

Middlesex Township Board of Supervisors
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
February 21, 2007

The Regular Meeting of the Middlesex Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Alonzo Van Atta, Vice Chairman Mark Vincent, Supervisor Dave McMaster, Solicitor Michael Hnath, Manager Scot Fodi, and Secretary Linda Young.

Eric Urbanowicz, Overbrook Road, announced that he was recording the meeting and will record all future meetings.

Sergeant Ruediger presented the Police Department Officer Activity Report for January 2007.

John Utz presented the Parks and Recreation Committee Report for January 2007. Community Day will be held on June 30, 2007.

On a motion of Vincent and McMaster the Board of Supervisors approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 17, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

Eric Urbanowicz, Overbrook Road, stated that he would like the minutes put out for public review and asked that the comments that he asked to be put into the minutes be added. Vice Chairman Vincent stated that he spoke to the auditors and had Solicitor Hnath look into this matter. The minutes have been too detailed and will now have only what is required.

On a motion of Vincent and McMaster the Board of Supervisors approved Warrant List #020107 dated February 13, 2007 and Warrant List #020207 dated February 14, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion of Vincent and McMaster the Board of Supervisors appointed John W. Nath, 429 Ridge Road, to the Planning Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion of Vincent and McMaster the Board of Supervisors authorized the Township Manager to send a letter to the Council for Saxonburg Borough recommending Greg Clifford, 380 Glade Mill Road, to the Saxonburg Area Authority Board for a term to expire December 31, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion of Vincent and McMaster the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 4 of 2007 disposing of certain records following the schedules and procedures set forth in the Pennsylvania Municipal Records Manual and PA Act 428 of 1968. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion of Vincent and McMaster the Board of Supervisors authorized the Township Manager to forward a Petition to Amend the Zoning District Map to the Middlesex Township Planning Commission and the Butler County Planning Commission for review and comment, and to advertise a Public Hearing on March 21, 2007 to discuss the Petition. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion of Vincent and Van Atta the Board of Supervisors authorized advertisement of a Public Hearing on March 21, 2007 to consider proposed Township Ordinance #110 – Amending Article III, Mandatory Connections, of Chapter 134, Sewers and Sewage Disposal, of the Township Code. Motion carried unanimously.

Bob Starr, Thorn Drive, commented that there are triaxle trucks hauling dirt over the culvert that exceed the weight limit. If they would happen to damage that culvert it is the only way in or out of the development. Manager Fodi said that he would call Saxonburg Authority.

Manager Fodi commented that the Board has the right to refuse or reject all bids submitted. Manager Fodi also spoke with Jason Daily, West Deer Township, regarding shared equipment usage.

On a motion of Vincent and McMaster the Board of Supervisors approved authorization to Bid Contract 07-01, Equipment Rental with Operator and Contract 07-02, Spring Commodities Purchase. Motion carried unanimously.

Frank Burk, Murray Drive, commented that he thought the skid loader was purchased to ditch the roads. Chairman Van Atta stated that this will allow them to increase the amount of ditching.

On a motion of Vincent and McMaster the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 5 of 2007 authorizing the participation of the Township of Middlesex in the 2007 Spring Pipe Contract administered by the Township of Penn, Butler County. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Supervisors discussed hiring a part-time employee for the Road Department on an as needed basis. This employee would be part of the collective bargaining unit but would not receive any benefits.

Don Dietrich, Manor Drive, commented that the Township needs to have more police officers for the protection of the citizens rather than hiring another employee for the road department. Vice Chairman Vincent stated that the roads need to be repaired.

On a motion of Vincent and McMaster the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 6 of 2007 authorizing the Township Manager to submit a grant application to the 2007 Butler County Parks Renovation Community Grant Program for the purpose of updating the existing playground equipment that does not meet current safety standards. Motion carried unanimously.

Eric Urbanowicz, Overbrook Road, questioned whether or not the only thing discussed in an executive session is personnel issues. Chairman Van Atta stated that he has never violated the Sunshine Act. Mr. Urbanowicz challenged Vice Chairman Vincent as to whether his property is

a farm or commercial. Vice Chairman Vincent left the meeting room at 7:57 p.m. and returned at 7:58 p.m. Mr. Urbanowicz also commented that the Butler Eagle has not printed the truth about him for years and stated that each time the Butler Eagle does not print the truth; he will be filing charges against the Township. Mr. Urbanowicz also stated that he filed criminal complaints today against Chairman Van Atta, Vice Chairman Vincent, Supervisor McMaster, and Solicitor Hnath for breaking the Sun Shine Law regarding the April 10, 2006 Middlesex Township Executive Session where the Board took action and broke the law. Vice Chairman Vincent left the meeting room at 7:59 p.m. and returned at 8:00 p.m.

On a motion of Vincent and McMaster the Board of Supervisors adjourned at 8:01 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Scot E. Fodi, Township Manager