

TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLE  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
WORK SESSION MINUTES

MAY 21, 2012 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. 16-12 entitled "Establishing Work Session Meeting Nights" which was adopted by Township Committee of the Township of Middle on January 4, 2012.

**ROLL CALL:**

**FLAG SALUTE:**

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS AND PROJECT UPDATES:**

**Administration/Finance:**

Registrar/Vital Statistics

Mark Mallett said looking at a couple of alternatives to the Registrar's office, one being giving to the County or just keeping inhouse. Committeewoman DeLanzo feels we could keep Beth on as Deputy until the end of the year and then re-evaluate. Mark Mallett said he will call Somers Point and see what their hours are as they are the only other municipality in the area that has a hospital. Some municipalities only have their Registrar's office open 3 days a week.

**Public Works & Engineering:**

**Legal:**

**Tax Collection/ Tax Assessment:**

**Construction/Plan/Zoning:**

**EMS**

EMS Billing

Sean McDevitt, Mike Linz and Rich Papperman spoke of the Medicare reform on ambulance charges and how some calls do not fit in as an emergent status. From April 12 to April 30<sup>th</sup>, there were 37 Medicare runs. Medicare decides payment on medical necessity and the average charge is \$741. They have tightened their criteria and are not paying for a lot of calls they used to pay for. One of the big issues is long term care facilities who will call an ambulance to pick up a patient to go to the ER for diagnosis. This constitutes 60 to 65% of their calls. The fees charged by the ambulance runs offset the cost of the EMT's. Sean says they have a policy they are working on and will turn over to Marc Karavan to go over.

**Recreation:**

Ft. Apache

Mark Mallett said amount spent on Ft. Apache was \$1,031,724. He will check into the amount spent to acquire Ft. Apache.

**Police:**

**Buildings and Grounds**

**Sewer**

**Grants**

**Personnel**

**RESOLUTIONS: RESOLUTION NO. 244-12 - CLOSED SESSION – PLANNING BOARD – COAH TRUST FUND AND RAILROAD AVENUE LITIGATION; POTENTIAL LITIGATION - On motion by**

**Committeewoman DeLanzo seconded by Committeeman Donohue and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.**

**\*Upon adoption of this resolution and conclusion of this meeting the governing body will convene on the following topic in closed session: Litigation- Railroad Avenue; Contractual Matter-COAH Trust Fund and Litigation Matter. This matter will be released to the public when the matter has been deemed resolved and the need to hear said item in closed session no longer exist. The public will be invited back into open session at the conclusion of this meeting and formal action may be taken**

**ORDINANCES:**

**ORDINANCE NO.**

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS OR DISCUSSIONS:**