

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
JANUARY 12, 2015

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Township Council Held on, January 12, 2015 at 7:00 P.M., in the Township Administration Building located at 27 North Pennell Road

Present: M. Amoroso, L. Bradshaw, R. Carlson, S. Galloway, M. Kirchgasser, and C. Quinn

B. Clark, E. Janetka, Engineer, and J. Damico, Esquire

1. OPENING

Chairman Mr. Kirchgasser called the meeting of the Council to order at 7:08 P.M., and led recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

2. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

3. REPORTS

A. CHAIRPERSON

Mr. Kirchgasser noted that BET Investments moved their presentation for the Granite Run Redevelopment project to the January 26, 2015 meeting. As a result, Mr. Galloway moved to table agenda item 5B to the January 26th meeting and Ms. Amoroso seconded it. Council approved this motion unanimously with a vote of 6-0.

Mr. Kirchgasser then introduced former Chief Chip Lillie and current Chief Duke Nasino of Middletown Fire Company, who were present on behalf of the Delaware County Firemen's Association, along with the organization's President, Judy Kirby. Ms. Kirby stated that they were at the meeting to present a check to Kyle Mellon for his continuing education. She explained that Mr. Mellon was awarded the scholarship through the George T. Lewis Fund. Mr. Kirchgasser noted this was an award developed by the Association and that Mr. Mellon was the third volunteer fire fighter to receive the award. He informed those present that Mr. Mellon attends New Haven University for Fire Administration and that he has been a volunteer fire fighter with Middletown Fire Company for the past six years. Mr. Kirchgasser and other Council members congratulated Mr. Mellon for receiving this award.

Mr. Kirchgasser also acknowledged Bob Bond in the audience, who has been a volunteer fire fighter for the Township for over fifty years.

B. MANAGER

None

4. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Hearing to obtain citizen proposals and comments for a Middletown Township application to the Department of Housing and Community Development of Delaware County for projects to be funded by Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds for Fiscal Year 2015 in accord with the objectives and specific project areas defined within the Community Development Block Grant Program.
-

Mr. Clark explained that Mr. Janetka brought this possible grant opportunity to the Township's attention and that there is an area within the Township that qualifies for CDBG funding. Mr. Janetka identified the project area as E. Old Baltimore Pike. He stated that the deadline for the application was the next day, January 13th. Therefore, if Council approved the application, he would take it to County Planning Development by hand the next day. Mr. Clark reported that a letter was sent to residents early in the week prior to this meeting explaining what type of work could be done if the project grant was received and that tonight's Hearing was a requirement for the purposes of the application.

Using a map, Mr. Janetka highlighted the area on East Old Baltimore Pike that is proposed for the project. He explained the grant would allow for the replacement of the box culvert and installation of 500 feet of storm sewer pipe. He noted the old culvert is significantly deteriorated. Mr. Janetka reported that 18-20 acres drain to this location, which is relatively flat. Making these improvements will reduce water and ice on the road and help improve overall road conditions.

George Miles, 30 E. Old Baltimore Pike, inquired where the starting point of the first inlet would be. Mr. Janetka explained that the diagram was conceptual at this point, but that the starting point would be determined by where the road flattens out. Mr. Miles stated there is water on his driveway frequently and requested the work be extended to his area as well. Mr. Janetka stated that if the funding was received, the Township would be reaching out to the residents to identify problem areas.

Mr. Quinn moved to close the hearing. Ms. Amoroso seconded the motion and Council approved closing the hearing unanimously, with a vote of 6-0.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consideration of Municipal Application for Community Development Block Grant Funds for Fiscal Year 2015
-

Ms. Bradshaw motioned to approve the Municipal Application for CBDG funding for the proposed drainage project on E. Old Baltimore Pike. Mr. Carlson seconded this motion and Council approved Resolution 2015-21 with a vote of 6-0.

- B. Granite Run Mall—1067 W. Baltimore Pike—Project Status
-

This item was approved to be tabled until the January 26, 2015 meeting under Agenda item 3A.

C. Review of Zoning Hearing Board Application—2015-01 Commonwealth of PA—Media By-Pass Right-of-Way at Baltimore Pike Ramp

Mr. Clark stated that the zoning variance request is being made by the State Police, who wish to replace the existing antenna tower opposite of the Granite Run GM, and Buick dealership. This new antenna tower would be placed on State property by the turn around ramp and once installed, the current tower will be demolished. The tower is 250 feet high. Mr. Clark reported that the applicant contacted neighbors of this area for feedback and that a variance is needed due to the lot size, landscaping issues, and height of the antenna.

No Council member felt representation was needed at the Zoning Hearing Board.

D. Authorize Sale of Used Equipment—2002 E-1 Fire Rescue Pumper

Mr. Clark reported that a new fire vehicle was ordered last year and replacing two trucks to be sold. The first truck was already sold to a fire department in Michigan. The second fire rescue pumper was just put up for bid and a high bid of \$156,000 was received from Seven Valleys Fire Company in Pennsylvania. He informed Council that the Fire Apparatus Committee reviewed the proposal and that they recommended accepting the bid for \$156,000.

Mr. Galloway motioned to authorize the sale of the 2002 E-1 Fire Rescue Pumper in the amount of \$156,000. Ms. Amoroso seconded this motion and Council approved Resolution 2015-22 unanimously, with a vote of 6-0

E. Consideration for Adoption—An Ordinance Accepting Deed of Dedication from the Property Owners of Adjacent Development Known as Sweetwater-Valley, LLC Subdivision and the Autumn Woods Subdivision for the Right-of-Way of Autumn Woods Lane

Mr. Galloway motioned to table this agenda topic until the January 26, 2015 meeting. Ms. Bradshaw seconded this motion and Council approved unanimously with a vote of 6-0.

F. Update of Miscellaneous Fee Schedule and Consultant Plan Review & Inspection Fee Schedule for 2015

Mr. Clark explained that the Miscellaneous Fee Schedule and Consultant Plan Review & Inspection Fee Schedule are reviewed each year and usually updated following each of these reviews.

Ms. Bradshaw motioned to authorize the updated Miscellaneous Fee Schedule and Consultant Plan Review & Inspection Fee Schedule for 2015. Mr. Carlson seconded this motion and Council approved Resolution 2015-23 unanimously, with a vote of 6-0.

G. Approval of Bill List

Mr. Kirchgasser read aloud the bill list presented for Council's consideration for approval for payment.

Mr. Galloway moved that payments under the January 12, 2015 Bill List be authorized for payment by the Finance Department:

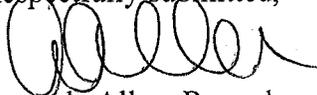
GENERAL FUND		
Independence Blue Cross	January Health Insurance	\$9,519.73
	Highway Share	\$10,343.12
	Library/Sewer Authority/Cobra Share	\$5,881.43
	Recreation Share	\$3,476.80
		\$29,221.08
Intercon Truck Equipment	(2) Boss 10' Super Duty Plows & New Truck Accessories	\$6,296.00
Keystone Information Systems	Software Maintenance & Licenses	\$11,696.00
	Tax Software Maintenance	\$3,984.00
		\$15,680.00
	Total General Fund	\$51,197.08

Mr. Quinn seconded the motion, and Council approved Resolution 2015-24 unanimously, with a vote of 6-0.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kirchgasser adjourned the meeting at 7:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


 Amanda Allen, Recorder