

Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting

March 21, 2022 | 7:00 p.m.

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

Mr. Ksiazek called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. after the Pledge of Allegiance, Ms. Quirple called roll. Supervisors Ksiazek, Quirple, Hannah and Kane attended in person, along with the Township Manager Stephanie Teoli Kuhls, Solicitor Maureen Carlton, Assistant Township Manager Nick Valla, and Township Engineer, Tyler Williams. Supervisor Payne attended the meeting virtually.

2) Announcements and Special Items.

Mr. Ksiazek made the following announcements:

- The Middletown Township Board of Supervisors joins in mourning the loss of two young Pennsylvania State Troopers (one of whom had ties to Bucks County) and a civilian who were killed early this morning on Interstate 95 in Philadelphia. Flags at Township facilities are flying at half-staff in honor of the troopers. The Board's thoughts are with the family and friends of the officers who gave their life for our safety.
 - In support of the Ukrainian people, the Township has placed the flag of Ukraine at our dais tonight. Middletown Township is proud to stand with the Ukrainian people as they fight for their freedom.
 - Middletown Township recently re-engaged Dynamix Consulting Group to conduct a strategic plan so that the community's fire protection services may be enhanced. Residents have an opportunity to provide feedback about their fire protection services by completing a survey available at www.middletownbucks.org/FireSurvey. This survey will be available until this Wednesday at 5 PM. The survey link is also available on our website.
- a) Next Board of Supervisors Meeting – Monday, April 4, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
- b) Police Department Commendations

Chief Bartorilla recognized the following employees for their recent outstanding work:

Officers Derek Leonhauser and Mike Stum, and Fire inspector Colby Fisher were given Life Saving Commendations, and Detective Andy Amoroso, Officer Tom Leinheiser, and Fire Inspector Matt Almeda were given Commendatory Citations for their work in responding to a horrific head on crash on Brownsville Rd. in January, suppressing a vehicle fire and freeing the trapped driver who was pinned in the vehicle.

Sergeant Matt Kroiss was given a Commendatory Citation for his outstanding investigative work and his recovery of \$150,000, all paid back to the victims of a contractor fraud.

Officer Mark Leonhauser and Detective Wayne George were given Commendatory Citations for a car stop and subsequent lengthy follow up investigation that led to an arrest and the recovery of 14 stolen catalytic converters, and likely prevented several more catalytic converters thefts in our area.

Chief Bartorilla recognized Officer Mark Leonhauser for 25 years of service. He provided remarks on the dedication and the years of service Officer Leonhauser has provided to Middletown Township.

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, Mr. Ksiazek thanked the Police Officers and Fire Inspectors with the upmost respect for their daily service to the Township.

c) Upcoming Events

- Shred Event – Saturday, April 9, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon – Oxford Valley Mall
 - Mr. Ksiazek thanked Inspire Federal Credit Union and the Oxford Valley Mall for their help with this event.
- Earth Day – Saturday, April 23, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – Core Creek Park

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

Eric Bruno, 79 Sweetgum, expressed concern of the damages being done by dirt bikes and ATVs in Forsythia Crossing Park. Ms. Teoli Kuhls asked Mr. Bruno to provide his contact information for a follow up to his concern.

4) Consent Agenda Items

- a) Consideration of authorizing payment of March 21, 2022 Bills List in the amount of \$828,163.01
- b) Consideration of approving the March 7, 2022 Minutes of the Public Meeting of Middletown Township Board of Supervisors.
- c) Consideration of approving Resolution #22-10R, authorizing submission to DCNR Bureau of Recreation and Conservation Community Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2).
- d) Consideration of approving Construction Escrow Release #9 for the Stonehaven Development in the amount of \$19,469.10.
- e) Consideration of approving Resolution #22-11R, for Sewer Facilities Planning Module, for the Oxford Valley Mall Multi-Family Redevelopment, 2300 Lincoln Highway, Langhorne.

Action: Mrs. Quirple made a motion to approve consent agenda Items A-E as listed above; seconded by Ms. Payne. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

- 5) Consideration of Application for Minor Subdivision and Land Development, 750 Olive Street, S/LD #22-02, TMP #22-017-160 and 22-017-159.

Bryce McGuigan, Begley, Carlin & Mandio, LLP, explained that the project is located at 750 Olive Street, near Hulmeville Road and Route 1. The Applicant proposes to conduct a lot-line adjustment for the two adjacent lots that he holds in common to create two (2) lots with the existing dwelling on one lot and a new single-family detached dwelling on the vacant lot. The project will also include grading, utilities, stormwater management, and erosion control.

Mr. McGuigan explained that two variances were granted by the Zoning Hearing Board and a recommendation for approval has been received from the Township Planning Commission. He noted that two waivers are being requested and reviewed the waivers being requested in detail.

Mr. McGuigan noted that all items listed in the review letters have either been complied with or are a "will comply".

Action: Ms. Quirple made a motion to grant Minor Subdivision and Land Development approval for 750 Olive Street, S/LD #22-02, with the following conditions:

- 1. Applicant shall comply in full with all requirements of the Middletown Township subdivision and land development ordinance and the Middletown Township zoning ordinance, unless relief was granted by the body having jurisdiction.***
- 2. All comments still outstanding in review letters shall be fully addressed for plans to be considered final.***
- 3. Applicant will provide a fee in lieu of sidewalk required along the property frontage per their waiver request.***

Seconded by Ms. Payne. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

- 6) Consideration of enacting Ordinance #21-09 Age-Qualified Overlay.

Ms. Carlton explained that Bucks County and the Stone families are still having ongoing conversations about the Conservation Easement Agreement. Ms. Carlton noted that the ordinance discussion hearing will be continued until the April 18, 2022 Board of Supervisors meeting.

- 7) Consideration of awarding Road Materials Bid to Eureka Stone Quarry, Chalfont, PA in an amount not to exceed \$62,000.

Eric Gartenmayer, Public Works Superintendent, explained that the Public Works Department submitted an estimate on road material items to be used in the upcoming year with all items to be purchased on an as needed basis. He explained that Eureka Stone Quarry was the lowest bidder.

Mr. Gartenmayer confirmed for Mr. Ksiazek that the Funding for Road Material has been allocated in the 2022 Budget in the amount of \$62,000.

Action: Ms. Quirple made a motion to award the 2022-2023 Road Material Supplies Contract to Eureka Stone Quarry, Chalfont, Pa. in an amount not to exceed \$62,000; seconded by Ms. Payne. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

8) Consideration of approving Volunteer Firefighter and EMS Incentive for 2021.

Nick Valla, Assistant Township Manager, explained that in 2018, as an effort to retain volunteer firefighters and emergency responders, the Township instituted a Volunteer Firefighter & EMS Incentive Program. This program provides \$250 cash to active volunteers of each of the Township's four fire companies and the Penn-del-Middletown Emergency Squad (PMES). This incentive is available to volunteers who served in the year 2021. Across all five agencies, there were 120 volunteers, which amounts to a total of \$30,000 for the incentive program. \$30,000 was budgeted from the Fire Protection Fund. 120 volunteers for a total of \$30,000.

Action: Ms. Hannah moved to authorize the 2021 Volunteer Firefighter and Emergency Response Incentive Program; seconded by Ms. Kane. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

9) Other Business.

Ms. Hannah & Ms. Quirple thanked Middletown Township Police officers and first responders protecting and serving our community.

Ms. Kane stated that it was an honor to be present for tonight's officer commendations.

Ms. Payne questioned when the yard waste collection will resume. Mr. Valla confirmed that yard waste collection will resume Wednesdays in the month of April. She also congratulated all Police Officers and who received commendations at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Ksiazek expressed how truly lucky the Township is to have an amazing Police Department. He also congratulated the Police Officers and first responders who received commendations tonight.

10) Adjournment.

Action: Ms. Quirple made a motion to adjourn the Public Meeting of the Middletown Township Board of Supervisors at 7:50 p.m. Ms. Quirple seconded. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.