

**MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PUBLIC MEETING
JUNE 10, 2019**

PRESENT

THOMAS TOSTI, CHAIRPERSON	}	
MICHAEL KSIAZEK, VICE CHAIRPERSON	}	
AMY STROUSE, SECRETARY	}	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WILLIAM OETTINGER	}	
STEPHANIE TEOLI KUHL, TOWNSHIP MANAGER		
JAMES ESPOSITO, ESQ., TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR		
ISAAC KESSLER, P.E., TOWNSHIP ENGINEER		

1. Call to Order

National Anthem

Led by Dakota Yates

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Boy Scout Troop #19

Roll Call

All Supervisors were in attendance with the exception of Mr. Leonhauser.

2. Announcements, correspondence, awards and reports.

- a. Next Board of Supervisors Meeting – Monday, July 15, 2019 @7:00 p.m.
- b. Presentation Middletown Community Foundation Scholarship Awards – Diane Loomis
The following students were presented with \$1,500 scholarships:

Adrianna Fisher, Neshaminy High School will attend Temple University
Sydney Swope, Neshaminy High School will attend University of the Sciences
Elizabeth Eisele, Archbishop Wood High School will attend Penn State University

- c. Police Department Recognitions
 - Lieutenant Ken Mellus – West Point Leadership School
 - Captain Pete Feeney – FBI National Academy

Chief Joseph Bartorilla recognized Lt. Ken Mellus and Captain Pete Feeney for their great accomplishments in graduating in the top of their class from West Point Leadership School and the FBI National Academy respectively.

Mr. Tosti reminded everyone of the Township’s 4th of July Parade and invited all to attend this great Township event.

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

Rob Scheer, 2221 Cabot Boulevard has a family-owned business on Cabot Boulevard and stated the many vehicles for the Amazon warehouse that use the 2 lane access road cause traffic issues from inconvenient to significant delays. He also stated that this is causing a safety issue as the fire lane is blocked. Mr. Scheer's suggestion was to prevent stopping on that roadway.

Suzanne Van Camp, Twin Oaks resident spoke about the Viet Nam Memorial proposed for Veterans' Park.

4. **Consent Agenda Items.**

- a. Consideration of authorizing payment of June 10, 2019 Bill List in the amount of \$1,334,985.70.
- b. Consideration of approving the May 20, 2019 Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Middletown Township Board of Supervisors.
- c. Consideration of authorizing the Stonehaven Langhorne Construction Escrow Fund release in the amount of \$51,620.45.
- d. Consideration of approving Change Order #2, 2018 Handicap Ramp Program reflecting adjustments to the scope of work being performed by L.C. Costa Contractors, Inc.
- e. Consideration of authorizing Payment Certificate No. 2 to L.C. Costa Contractors, Inc., in the amount of \$3,289.71 for the 2018 Handicap Ramp Program.
- f. Consideration of enacting Resolution #19-11R, enacting the roadway lighting agreement for Brownsville Road over Neshaminy Creek Bridge Replacement Project.

ACTION: MR. KSIAZEK MOVED TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A THRU F AS LISTED ABOVE. MS. STROUSE SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0.

5. Consideration of approving the Middletown Township Police Pension & Non-Uniform Pension Investment Fund Policy Statement.

Ms. Teoli Kuhls advised that the Middletown Township Pension Committee met in April to discuss updates to the Investment Policy Statement (IPS) with the investment advisor, Stifel Nicolaus, Inc. The current IPS document was last updated in 2003.

The following changes were recommended:

- The new IPS clearly lays out the stated benchmarks for the plan
- The Target Asset Mix Table has been updated giving the manager more flexibility to be protective. The previous IPS had a mandatory Equity minimum of 30%. The new IPS allows the manager to go to 0% equity. Although an unlikely scenario, this does provide the ability for the plan to become extremely conservative should the manager deem necessary
- Objectives are clearly stated with updated language

- Asset classes that are allowed or prohibited from the plan are updated and formalized.

ACTION: MS. STROUSE MOVED TO APPROVE THE MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP POLICE PENSION & NON-UNION PENSION INVESTMENT FUND POLICY STATEMENT. MR. KSIAZEK SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0.

6. Consideration of Awarding the Skate Park Bid to 5th Pocket Skateparks, Langhorne, PA at a cost of \$325,000.

Mr. Kopera stated that this project was duly advertised in the *Bucks County Courier Times* on April 23, April 29 and May 6, 2019; proof of publication has been received. The Township received three bids to build the 8,600 square foot concrete skatepark from the following bidders:

5 th Pocket Skateparks, Langhorne, PA	- \$325,000
Grindline Skateparks, Inc., Seattle, WA	- \$449,700
Evergreen Skateparks, LLC, Portland OR	- \$520,300

Mr. Kopera advised that in this instance the designer of the skatepark is also the low bidder.

Fundraising efforts by the Skate Park Community and sitting Board Members has raised over \$72,000 to date.

Mr. Tosti thanked Ms. Strouse for her efforts in aiding the raising of funds for the park. Ms. Strouse thanked the business community for their help in this effort.

ACTION: MS. STROUSE MOVED TO AWARD THE SKATE PARK BID TO 5TH POCKET SKATEPARKS, LANGHORNE, PA AT A COST OF \$325,000. MR. KSIAZEK SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0.

7. Consideration of authorizing advertisement of a bid to remove 500 feet of fencing and invasive species and removal of dead trees at Spring Valley Farm. (Bucks County Open Space Grant)

Mr. Kopera explained that in 2016, the Board authorized the submission of an application for \$142,500 of Bucks County Municipal Open Space funds that required a Township match of \$47,500 to upgrade the landscaping at Spring Valley Farm which was purchased by the Township in 2013.

The Master Plan for the 10.4 acre Spring Valley Farm called for the removal of approximately 500 linear feet of old, rusted fencing that is wrapped up by invasive species including poison ivy, many dead trees, and a 300 year-old Sycamore tree that requires special care as well.

ACTION: MR. TOSTI MOVED TO AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT OF A BID TO REMOVE 500 FEET OF FENCING AND INVASIVE SPECIES AND REMOVAL OF DEAD TREES AT SPRING VALLEY FARM. MS. STROUSE SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0.

8. Consideration of authorizing the purchase of one (1) Graco Thermolazer Promelt from Sealmaster, Allentown, PA and one (1) Integrity HL7 X16-T Trailer from D & D Trailers, Inc., Trenton, NJ for a total amount of \$21,721.

Mr. Gartenmayer explained that the purchase of the thermoplastic line painting machine will aid the Department of Public Works as the paint lasts four to five years as compared to one year for regular paint. This will be extremely helpful for crosswalks, road markings and intersections that are maintained by the Township.

In addition, as the crew becomes familiar with the machine, they will be able to take over the line and marking paintings for larger intersections that are currently contracted out. Eventually, almost all intersections will be taken over, saving significantly on the contracted service. Currently \$100,000 is budgeted annually for contracted line painting.

ACTION: MS. STROUSE MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) GRACO THERMOLAZER PROMELT FROM SEALMASTER, ALLENTOWN, PA AND ONE (1) INTEGRITY HL7 X16-T TRAILER FROM D & D TRAILERS, INC., TRENTON, NJ FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$21,721. MR. KSIAZEK SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0.

9. Department Report – Public Works – Eric Gartenmayer, Superintendent

Mr. Gartenmayer made a presentation explaining in great detail the duties and projects of the Public Works Department.

10. Stormwater Management Presentation – Isaac Kessler, P.E.

Mr. Kessler made a slide show presentation on the importance of stormwater management.

11. Other Business.

Mr. Oettinger stated that he saw Eric Gartenmayer, Superintendent of Public Works this past weekend at several different locations throughout the Township working on various projects. He said that it is great to see that he takes a hands-on approach and is not afraid to go out and work with his staff.

Mr. Oettinger also gave kudos to the emergency services workers who aided in the rescue of the recent drowning victim on Wednesday, May 29th.

Mr. Tosti advised that there is a Citizen Summer School session scheduled for Wednesday, June 12, 2019 beginning at 6:00 p.m. on how to recognize scams.

Mr. Tosti once again invited everyone to the 4th of July Parade.

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

13. Adjournment.

ACTION: MR. TOSTI MOVED TO ADJOURN THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AT 8:00 P.M. MS. STROUSE SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0.