

**MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PUBLIC MEETING
MARCH 4, 2019**

PRESENT

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

1. Call to Order

Mr. Tosti called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

National Anthem – Dakota Yates, co-winner, Teen Talent Competition

Roll Call

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

2. Announcements, correspondence, awards and reports.

- a. Next Board of Supervisors Meeting – Monday, March 18, 2019 @7:00 p.m.
- b. Sound the Alarm – Save a Life Campaign – Saturday, April 6, 2019

Mr. Esposito advised that an Executive Session was held prior to this evenings meeting to discuss Real Estate matters.

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

Sheldon Post, Red Rose Gate spoke at the November 5, 2018 Public Meeting concerning section signs in the neighborhoods. He was happy to see that the Board is moving forward with the neighborhood sign program. Mr. Post inquired about missing street signs and the purpose of PA One Call. Ms. Teoli explained PA One Call stating it is a process by which the underground utilities are marked before any digging is done.

Natalie O'Donnell, Middletown resident reminded the public that PA Department of Environmental Protection is holding an open meeting concerning Elcon on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at the Sheraton Bucks County from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. She urged all to attend this meeting as Elcon is getting closer to approval in Falls Township.

4. Consent Agenda Items.

- a. Consideration of authorizing payment of March 4, 2019 Bill List in the amount of 904,742.82.
- b. Consideration of approving the February 19, 2019 Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Middletown Township Board of Supervisors.
- c. Consideration of enacting Resolution #19-08R destruction of records.

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

5. Consideration of authorizing purchase of fifteen (15) TASER X26P units and associated equipment for the Police Department at a cost of \$18,440.70

Captain Pete Feeney advised that the Middletown Police Department is currently using TASERS that are obsolete. There will be no replacement parts produced for the current TASERS. The Police Department has devised a three (3) year replacement plan to upgrade to the TASER X26P. This is Year 1 of the TASER upgrade and would require the purchase of fifteen (15) TASER X26Ps and the associated equipment (TASER holster and belt pouch for spare TASER cartridge).

The purchase of these TASERS and associated equipment will be funded from the 2019 Capital Budget at a cost of \$18,440.70.

ACTION: MS. STROUSE MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF (15) TASER X26P UNITS AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AT A COST OF \$18,440.70 FROM AXON ENTERPRISE, INC. MR. TOSTI SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

6. Consideration of authorizing purchase of one (1) 2019 F-550 Chassis, Regular Cab from Koch 33 Ford, Easton, PA; one (1) 9' Gallion Model Stainless Steel Dump Body with Snow Plow, Spreader and accessories from U.S. Municipal Supply, King of Prussia, PA for a total of \$87,836.

Eric Gartenmayer, Public Works Superintendent advised that the proposed purchase of one (1) 2019 Ford F-550 Chassis XL 4x4 SD regular cab from Koch 33 Ford, Easton, PA is funded by the 2019 Road Machinery Fund Budget.

ACTION: MS. STROUSE MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2019 F-550 CHASSIS, REGULAR CAB FROM KOCH 33 FORD, EASTON, PA; ONE (1) 9' GALLION MODEL STAINLESS STEEL DUMP BODY WITH SNOW PLOW, SPREADER AND ACCESSORIES FROM U.S. MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, KING OF PRUSSIA, PA FOR A TOTAL OF \$87,836. MR. KSIAZEK SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

7. Consideration of authorizing purchase of a Ford F-350 for Parkland Fire Company at a cost of \$92,204. This amount will be reimbursed by the Bucks County Redevelopment Authority Grant Program.

Scott Sadowsky, Assistant to the Township Manager advised that the Township received an RDA grant in the amount of \$88,999 for the purchase of a vehicle for the Parkland Fire Company. The new vehicle will replace a vehicle on the Township apparatus plan that has passed its useful life.

The total cost of the vehicle and upfit options totals \$92,204. The RDA grant will reimburse the Township the full grant amount and Parkland will reimburse the Township for the remaining \$3,205.

ACTION: MR. KSIAZEK MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A FORD F-350 FOR PARKLAND FIRE COMPANY AT A COST OF \$92,204. MS. STROUSE SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

8. Consideration of appointing Pension Fund Manager

Ms. Teoli Kuhls advised that a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Pension Fund Investment Consulting Services was released in July 2018, with eighteen (18) submissions received the following September. After thorough review of the proposals, the Pension Committee recommended five (5) finalists: Stifel, CBIZ InR, Marquette, PFM and Univest. The Board of Supervisors recently interviewed the five (5) finalists.

ACTION:MR. LEONHAUSER MOVED TO REAPPOINT STIFEL AS THE MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PENSION FUND INVESTMENT MANAGER AND AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER AND TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS EFFECTUATING THIS APPOINTMENT. MR. TOSTI SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

9. Consideration of authorizing advertisement of an ordinance to locate a stop sign at Maple Point and Croasdale Drive.

Mr. Sadowsky advised that a resident of Maple Point raised a concern to the Citizens' Traffic Commission (CTC) regarding the intersection of Croasdale Drive and Maple Point Drive. The Police Department and the Traffic Engineer observed that motorists on Croasdale Drive rarely properly yielded to traffic on Maple Point Drive. After discussion at the CTC meeting the group unanimously agreed that one stop sign on the Croasdale Drive side of the intersection would improve safety conditions by reinforcing the right-of-way of motorists on Maple Pint Drive.

ACTION: MS. STROUSE MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISEMENT OF AN ORDINANCE TO LOCATE A STOP SIGN AT MAPLE POINT AND CROASDALE DRIVE. MR. KSIAZEK SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

10. Department Update:

Parks & Recreation Department – Paul Kopera

Mr. Kopera made a presentation on the Parks & Recreation Department.

11. Revisions to Zoning Ordinance for Levittown Sections

Mr. Esposito explained that over the past few years, Middletown Township has received an influx of variance applications from residents of Levittown, as it appears that the percentages of allowable building coverage/area and the maximum impervious surface ratio is insufficient to allow residents to add relatively minor additions, such as sheds and porches and other accessory structures, to their properties without violating the Zoning Ordinance.

Mr. Esposito further advised that in order to alleviate the cost and time issue for both the residents and Township due to the zoning variance applications emanating from Levittown residents, Middletown Township should consider amending the applicable provisions of its Zoning Ordinance to increase its allowable building coverage area and maximum impervious surface ratio in the R-1 and R-2 Districts to be more in line with the zoning requirements of Falls and Bristol Township.

ACTION: MR. KSIAZEK MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR TO PREPARE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUILDING COVERAGE AREA AND IMPERVIOUS SURFACE RATIOS IN THE R-1 AND R-2 ZONING DISTRICTS AS DISCUSSED AND SEND TO THE TOWNSHIP AND COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSIONS FOR REVIEW. MR. TOSTI SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

12. Other Business.

Ms. Teoli Kuhls thanked all of the Township employees and first responders for a great job during the past snow event.

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

14. Adjournment.

ACTION: MS. STROUSE MOVED TO ADJOURN THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AT 7:40 P.M. MR. TOSTI SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.