

**Cape May Court House, NJ
TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLE
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORKSESSION AGENDA
April 15, 2013 4:00 P.M. (prevailing time)**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor's Announcement: I hereby declare that notice has been given to the Herald Times, the Atlantic City Press and posted on the bulletin board of the Middle Township Municipal Building, stating the time and place of the following meeting, as required in P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 of the State of New Jersey. (Sunshine Law).

Notice of this meeting was properly given in Resolution No. 18-13 entitled "Establishing Work Session Meeting Nights" which was adopted by Township Committee of the Township of Middle on January 3, 2013.

Members present are Mayor Lockwood and Committeemember DeLanzo.

Business Administrator Connie Mahon, Deputy Township Clerk Suzanne Stocker, Municipal Solicitor Marcus Karavan & Municipal Engineer Marc DeBlasio.

**Committeemember Donohue and Clerk Kimberly Krauss were absent.*

FLAG SALUTE:**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS AND PROJECT UPDATES:****Administration:**

Avalon Manor Dredging

Thomas Dwyer of the Avalon Manor Improvement Association gave a presentation and discussed the need for dredging in Avalon Manor. Mr. Dwyer presented photos of specific areas in Avalon Manor which are supposed to be "water front" properties, but show little to no water at certain tide times. Mr. Dwyer expressed that this discussion started nearly 10 years ago with prior committee members and the project was looked at, but nothing was ever done. Mr. Dwyer and the Avalon Manor Improvement Association would like to move forward with this project as quickly as possible, and discussed possibly tying this project in with the dredging project that the Borough of Avalon will be commencing this year.

South Jersey Gas Project – Del Haven

At the kickoff meeting held on April 9th, SJ Industries proposed project start for July. Connie Mahon asked that the governing body be consulted. SJ Gas was instructed to seek an opinion of the County before Middle would consider giving the go-ahead for July start. Committee decided to have SJ Industries wait until after Labor Day to commence this project.

Finance:**Public Works & Engineering:****Legal:****Tax Collection/Tax Assessment:****Construction/Planning/Zoning:****Recreation:****Police:****Buildings and Grounds:****Sewer:****Grants:****Personnel:****Zoning:****Township Clerk:**

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS OR DISCUSSIONS:

Dale Foster – Parkway Overpass Project Update

Dale Foster of Cape May County Planning Department gave presentation on Parkway Overpass Project, showing a projected timeline for the project, example photos of the overpasses and planned temporary roadways and access areas for the project.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tom Graham from Stone Harbor Manor Association expressed interest in drainage project and advised that his association would like to “piggy back” on this project.

Marc DeBlasio spoke of upcoming road project in Avalon Manor. Project should be started within two weeks and will be a resurfacing project and will increase drainage.

Mike Murawski expressed concern in properties in Avalon Manor not selling because they are not “water front” and people cannot utilize their boats.

Allison Phillips asked when seagrass debri will be cleaned up.
Mayor Lockwood said that he will talk to Public Works about this.

Larry Dolley asked if the roads will be repaved with asphalt.
Marc DeBlasio – Yes, asphalt.

Ben Mitchell asked who owns the spoil area. Expressed that this is not just a problem for larger boats, but has seen people get stuck on kayaks as well.

Mildred Bruno – unhappy that she is paying high taxes for a “water front” property that has no water around it.

Peggy Bigly asked when the Township sold Macchia Island.
Mayor Lockwood – was not aware that it has been sold or that the Township ever owned it.

Dan Hurn asked how the township viewed this project?
Mayor Lockwood noted that it is a project to be reviewed by committee and township engineer. Advised the Avalon Manor Committee to stay in touch with Committeemember Donohue for updates.

Motion to adjourn meeting: 5:52pm

1st: Committeemember DeLanzo

2nd: Mayor Lockwood

Roll Call Vote: Committeemember DeLanzo, Mayor Lockwood

Suzanne Stocker, Deputy Township Clerk