

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP  
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
May 11, 2015

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Township Council Held on, May 11, 2015 at 7:00 P.M., in the Township Administration Building located at 27 North Pennell Road

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

M. Merino and D. Petrosa Esquire

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1. OPENING

Chairman Mr. Kirchgasser called the meeting of the Council to order at 7:00 P.M., and led recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

2. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ken Dinitz, 612 W. Saint Andrews Drive, thanked the Township for paving Mt. Alverno Road. He expressed that he thought the work went smoothly and that he was very happy with the outcome. Mr. Dinitz noted that the area between Linvill and Howarth Road was not completed and stated he was hoping this project would be done. Mr. Kirchgasser explained that he was not sure but instructed Ms. Merino to look into this.

Wendy Hunsicker, South Pennell Road, stated that the front page of the Delaware County Daily Times discussed a movie being filmed at the Granite Run Mall. Mr. Kirchgasser commented that he received an email from Michael Markman, co-owner of the Granite Run property, minutes before the newspaper was released to inform him of this story. Mr. Kirchgasser reported that there was no application submitted for this use, nor was there intent expressed at this time by the owner. Ms. Hunsicker asked if the owners could legally allow a movie to be filmed at the property. Her main concern was that the movie discussed in the newspaper article to be filmed at this location was violent and involved the mall being blown up. Mr. Kirchgasser expressed that he does not have all the facts and that everything he read was speculation only. He instructed the solicitor to look into whether or not the property owners could legally allow a movie to be filmed on the property, with or without Township approval, and to report back next meeting. Ms. Hunsicker asked if this topic would come up at the Planning Commission meeting the following day. Ms. Bradshaw answered in the negative, explaining that there was no application submitted to review. Mr. Kirchgasser stated that the Township would look into zoning allowances and what applications may come in. He stated that the Township would share with her the findings of this research.

Kathleen Smith, 58 S. Pennell Road, noted that she was impacted when *Silver Lining Playbook* was filmed in Delaware County and that her office at work was actually used as a dressing room. She stated it lasted about 6 months and was annoying, but noted that a lot of

the movie was not shot on location. Based on this experience, she commented that it was possible the scene Ms. Hunsicker was concerned about regarding the mall being blown up, would likely not happen on location. She also felt that a lot of the information available right now was speculation only. Ms. HUNsicker said she understood but didn't want to see trailers parked on vacant Oriole Avenue lots. Ms. Bradshaw responded that could not happen as it is still zoned residential on that street.

3. REPORTS

A. CHAIRPERSON

Mr. Kirchgasser thanked the Parks and Recreation Committee for their hard work and dedication to Community Day. He felt that it was the best turnout yet and that the staff did a fantastic job organizing and running the event.

Ms. Bradshaw agreed and noted that Debbie Timblin did a lot of the work to make it a success.

B. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Carlson reported that the Finance and Administration Committee met to review the 2014 audit report.

C. MANAGER

Mr. Kirchgasser noted that Mr. Clark and Mr. Damico were out on vacation. As a result, Ms. Merino was present to represent the manager and Mr. Petrosa was present as acting-solicitor.

Ms. Merino announced that the electronic recycling and shredding day was scheduled to take place on May 30, 2015 at the Granite Run Mall parking lot. She stated they would accept anything with a plug. She encouraged residents to take advantage of this event.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Acceptance of Certificate of Total Completion—Sweetwater Valley; Autumn Woods:  
72 W. Forge Road

Ms. Merino reported the subdivision at this property has been completed and Mr. Rothe signed off on certificate of total completion. Mr. Galloway motioned to accept the certificate of total completion for 72 W. Forge Road. Ms. Amoroso seconded this motion and Council approved Resolution 2015-48 unanimously with a vote of 7-0.

B. Authorize Purchase of Emergency Vehicle—Middletown Fire Company

Ms. Merino explained the Fire Company has requested financial support for the purchase of a command vehicle. Under the COSTARS Program, 2 quotes were received. The lowest quote was for \$27,206.56 and would be for a Ford all wheel drive utility vehicle. If approved, she explained the Township would reimburse the Fire Company.

Mr. Shropshire explained that this extra vehicle was requested in order to reduce the amount of equipment responding for alarms and other calls that may not warrant fire trucks. He noted that he and Mr. Kirchgasser worked on this task with the Fire Company in order to reduce the exposure of the equipment on the road.

Mr. Shropshire motioned to authorize the reimbursement to the Fire Company of the purchase cost of the emergency vehicle in the amount of \$27,206.56. Mr. Carlson seconded this motion and Council approved Resolution 2015-49 unanimously with a vote of 7-0.

C. Amendment of Employee Pension Plan

Mr. Kirchgasser reported that in order to control costs, the Township will occasionally make adjustments with staff. The current proposed pension plan amendment would make the option available for Township staff to take advantage of early retirement for a limited time period.

Mr. Shropshire motioned to approve the Amendment to the Employee Pension Plan. Ms. Bradshaw seconded this motion and Council approved Resolution 2015-50 unanimously with a vote of 7-0.

D. Approval of Bill List

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

Mr. Carlson moved that payments under the May 11, 2015 Bill List be authorized for payment by the Finance Department:

|                   |                      |             |
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|                   | <b>GENERAL FUND</b>  |             |
| Independence Blue | May Health Insurance | \$10,503.40 |
| Cross             | Highway Share        | \$11,486.30 |
|                   | Rothe Cobra          | \$821.40    |
|                   | Recreation Share     | \$3,786.72  |

\$26,597.82

**RECREATIONAL ENTERPRISE  
FUND**

|                      |               |                    |
|----------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Celebrity Limo       | Various Trips | \$7,035.00         |
| Touriffic Travel     | Hudson Valley | \$15,000.00        |
| The Travel Authority | Cape Cod      | \$5,842.57         |
|                      |               | <u>\$27,877.57</u> |

Ms. Amoroso seconded this motion and Council approved Resolution 2015-51 unanimously with a vote of 7-0.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kirchgasser adjourned the meeting at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Amanda Allen, Recorder