

**MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PUBLIC MEETING
APRIL 22, 2019**

PRESENT

THOMAS TOSTI, CHAIRPERSON	}	
MICHAEL KSIAZEK, VICE CHAIRPERSON	}	
AMY STROUSE, SECRETARY	}	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
H. GEORGE LEONHAUSER	}	
WILLIAM OETTINGER	}	
STEPHANIE TEOLI KUHLs, TOWNSHIP MANAGER	}	
MAUREEN CARLTON, ESQ., TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR	}	
ISAAC KESSLER, P.E., TOWNSHIP ENGINEER	}	

1. Call to Order

National Anthem

Led by Cassie Perednia, Cairn University

Moment of Silence in Honor of Chief James McAndrew

Roll Call

Ms. Strouse called the roll, all Supervisors were in attendance along with Township Manager, Stephanie Teoli Kuhls, Township Engineer Isaac Kessler, several Department Directors, Chief of Police and interested citizens. Maureen Carlton, Esq., was present on behalf of Township Solicitor James Esposito.

2. Announcements, correspondence, awards and reports.

- a. Next Board of Supervisors Meeting – Monday, May 20, 2019 @7:00 p.m.

Mr. Tosti noted a change in the meeting schedule.

- b. Ted Dorand, PECO presentation of a \$3,0000 Green Region Grant

Ted Dorand of PECO presented Middletown Township with a grant that will be used for improvements at the Senior Center.

- c. Roland X. New, Commendation Eagle Scout

Mr. New was not in attendance. Mr. Tosti highlighted Mr. New's Eagle Scout project that benefitted the environment.

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

None

4. Consent Agenda Items.

- a. Consideration of authorizing payment of the April 22, 2019 Bill List in the amount of \$599,027.41.
- b. Consideration of approving the April 1, 2019 Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Middletown Township Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Leonhauser noted a correction in the minutes.

ACTION: MR. KSIAZEK MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS AS LISTED ABOVE. MS. STROUSE SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

5. Presentation of Vietnam Memorial Proposal
Ed Preston

Mr. Leonhauser introduced Mr. Preston of the Lower Bucks County Vietnam Memorial group. Mr. Preston explained his proposal for a 10' x 10' x 5' memorial at Veterans Park to contain the names of veterans from Lower Bucks County who passed away during the war as well as those suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and exposure to Agent Orange.

Mr. Tosti inquired why the monument specified veterans from Lower Bucks County, and Mr. Preston noted the memorial in Doylestown that referenced all Bucks County veterans.

ACTION: MR. LEONHAUSER MOVED TO ALLOW A VIETNAM MEMORIAL AT VETERANS PARK. MR. TOSTI SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

6. 1st Quarter Financial Report
Brian Shapiro, Director of Finance and Human Resources

Mr. Shapiro presented his report, highlighting an increase in insurance premiums, improved returns in the Investment Fund, and an increase in revenue to the Highway Aid Fund.

Mr. Leonhauser asked for additional information about revenue from the Earned Income Tax.

7. Report from Township Actuary
Chuck Friedlander, Municipal Finance Partners, Inc.

Mr. Friedlander discussed the status of the Township's Pension Funds, highlighted the processes involved in determining the Township's payments.

Mr. Leonhauser noted the number of disability pensions compared to retirees and widows, highlighting that many of the disability pensions were awarded in the 1990s or early 2000s. He also noted the lack of cost of living adjustments for those on disability pensions.

8. Consideration of awarding a contract to General Asphalt Paving, Co, Philadelphia in the amount of \$1,057,318 for the Township's 2019 Road Paving Program. (Duly advertised in the *Bucks County Courier Times* on March 13 and March 18, 2019; proof of publication has been received.)

Director of Building and Zoning Pat Duffy explained the results of the bid for the 2019 Road Paving Program and recommended the Board award the bid to General Asphalt Paving Company.

Ms. Strouse asked about the quality of work compared to the company used previously.

Mr. Tosti asked about the timing of the project, which Mr. Duffy noted will likely begin over the summer.

MR. TOSTI MOVED TO AWARD THE CONTRACT TO GENERAL ASPHALT PAVING COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,057,318 FOR THE TOWNSHIP'S 2019 ROAD PAVING PROGRAM. MR. KSIAZEK SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

9. Consideration of authorizing advertisement of bid specifications for the Middletown Skate Park

Director of Parks and Recreation Paul Kopera explained the planned bid specifications for the Skate Park.

Ms. Strouse asked for clarification about the project cost and expected timing.

ACTION: MS. STROUSE MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE BID SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE MIDDLETOWN SKATE PARK. MR. KSIAZEK SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

10. Consideration of authorizing advertisement of an ordinance establishing No Parking on certain sections of Terrace Road

ACTION: MR. TOSTI MOVED TO TABLE THE ISSUE UNTIL ADDITIONAL FEEDBACK CAN BE OBTAINED FROM RESIDENTS. MS. STROUSE SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

11. Consideration of authorizing purchase of two backstops for Firefighters Park from EC Fence & Iron Works, PA in the amount of \$10,190.

Mr. Kopera explained the request to continue the renovation project at Firefighters Park.

ACTION: MR. TOSTI MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF TWO BACKSTOPS FOR FIREFIGHTERS PARK FROM EC FENCE & IRON WORKS, PA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,190. MR. KSIAZEK SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

12. Consideration of authorizing execution of a Retirement Agreement and Honorable Discharge between Detective David Strother and Middletown Township

ACTION: MR. TOSTI MOVED TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF A RETIREMENT AGREEMENT AND HONORABLE DISCHARGE BETWEEN DETECTIVE DAVID STROTHER AND MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP. MR. KSIAZEK SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

13. Consideration of authorizing a supply agreement for Township electrical accounts

Assistant to the Township Manager Scott Sadowsky explained the recommendation to select electricity supply rates beginning in May 2020.

Mr. Tosti asked about the previous rates that were selected.

Ms. Strouse asked if the rate was favorable compared to the current PECO rate.

ACTION: MS. STROUSE MOVED TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH CONSTELLATION ENERGY FOR ELECTRICITY SUPPLY FOR 36 MONTHS. MR. TOSTI SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

14. Consideration of authorizing approval of the Letter of Agreement with Tyler Rae Design, LLC, to complete the green renovation design project at the Middletown County Club.

Mr. Shapiro explained that the planned renovation of two holes at the Middletown Country Club would require the assistance of a golf course architect to assist with the design.

Mr. Tosti asked if the architect would follow up after work is complete to ensure the work is done properly, and Mr. Shapiro noted it would be in the bid specifications.

Ms. Strouse asked the cost was included in the budgeted amount for the project, which Mr. Shapiro noted it was not.

ACTION: MR. TOSTI MOVED TO AUTHORIZE APPROVAL OF THE LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH TYLER RAE DESIGN, LLC, TO COMPLETE THE GREEN RENOVATION DESIGN PROJECT AT THE MIDDLETOWN COUNTRY CLUB. MR. KSIAZEK SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-1 WITH MS. STROUSE IN OPPOSITION.

15. Other Business.

Ms. Teoli Kuhls thanked Mr. Shapiro for his service to the Township ahead of his move to a new position.

Mr. Tosti complimented the work at Firefighters Park by the Department of Public Works.

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

17. Adjournment.

ACTION: MR. KSIAZEK MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:11 P.M. MS. STROUSE SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.