

**MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 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		
WESLEY PLAISTED, P. E, TOWNSHIP ENGINEER		

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

Mr. Pizzo advised that the meeting is a little late in beginning due to an Executive Session prior to the meeting with the five Board of Supervisors, Township Manager, Assistant to the Township Manager and Township Solicitor. Several matters of pending litigation, as well as potential litigation and potential real estate acquisition were discussed. No official action was taken during the Executive Session and none is required this evening as a result of the Executive Session.

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

2. Announcements, Correspondence, Awards and Reports.
 - a. Next Board of Supervisors Meeting – Monday, **February 1, 2016 @7:30 p.m.**
 - b. Recognition of Retired Employee – Cecilia Middleton
 - c. Presentation to the Middletown Police Department by Dr. Scott Spreat of Woods Services.

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

Ron Krajewski, Cobalt Ridge Drive, Levittown stated that the October 5, 2015 minutes of the Public Meeting are not posted on the website and he requested a copy. Ms. Teoli Kuhls advised that a member of her staff was getting a copy of the minutes for Mr. Krajewski and will check into why the minutes are not on the Township website.

4. **Consent Agenda Items.**

- a. Consideration of authorizing payment of January 19, 2016 Bill List in the amount of \$998,685.67.
- b. Consideration of approving the December 14, 2015 Meeting Minutes of the Middletown Township Board of Supervisors.

- c. Consideration of approving the January 4, 2016 Reorganization Meeting Minutes of the Middletown Township Board of Supervisors.

ACTION: MR. GALLAGHER MOVED TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A, B & C AS READ. MR. LEONHAUSER SECONDED.

Mr. Tosti stated that he would be abstaining from voting on the approval of the December 14, 2015 meeting minutes as he was not a Board member at that time.

Mr. Leonhauser called the vote on Item b separately.

MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 3-0-2 FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 14, 2015 MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WITH MS. STROUSE AND MR. TOSTI ABSTAINING AS THEY WERE NOT BOARD MEMBERS AT THAT TIME.

Mr. Leonhauser called the vote on Items A and C.

MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0 TO APPROVE ITEMS A & C AS LISTED ABOVE.

5. Consideration of authorizing the purchase of a Ford F-150 for the Fire Marshal's Office from CoStars in the amount of \$29,400.

James McGuire, Fire Marshal advised that a decommissioned vehicle is being replaced with this Ford F-150, 4 door pickup truck that will be used to do fire inspections and other emergency management issues as they arise. This purchase is funded by an RDA grant.

ACTION: MR. OETTINGER MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A FORD F-150 FOR THE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE FROM COSTARS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,400. MR. TOSTI SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

6. Report on Emergency Management Response to Rail Incidents – James McGuire, Fire Marshal made a presentation.

Mr. McGuire made a power point presentation regarding the rail lines in Middletown Township and provided an overview of emergency response to any potential incidents. He highlighted aspects of the Emergency Operation Plan and described preparedness for responding to possible hazardous material spills.

Mr. McGuire then explained that his staff is trained and certified for both hazardous materials as well as Vulcan crude rail train emergencies. In addition there is a trained and certified hazardous materials team in Bucks County. He outlined the resources that were available including a foam trailer that is assigned from Bucks County to the PennDel Fire Company and a spill trailer at the Langhorne-Middletown Fire Company.

Ms. Strouse thanked Mr. McGuire for the presentation and underscored the importance of the preparation that was done here in Middletown. Senator Casey has called for the hiring of more railroad inspectors in Pennsylvania because there is only one inspector for every 900 bridges in

Pennsylvania. Ms. Strouse asked if Mr. McGuire has information on when our rail bridges were last inspected and what their condition is. Mr. McGuire said we do not have that information.

Ms. Strouse said the other report she has been looking at is a report from Governor Wolf's office on safety of oil trains that was released in August. Of the 27 recommendations only a few seem to apply to municipalities. Three of them talk about our coordination with the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency. Ms. Strouse asked Mr. McGuire if he feels that PEMA has been moving out coordinating with municipalities since the August report. Mr. McGuire explained that PEMA works primarily through Bucks County.

7. LED Streetlight Program Update – Scott Sadowsky, Assistant to the Township Manager made a presentation.

Assistant to the Township Manager Scott Sadowsky provided a brief background on the LED streetlight program. The goal of the program is to switch streetlights over to LED bulbs which can save the Township on energy and maintenance costs. The proposed program is through the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission and will allow Middletown to join with 44 other municipalities in the Philadelphia area to bring the Township several benefits of working together, including reduced prices, access to consultants, low financing rates, and guaranteed energy savings and return on investment. The Township awaits the preliminary audit by the selected vendor, Johnson Controls, to determine the approximate cost and savings of the program, and Township staff will update the Board of Supervisors when more information is available.

Mr. Tosti inquired if there are any municipalities in the Bucks County area that are utilizing this program. Ms. Teoli Kuhls advised that Bristol Township has already launched an LED streetlight program. Bensalem Township, New Hope Borough, Northampton Township, Buckingham Township, and Newtown Borough are involved all involved in this current program. Johnson Controls have previously installed the streetlights in Doylestown and West Chester Boroughs, and both communities' managers are reportedly satisfaction with the project.

Mr. Tosti asked about the savings. Mr. Sadowsky explained how it would be handled with PECO.

8. Other Business.

Ms. Strouse read a thank you note from Adam Flager, Redberry Road, concerning the portion of Oxford Valley Road between Woodbourne and Trenton Roads that are being used as a dumping ground. Mr. Flager thanked the Board for having the "No dumping signs" installed.

Mr. Tosti advised that he has attended several Township meetings over the past 2 weeks including Parks & Recreation, Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board. He stated that Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. a Planning Commission Meeting will be held concerning the Stone Farm property.

Mr. Tosti asked Mr. Pizzo if we have a definition in our administrative code for recovery houses, sober living, group homes, halfway houses and boarding houses. Mr. Pizzo said the Township Zoning Ordinance does have specifications regarding group homes, but they are at a minimum only because federal law keeps them at a minimum. Mr. Pizzo will review and provide Mr. Tosti with a copy of the Township zoning ordinance.

Mr. Oettinger reminded residents to please remove their vehicles from the roadway in anticipation of the upcoming snowstorm to help the DPW plowing.

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

10. Adjournment.

ACTION: MR. GALLAGHER MOVED TO ADJOURN THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AT 8:20 P.M. MR. OETTINGER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.