

**MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 6, 2017**

**PRESENT**

<b>THOMAS GALLAGHER, CHAIRPERSON</b>	}	
<b>WILLIAM OETTINGER, VICE CHAIR</b>	}	
<b>H. GEORGE LEONHAUSER, SECRETARY</b>	}	<b>BOARD OF SUPERVISORS</b>
<b>AMY STROUSE</b>	}	
<b>THOMAS TOSTI</b>	}	
<b>STEPHANIE TEOLI KUHLs, TOWNSHIP MANAGER</b>	}	
<b>JOSEPH PIZZO, ESQ., TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR</b>	}	
<b>LARRY YOUNG, P.E., TOWNSHIP ENGINEER</b>	}	

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

Mr. Gallagher called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Leonhauser called roll. All Supervisors were in attendance along with Township Manager Stephanie Teoli Kuhls, Township Solicitor Joseph Pizzo, Township Engineer Larry Young, Pat Duffy, Director of Building & Zoning, Brian Shapiro, Finance Director, Chief Joe Bartorilla, Scott Sadowsky, Assistant to Township Manager and interested citizens.

2. Announcements, correspondence, awards and reports.
  - a. Next Board of Supervisors Meeting – **Monday, March 20, 2017 @7:30 p.m.**
  - b. Presentation by Middletown Community Foundation to the Police Department for Canine Officer. - Bill Cowan, President of the Bucks County Community Foundation presented Chief Bartorilla and the Middletown Township Police Department with a \$10,000 check for Jester, police dog and his trainer, Officer Stephen Andrews. Mr. Gallagher thanked the Bucks County Community Foundation for the generous donation.
  - c. Recognition of Brian’s Harley Davidson for Donation to Skate Park. Ms. Strouse thanked Brian Bentley of Brian’s Harley Davidson for a \$5,000 donation to the Skate Park. Mr. Bentley is also a member of the Middletown Community Foundation. Ms. Strouse advised a goal of \$100,000 for the skate park has been set and with this recent donation, we are a quarter of the way there. Ms. Strouse implored anyone within the community that may be interested in making a donation to contact either her, the Township Manager or anyone within the Township structure.

Mr. Leonhauser announced that next Saturday, March 11, 2017 the Middletown Township PBA is having its 24<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Patrick’s Beef and Beer Fundraiser from 7:00 p.m. to midnight at the Eagles Hall on Trenton Road. The fundraiser will benefit the family of Parkland Fire Department member Josh Koontz and his infant son Lincoln.

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

Michael McCann, Upper Orchard, Levittown thanked the Township for hosting the Overdose Prevention Community Awareness Forum that was held at the Municipal Center on February 13, 2017.

Ms. Strouse commended the Township Staff for putting this forum together. She advised that the Opioid Forum Presentation is available on the Township Website to view. She went into detail about the importance of the Narcan and also how to help people on prevention through the Neshaminy Coalition of Youth.

#### 4. **Consent Agenda Items.**

- a. Consideration of authorizing payment of March 6, 2017 Bill List in the amount of \$2,003,778.58.
- b. Consideration of approving the February 6, 2017 Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Middletown Township Board of Supervisors.
- c. Consideration of enacting Resolution #17-12R approving Middletown Township 457 Plan document and 401B Plan Document.
- d. Consideration of approving the request by Stonehaven Homes – Arbutus Avenue second escrow release in the amount of \$7,525.00.

**ACTION:** MR. LEONHAUSER MOVED TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A THRU D AS LISTED ABOVE. MS. STROUSE SECONDED.

Mr. Tosti asked for clarification on Resolution #17-12R – 457 Plan. Ms. Teoli Kuhls advised that the Township offers a 457 and a Roth 401 IRA Plan to employees. These optional plans are employee funded retirement plans. From time to time it is best practice to review and re-adopt the plan documents to ensure compliance.

**MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.**

5. Consideration of enacting Ordinance #17-04 amending Ordinance #15-01 of the Township of Middletown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, for floodplain management. (Duly advertised in the *Bucks County Courier Times* on January 29, 2017; proof of publication has been received.)

Pat Duffy, Building & Zoning Director advised that FEMA has mandated that municipalities adopt floodplain regulations that comply with federal and state floodplain management requirements. FEMA originally approved our adopted floodplain ordinance #15-01, however, FEMA has since ruled that Section 2.02B is non-compliant. Therefore, the amended floodplain ordinance removes Section 2.02B eliminating the permit exemption for minor repairs to existing buildings and structures within a floodplain. In addition, FEMA requires the removal of the term “repetitive loss” and replacing it with “cumulative substantial damage”. The remainder of the previously adopted floodplain ordinance #15-01 is unchanged. The amended ordinance must be adopted by March 21, 2017 to ensure continued federal flood insurance. Mr. Tosti asked for clarification from Mr. Duffy on the language.

**ACTION:** MR. TOSTI MOVED TO ENACT ORDINANCE #17-04 AMENDING PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCE #15-01. MS. STROUSE SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

6. Consideration of authorization to advertise 2017 Road Program Bid.

Mr. Duffy advised that the 2017 Road Paving Program includes the 1 ½” milling and 1 ½” paving, sealing, base repair and line striping for approximately 9 miles of the following Township Roads:

**Durham Ridge:** Java Lane and Lipton Lane, Vine Way

**Durham Chase/  
Meadows:** Frosty Hollow Road (west of Durham Road), Carmen Lane, Green Meadow & Tina Drives

**Langhorne Gables:** Adams, Birch, Buttonwood, Cypress, Clay (cul-de-sac off Longview), Claymont, Fernwood (Longview to dead end), Fir, Harrison, Jefferson, Linden, Line, Longview, Madison, Monroe, Parkview, Quincy, Washington and Willow Avenues, Elisa Lynn Way, Flame Drive, Lincoln Road

**Hollybrooke:** Hollybrooke Drive & parking areas

**Other roads:** Bridle Lane, Mistletoe Drive, Elmwood Avenue (off of Periwinkle Avenue), Village Road

**Additional Work:** Big Oak Road turning lane for Big Oak Crossing  
Harrison Avenue storm sewer  
Village Road storm sewer

Mr. Duffy stated that the anticipated cost of the 2017 Road Program is \$1.6 million; \$800,000 will be funded with Liquid Fuels with the balance available from the bond fund and Public Works Capital Reserve Fund.

**ACTION:** MR. GALLAGHER MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE PREPARATION OF BID DOCUMENTS AND THE ADVERTISEMENT TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR THE TOWNSHIP’S 2017 ROAD PAVING PROGRAM. MR. TOSTI SECONDED.

Ms. Strouse asked when the last time that these neighborhoods were paved. Mr. Duffy said that Langhorne Gables wasn’t fully paved in the past 30 years. Before that chip seal coating was done which is a temporary fix that last 5 to 7 years at most.

Ms. Strouse asked if the paving to be done in Durham Ridge is the last think the residents have been waiting on for the full project in that neighborhood. Mr. Duffy said the driveways are going to be part of the paving project and will be between \$60,000 and \$70,000 of the contract.

Mr. Tosti asked for an update on the Bond issue with Durham Ridge. Mr. Pizzo said he is in communication with Bonding Company and there has been little progress with them in the last month or so.

Mr. Oettinger asked if the paper streets off of Longview Road will be paved. Mr. Duffy said only dedicated roads will be paved as this is being financed with Liquid Fuels funds. Mr. Tosti asked if the project would include addressing the drainage issues in Langhorne Gables.

MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

7. Consideration of appointing Hannah Stackawitz and Jarad Benn to the Community Beautification Committee for a three-year term to expire December 31, 2019.

ACTION: MS. STROUSE MOVED TO APPOINT HANNAH STACKAWITZ AND JARAD BENN TO THE COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2019. MR. TOSTI SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

8. Other Business.

Mr. Tosti recognized the following LAA Basketball teams:

*1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade champs – Sixers coached by Matt Pirolli and Mike Raivitch*  
*3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade champs – Lakers coached by Tom Rice and Mark Nelson*  
*5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade champs – Pistons coached by Joe Maxwell and March Kozlowski*  
*7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade champs – Cavaliers coached by Mike Muzyk, Stan Getz and Mike Blum*

Mr. Tosti inquired about the EIT and how Middletown monitors who should be paying the tax. Ms. Teoli Kuhls advised that Bucks County designated Keystone Collections and they are annually cross referencing state tax returns with the township tax rolls. Ms. Teoli Kuhls will report back to the Board at the next public meeting concerning the issue of transient workers in the Township.

Mr. Tosti requested copies of the Planning Commission and the Zoning Hearing Board minutes.

Mr. Oettinger congratulated Bristol Borough for winning \$500,000 thru the Small Business Revolution.

Mr. Gallagher advised that the Breakfast with the Board held on February 7<sup>th</sup> was a success and the next Breakfast with the Board will be held in May at the Garden of Eatin. Exact date to be announced. Mr. Gallagher wished his wife a Happy Birthday!

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

10. Adjournment.

ACTION: MR. TOSTI MOVED TO ADJOURN THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AT 8:05 P.M. MS. STROUSE SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.