

**Middlesex Township Board of Supervisors**  
**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**  
**June 20, 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.

The Board of Supervisors met this evening for an Executive Session from 6:40 p.m. to 6:50 p.m. to discuss the Uniform Pension Plan. No action was taken.

Rachel Johnston, from Senator Jane Orié's Office, presented a grant in the amount of \$7,500 to Sergeant Ruediger for modern equipment and technology. Sergeant Ruediger thanked Senator Orié's office and stated that this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> grant they received from them.

On a motion of Vincent and McMaster the Board of Supervisors opened a public hearing at 7:06 p.m. to consider a Petition to Rezone Three Properties along Route 228 West in the R-2 Zoning District to C-2 Highway Commercial. The Public Hearing closed at 7:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion of Vincent and McMaster the Board of Supervisors directed the Township Manager and Solicitor to prepare and advertise the Ordinance to rezone the three properties to C-2 and to amend the zoning map accordingly. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion of McMaster and Van Atta the Board of Supervisors approved Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 18, 2007. Motion carried. Vice Chairman Vincent abstained.

On a motion of Vincent and McMaster the Board of Supervisors approved Minutes of the Work Session Meeting of May 2, 2007 and the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 18, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion of Vincent and McMaster the Board of Supervisors approved Warrant List #060107 dated June 15, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

John Brown presented a report from the audit of all 20 checking accounts. Mr. Brown and Mr. Redman found everything to be in order.

Tim Morgus, Maher Duessel, presented the Audit Opinion from the December 31, 2006 Audit.

Ron Kirkwood, Browns Hill Road, asked if the Township Manager could post on the website that the financial statement is available for review at the Township building.

Scot Fodi presented the Manager's Report.

On a motion of Vincent and McMaster the Board of Supervisors authorized the Township Manager to initiate the process to amend the Uniform Pension Plan regarding normal retirement date. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion of Vincent and McMaster the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution #12 of 2007 granting Preliminary and Final Approval for the James Duchak Subdivision Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion of Vincent and McMaster the Board of Supervisors approved to reduce the set aside agreement balance for Meredith Glen Estates to \$9,937.40. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager Fodi stated that on Tuesday they will be going with the Township Engineer to look at repairs that were made to the roads and to make a list of things that are not satisfactory.

Jack Redman, Love Road, commented that the holes on Leslie Road still have not been repaired. Manager Fodi stated that the repair work in Middlesex Township is not yet completed.

On a motion of Vincent and McMaster the Board of Supervisors authorized the Chairman and Township Manager to execute intergovernmental agreement between Middlesex Township and West Deer Township, Allegheny County, to combine paving quantity estimates for the 2007 Road Paving Program. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion of Vincent and McMaster the Board of Supervisors accepted and awarded the 2007 Road Paving Program Equipment Rental contract to Russell Standard Corporation, Mars, PA as per their schedule of equipment proposal. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Spreng, Bowers Road, asked if anyone will oversee Russell Standard. Manager Fodi stated that Lonnie, John Rusnak, public works director for West Deer, and himself. Mr. Spreng commented that on Thorn Drive they did not patch or broom the road first and only 3/4" of patch was put on.

On a motion of Vincent and McMaster the Board of Supervisors accepted and awarded the 2007 Road Paving Program Materials contract to the following lowest responsible bidders: Quality Aggregates, Inc. for #8 Limestone (washed) at \$17.49/Ton; Russell Standard Corp for #8 Limestone Type H at \$26.40/Ton; M & M Lime Co., Inc. for #9 Limestone at \$16.95/Ton; M & M Lime Co., Inc. for #67 Limestone at \$16.75/Ton; and Russell Standard Corp. for Sand at \$17.00/Ton. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Spreng, Bowers Road, asked if those prices are delivered prices and commented that the prices seem high. Manager Fodi stated that these are discounted prices because all the quantities are delivered at one time.

On a motion of Vincent and McMaster the Board of Supervisors hired Justin Sardineer for part-time road department laborer, not to exceed 30 hours, at \$8.44/hour. Motion carried unanimously.

Wilford Henry commented that his company paid for his CDL license and he used their vehicle for the test.

On a motion of Vincent and McMaster the Board of Supervisors authorized the Township Manager to submit a Letter of Intent to the Department of Community & Economic Development for the purposes of conducting a multi-municipal Regional Police Force feasibility study. Motion carried unanimously.

Wilma Paton, Harbison Road, asked why the police report is not in the Butler Eagle. Manager Fodi stated that he will submit the police report to the Butler Eagle. It will be up to their staff to print it in the paper.

There was a discussion regarding providing police response in certain circumstances with Volunteer Fire and Emergency Medical Services into communities lacking full or part-time municipal police services. Manager Fodi stated that Penn Township would like to amend the existing Mutual Aid Agreements. One concern is that one Township does not have a police department.

On a motion of Vincent and McMaster the Board of Supervisors authorized to permit the inclusion of tasers as an acceptable weapon of protection for the members of the Police Department. Motion carried unanimously.

Sergeant Ruediger commented that he personally believes that the taser is less harmful and more effective.

On a motion of Vincent and McMaster the Board of Supervisors authorized to utilize grants from Senator Orié and District Attorney Randa Clark to purchase tasers and obtain required training to incorporate tasers in the Police Department's weapons arsenal. Motion carried unanimously.

Rosemary Brown presented the Parks and Recreation Committee Monthly Report. Fun Day will be on June 30<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The day will start with a 5K Mad Dash Run/Walk at 9:00 a.m.

On a motion of Vincent and McMaster the Board of Supervisors authorized overtime for the Police Department for assistance during the 5K Mad Dash including closure of Lowery Drive, Browns Hill Road, Twinbrook Road, and Old Route 8 South. Motion carried unanimously.

Dina Marshall, Browns Hill Road, asked for a copy of the May 9, 2007 Park Study Group Meeting Minutes.

The Mars Area School District has asked the municipalities in its district to review and comment on three suggested cul-de-sac designs for future consideration by the Township and future developers. These options have been designed with school bus service in mind.

John Rusnak, HRG, Inc., and Manager Fodi presented a brief overview of the school district cul-de-sac designs.

John Rusnak, HRG, Inc., stated that he and Chairman Van Atta went to Park Drive to look at the drainage issue. There are some obstructions to the natural flow of water. Mr. Rusnak will be making recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

Jim Starr, Park Drive, commented that the drainage issue is affecting his property. The road is too high and needs a curb.

Eric Urbanowicz, Overbrook Road, expressed his continuing displeasure with the Middlesex Board of Supervisors.

Chairman Van Atta announced that Browns Hill Road is sliding again and the Engineers are looking at it. Manager Fodi commented that the Township is retaining the services of a soil engineer, geological specialist, to look at why Browns Hill Road is still sliding and give recommendations for repairing it.

On a motion of Vincent and Van Atta the Board of Supervisors adjourned at 9:36 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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Scot E. Fodi, Township Manager