Cape May Court House, NJ
March 19, 2012
REGULAR MEETING
FLAG SALUTE

THIS MEETING IS BEING RECORDED:

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).

The Township Committee met on the above date at 6:00 PM at the Middle Township Municipal Building. Members present were Mayor Lockwood, Committeemember Donohue, Committeemember DeLanzo, Township Business Administrator Mark Mallett, Deputy Township Clerk Dawn Stimmel, Municipal Solicitor Marcus Karavan, and Township Engineer Marc DeBlasio
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1. QUESTION/ANSWER PERIOD ON AGENDA (This question and answer session shall relate only to items as outlined and pending on current agenda. Issues and concerns not related to agenda item shall be withheld to public comment portion at the conclusion of meeting.)

- Betty McGurk wanted to know if the meeting that was scheduled for March 13th for the Conifer Project changed
- Marc Karavan stated meeting changed to April 2nd.

2. APOLOGY TO CAROL MATTESSICH AFFIRMING COMMITMENT TO THE PRINCIPLES OF FREE SPEECH – Read by Committeeman Donohue

3. RESOLUTION 129-12 – CLOSED SESSION- PERSONNEL MATTERS, LITIGATION- RAILROAD AVENUE PARTNERS, POTENTIAL LITIGATION- 208 BENNET AVENUE-On motion by Committeeman Donohue seconded by Committeewoman DeLanzo and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.
WHEREAS, the section of the Open Public Meetings Law, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances, and
WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, the governing body thereof, is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist, and
WHEREAS, said Closed Session shall be held directly after this open session.NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of Middle, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey:
1.) The public shall be excluded from the discussion of an action upon the hereinafter specified matter:
2.) The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
PERSONNEL MATTERS
LITIGATION- RAILROAD AVENUE PARTNERS
POTENTIAL LITIGATION- 208 BENNET AVENUE
3.) It is anticipated at this time the above subject matter will be made public as follows:
WHEN THE MATTER IS RESOLVED
4.) This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

4. RESOLUTION 130-12– APPROVING PAYMENT FOR BILLS – BILL LIST A (General Bills) – On motion by Committeewoman DeLanzo seconded by Committeeman Donohue and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, the governing body thereof, that payment for the following bills in the amounts indicated are hereby approved:
Current Acct. $556,874.56

5. RESOLUTION 131-12– APPROVING MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS – On motion by Committeeman Donohue seconded by Committeewoman DeLanzo and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, the governing body thereof, that the following minutes are approved: Regular Meeting, March 5, 2012.

6. RESOLUTION 132-12- ACKNOWLEDGING RESIGNATION-CLASS II POLICE OFFICER– On motion by Mayor Lockwood seconded by Committeewoman DeLanzo and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, Phillip M. Rossi, Special Class II Officer has resigned and it is the intent of the governing body to fill said vacancies.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee, of the Township of Middle, County of Cape May and State of New Jersey, that the following resignation is hereby acknowledged:

Phillip Rossi Special Class II Police Officer

7. RESOLUTION 133-12- AWARD OF BID- DISPOSAL OF RECYCLABLE MATERIALS TAKEN TO A CLASS B RECYCLING FACILITY AND MATERIALS PICKED UP OR DELIVERED FROM A CLASS B RECYCLING FACILITY MEETINGS – On motion by Mayor Lockwood seconded by Committeeman Donohue and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, the governing body thereof, that following contract for services shall be awarded as follows:

Disposal of recycle material to be taken to a Class B facility – Future Mining
Materials to be picked up or delivered from a Class B facility – Future Mining

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this award is conditioned upon certification of funds and also submission of appropriate affirmative action forms.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the amount to be certified shall not exceed the amount as set aside in the municipal budget for said services.

8. RESOLUTION 134-12- AWARD CONTRACT AND RATIFY AGREEMENT THROUGH NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS- DIJOSEPH INVESTIGATIONS LLC– On motion by Committeeman Donohue seconded by Mayor Lockwood and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, the governing body thereof, that the Agreement between DiJoseph Investigations, LLC. and the Township of Middle for Investigative Services be and is hereby ratified and the contract is hereby awarded through the Non-Fair and Open Process as described in Pay-To-Play Statutes.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appropriate officials are hereby authorized and directed to sign said agreement.

DiJoseph Investigations, LLC. – Investigative Services – retainer $2,500.00 total services not to exceed $5,000.00

9. RESOLUTION 135-12- APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS– On motion by Committeeman Donohue seconded by Mayor Lockwood and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee, the Governing Body of the Township of Middle, County of Cape May and State of New Jersey that the following persons be and are hereby appointed to the term of office opposite their name:

NAME	*BOARD*	*POSITION*	*TERM EXPIRES*
Sarah Sharpe	*Board of Health*	*Member*	*December 31, 2013*
Susan VanRossum	*Cable TV Advisory Board*	*Member*	*December 31, 2013*
David Cohn	*Cable TV Advisory Board*	*Member*	*December 31, 2013*
Dwight Dunbracco	*Cable TV Advisory Board*	*Member*	*December 31, 2013*
Nancy Wheeler Driscoll	*Cable TV Advisory Board*	*Member*	*December 31, 2013*
James Lewis	*Cable TV Advisory Board*	*Alternate Member*	*December 31, 2013*
Gary Farrow	*Ethics Board*	*Member*	*December 31, 2016*
Dr. Suketu Nanavati	*Ethics Board*	*Member*	*December 31, 2016*
Dave Burke	*Ethics Board*	*Member*	*December 31, 2016*
Committeemember	*Traffic Committee Advisors*	*Member*	*December 31, 2012*
Rep. PE- NJDOT	*Traffic Committee Advisors*	*Member*	*December 31, 2012*
Rep- County Engineer	*Traffic Committee Advisors*	*Member*	*December 31, 2012*
Rep- Police Dept.	*Traffic Committee Advisors*	*Member*	*December 31, 2012*
Township Engineer	*Traffic Committee Advisors*	*Member*	*December 31, 2012*
Rep- Fire And Rescue	*Traffic Committee Advisors*	*Member*	*December 31, 2012*
Tom Schad	*Recreation Advisory Council*	*Member*	*December 31, 2014*
Paula Berrodin	*Recreation Advisory Council*	*Member*	*December 31, 2014*
Stephanie Thomas	*Recreation Advisory Council*	*Member*	*December 31, 2014*
Eric Richards	*Recreation Advisory Council*	*Member*	*December 31, 2014*
Gary Blum	*Recreation Advisory Council*	*Member*	*December 31, 2014*
Tim Donohue	*Economic Development Council*	*Advisor*	*December 31, 2014*
Mary Rixley	*Economic Development Council*	*Member*	*December 31, 2014*
Bryan Marriner	*Economic Development Council*	*Member*	*December 31, 2014*

10. RESOLUTION 136-12- EMERGENCY TEMPORARY BUDGET AMENDMENT– On motion by Mayor Lockwood seconded by Committeeman Donohue and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with NJSA 40A:4-20

1. An emergency temporary appropriation be and the same is hereby made in the amount of $2,753,250. That said emergency temporary appropriation shall be provided for in the 2012 budget under the title of:

See Attached List

2. That one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director of Local Government Services.

11. RESOLUTION 137-12- AUTHORIZING THE WETLANDS INSTITUTE TO EXTEND EXISTING TURTLE FENCE– On motion by Mayor Lockwood seconded by Committeeman Donohue and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, The Wetlands Institute has requested that the governing body grant permission to extend the turtle fence along Stone Harbor Boulevard from its current location to the western side of Stone Harbor Manor; and

WHEREAS, said fence will be constructed of 6" tube held in place by wooden stakes; and

WHEREAS, Township Engineer Marc Belasko certifies that said fence will not impact the integrity of the current berm in place and recommends approval of such.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey that the request of the Wetlands Institute to extend the 6" tube also known as the "Turtle Fence" be and is hereby approved.

12. RESOLUTION 138-12 AUTHORIZING CREATION OF LIEN ON PROPERTIES – On motion by Mayor Lockwood seconded by Committeewoman DeLanzo and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, the governing body thereof, that it hereby impose a lien on the properties listed below as indicated.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this lien shall be filed in the Office of the Tax Collector of the Township of Middle.

OWNER	*PROP. LOCATION*	*BLOCK / LOT*	*AMOUNT*
_____	*1116 Stone Harbor Blvd*	*136/14*	*$2026.43*
_____	*1453 Burleigh Rd*	*1410.01/52*	*$841.26*

13. RESOLUTION 139-12 AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF OF ESCROW AND REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE BOND– On motion by Committeeman Donohue seconded by Mayor Lockwood and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, $40,088.45 is being held as a performance guarantee of Furey Lerro for Block 348.02 Lot 9, and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer for the Township of Middle has conducted his inspection and certified that all improvements have been completed except the cost to seed and fertilize the site, and

WHEREAS, the Land Use Administrator for the Township of Middle has recommended that the performance bond be reduced by $38,588.45: and

WHEREAS, the Land Use Law of the State of New Jersey (NJS 40:55D-1 et seq) requires such a release upon recommendation by the Township Engineer.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, the governing body thereof, that the bond in the amount of $40,088.45 be reduced to $1,500.00.

14. RESOLUTION 140-12 RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTED TAXES ADJUSTMENT– On motion by Mayor Lockwood seconded by Committeeman Donohue and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

NOW, THEREFORE , BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle in the County of Cape May that election be made to calculate the reserve for uncollected taxes by reducing the certified tax levy for the above mentioned appeals and by using a collection rate of 97.75% in the calculation of the 2012 reserve for uncollected taxes.

15. RESOLUTION 141-12 DEFER SCHOOL TAX 2012– On motion by Mayor Lockwood seconded by Committeeman Donohue and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, by statute, when a municipality raises school taxes on a school year basis, an amount of not more than 50% of the levy may be deferred to the following year; and

WHEREAS, 50% of the school tax levy of the Township of Middle School District is $12,103,551.00;NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Middle desires to defer school taxes to the year 2012 in the amount of $9,676,265.00.
NOW, THEREFORE , BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle in the County of Cape May that election be made to calculate the reserve for uncollected taxes by reducing the certified tax levy for the above mentioned appeals and by using a collection rate of 97.75% in the calculation of the 2012 reserve for uncollected taxes.

16. ORDINANCE NO. 1406-12–CALENDAR YEAR 2012 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)- -On motion by Committeewoman DeLanzo seconded by Committeeman Donohue and passed on roll call, Ordinance No 1405-12 passed first reading. Second reading, public hearing and consideration for adoption will be held on 04/02/2012 at 6:00 p.m. Complete Ordinance is on file in the Clerk's Office.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, in the County of Cape May, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2012 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Middle shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to $600,951.56, and that the CY 2012 municipal budget for the Township of Middle be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

17. RESOLUTION 142-12 INTRODUCTION OF 2012 MUNICIPAL BUDGET– On motion by Comitteeman Donohue seconded by Mayor Lockwood and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

2012 Municipal Budget

of the TOWNSHIP of MIDDLE County of CAPE MAY for the fiscal year 2012.

Revenue and Appropriations Summaries

Summary of Revenues	Anticipated 2012	Anticipated 2011
1. Surplus	1,211,000.00	1,000,000.00
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues	6,130,680.58	7,245,788.63
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	940,000.00	1,015,000.00
4. a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	11,771,849.62	12,314,248.45
b) Addition to Local School District Tax	0.00	0.00
c) Minimum Library Tax	0.00	0.00
Tot Amt to be Rsd by Taxes for Sup of Muni Bud	11,771,849.62	12,314,248.45
Total General Revenues	20,053,530.20	21,575,037.08

Summary of Appropriations	2012 Budget	Final 2011 Budget
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	8,130,100.00	8,068,450.00
Other Expenses	7,345,543.58	7,380,013.50
2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	2,001,905.00	2,150,026.00
3. Capital Improvements	0.00	1,354,252.13
4. Debt Service (Include for School Purposes)	1,555,340.00	1,458,600.00
5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	1,020,641.62	1,163,695.45
Total General Appropriations	20,053,530.20	21,575,037.08
Total Number of Employees - Full Time	117	118
Total Number of Employees - Part Time	74	62

2011 Dedicated Sewer Utility Budget Summary of Revenues	Anticipated 2012	Anticipated 2011
1. Surplus	190,000.00	190,000.00
2. Miscellaneous Revenues	3,854,000.00	3,851,183.00
3. Deficit (General Budget)		
Total Revenues	4,044,000.00	4,041,183.00
Summary of Appropriations	**2012 Budget**	**Final 2011 Budget**
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	225,000.00	335,000.00
Other Expenses	2,180,000.00	2,167,983.00
2. Capital Improvements	50,000.00	50,000.00
3. Debt Service	1,471,000.00	1,442,500.00
4. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	118,000.00	45,700.00
5. Surplus (General Budget)	0.00	0.00
Total Appropriations	4,044,000.00	4,041,183.00
Total Number of Employees - Full Time	7	7

18. RESOLUTION 143-12 APPOINTING GEORGE B. NEIDIG, JR AS JUDGE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLE/BOROUGH OF WOODBINE MUNICIPAL COURT– On motion by Committeeman Donohue seconded by Mayor Lockwood and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.
WHEREAS, it is the desire of the governing body to appoint George B. Neidig Jr. Municipal Court Judge of the Township of Middle for a statutory term of three (3) years pursuant to N.J.S.A.: 2A;8-5 ; and
WHEREAS, the annual salary is $35,000 with a stipend for the Borough of Woodbine Municipal Court service of $7,000 annually.
BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee, the Governing Body of the Township of Middle, County of Cape May and State of New Jersey that George B. Neidig Jr. is hereby Judge of the Municipal Court of the Township of Middle for a three year term retroactive to January 1, 2012.

19. RESOLUTION 144-12 AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES FOR WHITESBORO/EDGEWOOD SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM PHASE 1– On motion by Mayor Lockwood seconded by Committeewoman DeLanzo and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey that
1. The Contract with the Law Firm of James Pickering, Jr. is hereby amended to allow for the retroactive payment of services rendered relating to the Whitesboro #1 sewer project contract according to the attached certification.nd passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

20. RESOLUTION 145-12 AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR WHITESBORO/EDGEWOOD SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM PHASE 2– On motion by Mayor Lockwood seconded by Committeeman Donohue and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey that
1. The Contract with the Engineering firm, Hatch Mott MacDonald is hereby amended to allow for the addition of language as provided by the USDA.
3. This Resolution shall become effective upon the publishing of this Resolution according to law and payments shall only be rendered upon the execution of contracts amending the previous payment amounts.

21. RESOLUTION 146-12- ACKNOWLEDGING RESIGNATION-PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT-LABORER– On motion by Committeeman Donohue seconded by Mayor Lockwood and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.
WHEREAS, William Hammerstein, Public Works Laborer, Part Time has resigned and it is the intent of the governing body to fill said vacancies.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee, of the Township of Middle, County of Cape May and State of New Jersey, that the following resignation is hereby acknowledged:
William Hammerstein- PUBLIC WORKS LABORER- PART TIME

22. RESOLUTION 147-12 RATIFY SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT- CAPE MAY COUNTY VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT- SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER– On motion by Mayor Lockwood seconded by Committeeman Donohue and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.
BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, the governing body thereof, that the attached Shared Services Agreement for a School Resource Officer with the Cape May County Vocational Technical School District and the Township of Middle, be and is hereby ratified.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said agreement shall be for three years from September 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015.
FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appropriate officials are hereby authorized and directed to sign said agreement.

23. RESOLUTION 148-12 APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONS (ANJEC) FOR THE 2012 ANJEC SUSTAINABLE LAND USE PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM On motion by Mayor Lockwood seconded by Committeewoman DeLanzo and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey formally approves the submission of the grant application for the Middle Township Open Space & Recreation Plan for the 2011 ANJEC Sustainable Land Use Planning Grant Program.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized to submit the grant application identified as Middle Township Open Space & Recreation Plan to ANJEC on behalf of the Township of Middle.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Middle and that her signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreements and approves the execution of the grant agreements.

24. ORDINANCE 1407-12 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 1254-07 TO LEASE THE GRASSY SOUND FISHING PIER UPON CERTAIN TERMS AND TO PLACE SAID LEASE/CONCESSION TO BID On motion by Committeeman Donohue seconded by Committeewoman DeLanzo and passed on roll call, Ordinance No 1405-12 passed first reading. Second reading, public hearing and consideration for adoption will be held on 04/16/2012 at 6:00 p.m.
BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle in the County of Cape May and State of New Jersey as follows:
SECTION 1. CREATION OF TABULATION COMMITTEE

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee, the Governing Body of the Township of Middle, County of Cape May and State of New Jersey that Township Clerk Kim Krauss, Deputy Clerk Dawn Stimmel, Chief Finance Officer Tracey Taverner, be and hereby are appointed to tabulate the bids to be taken on April 11, 2012, at 1:00 p.m. in the Middle Township Municipal Building, 2ND Floor Conference Room, 33 Mechanic Street, Cape May Court House, NJ for the lease / concession of the Grassy Sound Fishing Pier.
ADVERTISING
The Township clerk shall advertise in the Township newspaper on March 28, 2012 and on April 4, 2012 that it desires to lease the Grassy Sound Fishing Pier on the terms/specifications stated below.
A. TERMS OF LEASE / BID SPECIFICATIONS
A. The terms and conditions of the lease to the Concessionaire shall be as follows:
1. The area to be leased is any and all of that area leased by the Township of Middle from the County of Cape May, which includes the Grassy Sound Fishing Pier. A copy of that lease and the metes and bounds description, and the bid package can be obtained at the Township Clerk's office located at 33 Mechanic Street, Cape May Court House, New Jersey between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.. The bid package must be submitted to the Clerk by April 11, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. in a sealed envelope which states on the outside of the envelope that it is a "Bid for Grassy Sound Fishing Pier Lease / Concession" and with the name, address, and phone number of the entity submitting the bid.plete Ordinance is on file in the Clerk's Office.

25. RESOLUTION 149-12 APPOINTMENT – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR– On motion by Mayor Lockwood seconded by Committeeman Donohue and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

26. RESOLUTION 150-12 AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR WHITESBORO/EDGEWOOD SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM PHASE I – On motion by Mayor Lockwood seconded by Committeeman Donohue and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.
WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the contract with Hatch Mott MacDonald (Engineer) to increase design/contract administration, resident inspection and add additional engineering services as specified by the USDA; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey that
1. The Contract with the Engineering firm, Hatch Mott MacDonald is hereby amended to allow for the addition of language as provided by the USDA.
3. This Resolution shall become effective upon the publishing of this Resolution according to law and payments shall only be rendered upon the execution of contracts amending the previous payment amounts.

Mayor Lockwood is happy we did not increase taxes. Will have some challenges in 2013 but willing to take them on. Pension reform was helpful to get us to this point. The employees do also make contributions to their Pension. Went to Reading Night at Elementary #1 and had a lot of fun. Are working on an ANJEC Grant for another baseball field that the Baseball Association would like and are working with them to get the fields back in order. Former Police Chief, William Hevener, is having some rough health times.

Marc DeBlasio, Municipal Engineer spoke about grant money for playgrounds. Total of grant is $40,405, broken down $29,043 for Goshen Davies Sports Complex and $11, 362 for Rio Grande playground. Also has been going over electric bills for the Township and is trying to find some ways to save money. Has spoken with AC Electric and they are to get back to him next week. Has also been in contract with Louis Berger Group for updated plans for GSP. The Township Committee has to review the plans and come to a consensus on the noise barrier. When plans received, will sit down with Committee to review.

Committeewoman DeLanzo said she looks forward to working on the budget plan for the next couple of years and we will have some future challenges to overcome. She attended the BayWay Meeting with Elizabeth Terenik. This extends from Salem County to the tip of Cape May County and will go down Rt 47 and highlight our bayside communities. This is all in the beginning stages right now. Went to the Emeritus for their ribbon cutting of their new computer room. They are offering residents the availability to SKYPE with their family and friends.

Committeeman Donohue acknowledged the Middle Township Wrestling Program and the 8th grade girls basketball winning the title. Young people doing great things. Also stated the budget shows the residents that we are serious about property taxes. We have a lot of work ahead and need to think outside the box. We are all committed to this.

27. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jim McGill stated he was under the impression that the sound barriers for the GSP was a done deal.

Barbara Cresse wanted to know where the recreation area was in Rio Grande.

Committeeman Donohue stated Railroad Avenue.

Barbara Cresse inquired as to the debt service for firehouse and who owns it. She was told the Township owns it.

Mark Mallett said the old firehouse was purchased for $1.2 million.

Mayor Lockwood said the new firehouse is owned by the Fire Commissioners.

Carol Mattessich questions what materials we purchase from the gravel pit that the bid was awarded to.

Mark Mallett told her recycled concrete and asphalt.

Carol Mattessich wanted to know where we got the $228,000 for the Whitesboro Sanitary Sewer.

Mayor Lockwood advised it came from a grant from the USDA. Said contract started before Pay to Play and Township sought legal counsel to straighten it out.

Committeeman Donohue stated it was a mess, work was done but went over contract amount. Contractor was advised by Committee that we would only pay what was left in the USDA Grant.

Carol Mattessich is concerned about sound barriers on the GSP. Said we could become a fly by community.

Madelyn McCarroll spoke about the taxes and people who could not afford increases. Thanked Committee for no increase. Agrees with Susan that we need to get started for future year's taxes. Suggested instead of having sound barriers on the GSP, why couldn't plantings be done for a natural barrier. Questioned the irrigation well at Ft. Apache.

Mark Mallett advised the well project was started a couple of years ago and we are just now finishing up.

Mayor Lockwood advised that the Committee will be meeting with employees tomorrow night to get some input from them on things that could make the Township function better and be more geared towards helping the residents.

Jan would like for the Committee to take another look at our Security Alarm System ordinance.

Chief Leusner explained that in prior years there were over 150 false alarms a month, which was a lot for the police department to handle along with other duties. They are now down to 80 false alarms. Out of 1,000 alarm sites, over 600 were not registered. The alarm ordinance has been a real value to the police in having more time on the street instead of going to false alarms.

Carl Carmelowicz questioned if fire department is volunteer, is it funded by Middle Township and do the fire commissioners have meetings? Also wanted to know if the sound barriers would be at the expense of the GSP.

Mayor Lockwood told him yes to all of the above. The barriers on the GSP may have a mild impact to the township, which would mostly be disruption. We are in no hurry to approve the sound barriers.

Committee went into Closed Session at 8:05pm.

Motion to go into closed session:
1st Committeemember Donohue 2nd Committeemember DeLanzo
Roll Call Vote: Approved by all

PERSONNEL MATTERS-No action taken
LITIGATION- RAILROAD AVENUE PARTNERS-No action taken
POTENTIAL LITIGATION- 208 BENNETT AVENUE-Gave Attorney direction

Committee returned from Closed Session at 8:32pm.

Motion to adjourn meeting:
1st Committeewoman DeLanzo 2nd Committeeman Donohue
Roll Call Vote: Approved by all

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

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Dawn Stimmel, Deputy Clerk