

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING - VIRTUAL

JANUARY 19, 2021 | 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT

TOM TOSTI, Chairperson }
ANNA PAYNE, Vice Chairperson }
DAWN QUIRPLE, *Secretary* } Board of Supervisors
AMY STROUSE }
MIKE KSIAZEK }
STEPHANIE TEOLI KUHL, TOWNSHIP MANAGER
JAMES ESPOSITO, ESQ., TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR
OWEN HYNE, P.E., TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

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

Mr. Tosti called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Ms. Quirple called roll. All Supervisors were in attendance (virtually) along with the Township Manager Stephanie Teoli Kuhls, Solicitor James Esposito, Engineer Owen Hyne and department directors.

2. Announcements and Special Items.

- a. Next Board of Supervisors Meeting - February 1, 2021 @7:00 p.m.

- b. Upcoming Events:

- Woof-a-palooza – Virtual Race – January 1-31
Mr. Tosti reported on the Woof-a-palooza virtual race that will support the purchase of a police K9. Sponsored by the Middletown Community Foundation, the event runs the entire month of January.
- 2021 Teen Talent Show – Virtual January & February
Mr. Tosti stated that this will be the 16th Annual Teen Talent Show. Registration details are available on the Township website.

- c. Swearing-in of Officer Joseph Heller

Chief Bartorilla provided background information on Officer Heller and stated that Officer Heller was sworn in earlier today at District Judge Baranoski's office. Mr. Tosti virtually swore Officer Heller in and welcomed him to Middletown Police Department.

3. Public Comment. **Non-Agenda Items only.**

None.

4. Consent Agenda Items.

- a. Consideration of authorizing payment of January 19, 2021 Bill List in the amount of \$2,541,847.92.
- b. Consideration of approving the Minutes of the January 4, 2021 Public Meeting of the Middletown Township Board of Supervisors.
- c. Consideration of approving Construction Escrow Release #8 in the amount of \$25,275.00 for Stonehaven Langhorne, LLP.
- d. Consideration of approving Construction Escrow Release in the amount of \$63,894.75 for ECI Comfort, West Gillam Avenue.

Action: Ms. Payne motioned to approve consent agenda items A-D as listed above; seconded by Ms. Quirple. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

5. Consideration of approving Resolution #21-02R - #21-05R, accepting Bucks County Redevelopment Authority Grants.

Ms. Teoli Kuhls provided an overview of the four (4) grants recently awarded to Middletown Township.

Action: Ms. Strouse motioned to approve Resolution #21-02R thru #21-05R accepting Bucks County Redevelopment Authority Grants; seconded by Ms. Payne. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

6. Consideration of enacting Ordinance #21-02 Police Pension Amendment.

Ms. Teoli Kuhls noted the ordinance would effectuate pension changes from the recent Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA).

Action: Mr. Tosti motioned to enact Ordinance #21-02 Police Pension Amendment; seconded by Ms. Payne. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

7. Consideration of authorizing approval of purchasing three police vehicles.

Chief Bartorilla said the Township was awarded Redevelopment Authority (RDA) funding for 2021 for the purchase of vehicles for the Police Department. The purchase would include two (2) Ford Utility Police Interceptor AWD vehicles and one (1) Dodge Charger Police AWD vehicle. All three (3) vehicles to be fully marked and equipped patrol units and will complete the 2021 authorized purchase of police vehicles.

The RDA awarded \$119,647 for the police vehicles. The overall cost of this purchase is \$123,069. The Township is supplementing \$3,422 of the purchase through the Capital fund.

Action: *Ms. Quirple motioned to authorize the purchase of two (2) 2021 Ford Utility Vehicles and one (1) 2021 Dodge charger with lighting and detailing from Chapman Auto Group with a total cost of \$123,069; seconded by Mr. Ksiazek. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.*

8. Consideration of approving advertisement of a bid to replace the asphalt shingle roof and gutters at the Community Park Barn.

Mr. Kopera explained that the existing roof on the barn is 25 years old and is missing patches of shingles. The barn is the main building that was used by the Parks & Recreation Department to generate approximately \$300,000 of the Department's annual revenue in 2019. The barn's primary use is home base for 150 children during the eight-week Summer Rec Program. The barn also provides steady rental income from the Neshaminy School District, a group of artists, quilters and family parties and also offers space for yoga classes, dog lessons and the occasional teen band night.

The 2021 Capital Budget includes \$99,000 in improvements for the Middletown Community Park and of that amount \$65,000 was planned for the new roof and gutters on the barn.

Mr. Tosti asked for an update on the plans for the 2021 Summer Camp.

Action: *Mr. Tosti motioned to authorize the advertisement to solicit bids for the new asphalt roof and gutters project on the barn at Middletown Community Park; seconded by Ms. Payne. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.*

9. Other Business.

Mr. Esposito stated that an Executive Session was held prior to the meeting to discuss ongoing Real Estate matters.

Ms. Teoli Kuhls said that during the 2021 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 2020.

All four (4) fire companies and the rescue squad have provided their lists of active volunteers from 2020. The total amount to be paid is \$30,000 from the Fire Protection Fund. Below is a list of the eligible volunteers for each entity and the corresponding payment to be made:

Parkland	18	\$4,500
Penndel	19	\$4,750
Langhorne-Middletown	29	\$7,250
William Penn	29	\$7,250
Penndel Middletown Rescue	25	\$6,250

Action: Mr. Tosti moved to authorize the 2020 Volunteer Firefighter and Emergency Response Incentive; seconded by Ms. Quirple. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Ms. Quirple congratulated Officer Heller and welcomed him to the Middletown Police Department.

Mr. Tosti advised that Bucks County is rolling out the COVID-19 vaccine for Phase 2. He directed Township Staff to provide a link to the County website to register for the vaccine.

10. Adjournment.

Action: Mr. Ksiazek motioned to adjourn the public meeting of the Middletown Township Board of Supervisors at 7:18 p.m.; seconded by Ms. Payne. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.