects throughout township
- Installation of security system at DPW building
- Improvements to signal at Lincoln Highway and South Flowers Mill Road
- Firefighters Park Improvements
- Upgrade of server
- Audio upgrade in public meeting room

Legislative Activity:

- Amendment to Zoning Ordinance for Transient Uses
- Truss Construction Ordinance
- Sterling Act Resolution
- Amendment to Responsible Contractor Ordinance
- Durham Ridge Development Closeout
- Non Solicitation Registry Ordinance
- Resolution Opposing Elcon Recycling Services
- Approval of Act 537 Plan Revision
- Approval of refunding of 2010 and 2011 Bonds and additional borrowing
- Discussion of Skate Park

- Discussion of Stone Farm
- Approval of accepting dedication of Tall Tree Lane
- Consideration of providing police services to Penndel Borough
- Authorization of development of Medical Marijuana Ordinance
- Support of New Falls Road Sidewalk Project

Events:

- Local Government Day
- Earth Day
- July 4th Parade
- Holiday Open House
- National Night Out
- Shredding Events
- Middletown at the Mall
- Arts Festival at Community Park Barn

Communication:

- Monthly ENews
- Streaming of meeting video on website
- Social Media – Facebook, Twitter presence

Grants:

- Implementation of 2016 RDA Grants
- Application to RDA for 2017 Grants
- Application to Commonwealth Financing Authority for Firefighters Park
- Application to Commonwealth Financing Authority for Quiet Zone at Woodbourne Crossing

- Application to Green Light Go Program for Adaptive Traffic Signal System
- Application to Bucks County Open Space Program – Spring Valley Farm
- Application to Bucks County Open Space Program – Laurel Oaks Crosswalk and pedestrian linkage to Core Creek Park

Staffing

- Police Department promotions and hiring
- Animal Control Officer
- Accountant
- Finance Director