

**Cape May Court House, NJ
TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLE
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORKSESSION AGENDA
July 21, 2014 4:00 PM (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. 16-14 entitled "Establishing Work Session Meeting Nights" which was adopted by Township Committee of the Township of Middle on January 6, 2014.

Members present are Mayor Donohue, Committeemember Lockwood and Committeemember Clark.

Business Administrator Connie Mahon, Township Clerk Kimberly Krauss, Deputy Township Clerk Suzanne Stocker, Municipal Solicitor Marcus Karavan & Municipal Engineer Chris Eaton.

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

Proposed Ordinance – Maintenance of
Vacant/Abandoned Properties

Marc Karavan stated that proposed Ordinance was introduced at meeting on July 7, 2014 and scheduled for public hearing and adoption August 4, 2014.

Request for Campground Ordinance
Amendment

F. Thomas Hillegass, Esquire discussed, with input of members of Hideaway Beach Homeowner's Association, the request for additional security members to be permitted. Current Ordinance allows two security personnel for Hideaway Beach. In past administration, the Ordinance allowed for up to seven members which would also be permitted to live on the premises on a year round basis. Mr. Hillegass presented Committee with incident reports obtained by the Middle Township Police Department, indicating that there is limited police activity called to the property, other than EMS or animal control. Hideaway Beach feels that this is a direct result of the increased security which they have at their property and would like to be continued to allow this additional security.

Paul D'Amico, Hideaway Beach, indicated that in past years, Code Enforcement would do inspections at property to assure that security personnel was as provided to the Township per the Ordinance. Mr. D'Amico advised that there has been no inspections within the past two years.

Delores Rementer, Hideaway Beach, purchased her unit in February 1982 and indicated that Master Deed and By-Laws indicated that the units cannot be used as permanent residences. Also mentioned that she does not believe that the State permits such units to be used as permanent residences.

John DiSantis, Hideaway Beach, is not against security, but knows that security personnel does not go through the park every hour as indicated. Would like security log to be accountable for residents to view.

Paul D'Amico stated that any Township, State or County regulations would override the Master Deed and By-Laws of the Association.

Committeemember Lockwood spoke with Sal DiSimone regarding concerns of residents, stated that park Models are not suitable as permanent structures for year round living.

Edward Donnelly, Hideaway Beach, purchased in 1982 and has been on security for 20 years, maintains a log which is kept in the office every week. There is no set schedule for time of security to avoid routine.

Delores Rementer stated that Mr. Donnelly does a well job at security. Renter at permanent structure is the Association President's son and is not on security. Ms. Rementer asked Committee to consider time change for check-out on Mondays during off-season.

Finance:**Public Works & Engineering:**

Request for Street Opening Waivers

- a. 12 E. Main Street
- b. 604 George Street
- c. 207 1st Avenue

Committee discussed the three street opening waivers which have been presented; Main Street and George Street paved in 2012 and are asking for a waiver for natural gas, as appliances in these homes are based on natural gas. 1st Avenue was paved in 2011 and homeowner provided a hardship letter to connect to sewer. Committee decided to go back to South Jersey Gas and ask for alternative to street opening before deciding to allow street opening. Committee decided to move forward with Resolution to allow street opening for 1st Avenue to connect to sewer system. 1st Avenue will be required to use infra-red technology during street opening process.

Legal:**Tax Collection/Tax Assessment:****Construction/Planning/Zoning:**

Recreation:

Discussion on Hours of Operation

Robert Matthews discussed reasons for changing recreation hours for Goshen Complex to Noon-9pm, as there is limited activity in the mornings at the complex. Mr. Matthews believes that the manpower of employees could be used in the evening during current season or weekends in the off-season when there is more activity at the complex.

Police / Animal Control:

Buildings and Grounds:

Sewer:

Economic Development:

Personnel:

Zoning:

Township Clerk:

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS OR DISCUSSIONS:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

John DiSantis asked when a decision will be made on an amendment to the Ordinance pertaining to campgrounds.

Mayor Donohue stated that the Ordinance amendment would require an introduction, public notice in the newspaper and a public hearing and adoption.

Kimberly D. Krauss, Township Clerk

Motion to Adjourn Meeting – 4:57pm

1st: Committeemember Clark 2nd: Committeemember Lockwood

Roll Call Vote: Committeemember Clark, Committeemember Lockwood, Mayor Donohue