

**MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
PUBLIC MEETING  
MAY 20, 2019**

**PRESENT**

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

1. National Anthem  
Led by Melanie Moyer
  
2. Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call.  
Announcements, correspondence, awards and reports.
  - a. Next Board of Supervisors Meeting – Monday, June 10, 2019 @7:00 p.m.
  - b. Fire Company and Rescue Squad Recognitions
  - c. Police Month  
Proclamation designating May as Police Month  
Proclamation designating May19-25, 2019 Emergency Medical Services Week
  - d. Neshaminy Girls Basketball Team Recognition
  - e. Recognition of Park Volunteer Projects  
Comcast Cares-Detective Christopher Jones Memorial Park &  
Lance Corporal Harry J. Simmons, Jr. Memorial Park  
Home Depot-Veterans Park

Mr. Esposito advised that an Executive Session was held prior to this evening’s meeting concerning ongoing litigation and personnel matters.

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

Ms. Diegel, Quincy Hollow, Levittown spoke about the lack of appreciation and pay for the volunteer firefighters of the Township.

Suzanne Van Camp, Deep Dale, Levittown spoke about the maintenance of the Veterans’ Park and stated that she has been volunteering at the park for many years. She went into great detail about her displeasure of the way the park is maintained.

Rich Carragher, 227 Kilburn Road, Langhorne inquired about the ordinance allowing vehicles to be parked on a public street for 21 days without being moved.

## 4. Consent Agenda Items.

- a. Consideration of authorizing payment of May 20, 2019 Bill List in the amount of \$2,325,727.89.
- b. Consideration of approving the April 22, 2019 Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Middletown Township Board of Supervisors.
- c. Consideration of approving Change Order #1, 2018 Handicap Ramp Program reflecting adjustments to the scope of work being performed by L.C. Costa Contractors, Inc.
- d. Consideration of authorizing Payment Certificate No. 1 to LC. Costa Contractors, Inc., in the amount of \$161,195.98 for the 2018 Handicap Ramp Program

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

## 5. Consideration of enacting Resolution #19-10R in Support of Restore Pennsylvania.

Scott Sadowsky, Assistant to the Township Manager explained that this program aims to provide funding to municipalities for infrastructure development projects. Grants would be made available for projects in five major categories:

- High Speed Internet projects
- Storm Preparedness and Disaster Relief Funding
- Downstream Manufacturing, Business Development and Energy Infrastructure
- Demolition, Revitalization and Renewal Funding
- Transportation Capital Projects

Of particular interest to Middletown is that the Storm Preparedness section would provide funding for stormwater infrastructure projects that could help the Township with its stormwater MS4 obligations and flood prevention efforts.

ACTION: MR. TOSTI MOVED TO ENACT RESOLUTION #19-10R IN SUPPORT OF RESTORE PENNSYLVANIA. MS. STROUSE SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

## 6. Consideration of the release of an RFP for Act 511 Tax Collection Services

Ms. Teoli Kuhls stated that currently the Township levies four taxes that are authorized by Act 511, the Local Tax Enabling Law; Amusement, Local Services, Mercantile and Parking. These four taxes have always been collected by Berkheimer. It is a Best Management Practice to periodically release an RFP for this type of professional service.

ACTION: MR. TOSTI MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF AN RFP FOR AMUSEMENT, LOCAL SERVICES, MERCANTILE AND PARKING TAX COLLECTION SERVICES. MR. KSIAZEK SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

## 07. Consideration of approving the 2019 Firefighter Incentive Program

Ms. Teoli Kuhls advised that during the 2019 Budget process, the Board of Supervisors allocated \$30,000 for the Volunteer Firefighter Incentive Program. As part of the program, all active volunteers will receive \$250 for their service in 2018. Volunteers are also given \$100 credit toward parks and recreation programming for their family.

All four fire companies have provided their list of active volunteers from 2018. Please see below the number of eligible volunteers for each fire company and the corresponding payment to be made:

Parkland	-	19	-	\$4,750
Penndel	-	20	-	\$5,000
Langhorne-Middletown	-	27	-	\$6,750
William Penn	-	31	-	\$7,570

In the event the Board would like to extend this program to the Penndel Middletown Rescue Squad, please see below their list of volunteers with the corresponding payment:

Penndel Middletown Rescue Squad		31	-	\$7,750
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The total amount to be paid to fire companies is \$24,250 which falls within the \$30,000 budgeted allocation. The total amount to be paid to the rescue squad is \$7,750. If the Board wishes to include the rescue squad, the total amount for the program would be \$32,000. As noted above, \$30,000 was allocated in the 2019 Budget.

**ACTION: MR. TOSTI MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE 2019 VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE INCENTIVE PROGRAM. MR. KSIAZEK SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.**

## 8. Discussion of the Fireworks Ordinance

Mr. Esposito explained that he has developed proposed revisions to the Township's Zoning Ordinance to provide for permanent and temporary facilities for sales of consumer fireworks. These proposed provisions address state law changes pertaining to consumer fireworks and a subsequent December 2018 Commonwealth Court decision that impacted that state law's provisions governing temporary facilities for fireworks sales.

**ACTION: MS. STROUSE MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISEMENT OF THE FIREWORKS ORDINANCE INCORPORATING COMMENTS FROM BUCKS COUNTY AND MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSIONS. MR. KSIAZEK SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.**

## 9. Other Business.

Mr. Esposito gave an overview of Tax Assessment Appeal and proposed stipulations for Oxford Valley Mall properties.

**ACTION: MR. TOSTI MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR TO PREPARE A STIPULATION FOR SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE TAX ASSESSMENT APPEAL FOR THE OXFORD VALLEY MALL PROPERTIES. MR. KSIAZEK SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY 5-0.**

Ms. Teoli Kuhls gave kudos to the Department of Public Works for the great job they did at the Firefighters' Park.

Mr. Leonhauser also congratulated the employees of DPW.

Ms. Strouse corrected Roll Call stating that the Chief of Police was not present as he is attending the Mass for Police Month.

Mr. Tosti pointed out the importance of the recognition of Detective Christopher Jones Way so police officers remember him when they drive in to work.

Mr. Tosti also advised that a forum will be held on June 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. regarding door to door solicitors and phone calls.

Mr. Tosti wished all a Happy and Safe Memorial Day.

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

A representative of Senator Tomlinson's Office and Representative Frank Farry presented commendations for Pennel Middletown Rescue Squads.

11. Adjournment.

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