

**Rio Grande, New Jersey
TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLE
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORKSESSION AGENDA
November 16, 2015 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. 17-15 entitled "Establishing Work Session Meeting Nights" which was adopted by Township Committee of the Township of Middle on January 6, 2015.

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

Business Administrator Constance Mahon, Deputy Township Clerk Suzanne Stocker, & Municipal Solicitor Marcus Karavan. *Township Clerk Kimberly Krauss and Municipal Engineer Marc DeBlasio were absent.*

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

SJ Industries - Shannon Oaks - Installation of Natural Gas

George Curan & Gary Marinelli, South Jersey Gas:

- *Could begin early 2016*
- *3-4 month long project from installation to final restoration.*
- *South Jersey gas to begin initial outreach for interest.*

NJ American Water- Results of Survey and Financial
Implications - Installation of water in Del Haven

- *More customers and more income equal more funds available.*
- *NJAW reached out to NJDEP.*
- *Grants and loans available for short fall of project.*

Finance:**Public Works & Engineering:**

Review of Property Maintenance Code (Vacant Lots)

Rob Flynn:

- *Proposed change regarding 193-16.3 to exclude vacant lots from property main code.*
- *Code Enforcement agrees with change.*
- *Ok to maintain 10' right of way.*
- *Equipment to damage existing hook-ups.*

Constance Mahon:

- *Concerned with lots located in the middle of occupied subdivisions.*

Marcus Karavan:

- *Proposed language to include case by case basis, not township obligation.*

Committeemember Lockwood:

- *Proposed changes by zone.*
- *Residential versus rural development.*
- *Conservation of area of zoning.*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Proposed language regarding size of lot.*

Constance Mahon:

- *Agreed with case by case basis.*

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

Police / Animal Control:

Body Camera Discussion

Chief Leusner:

- *Proposing purchase of body cameras within next few months.*
- *Grant from New Jersey Attorney General.*
- *Project approximately \$75,000 with \$7,500 from Prosecutors office.*
- *Pros: better behavior of officers and subjects, reduces liability, level of internal affairs decreases, protects officers, better idea and more accuracy of events, increase in professionalism of police.*
- *Cons: expensive, additional work load on back end, more evidence burned on CD and logged into log, sent out as discovery, storage costs - housed in cloud or on-site chosen option, maintenance costs, OPRA/privacy concerns.*
- *55 body cameras*
- *Software docking stations cost \$55,000.*
- *Servers \$20,000.*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Concerned with cost if they don't work.*
- *Mentioned issues with previous radio systems.*
- *Asked if there are options to lease.*

Chief Leusner:

- *Lease option only available with Cloud.*
- *\$20,000-\$30,000 a year for cloud maintenance.*
- *2 years eats up cost of purchasing.*
- *Money allocated in capital budget waiting for grant money.*

Police Ordinance

Chief Leusner:

- *Replacing officers within next few months*
- *"Up to" gives flexibility to train before other officers leave.*
- *Grants available to hire officers.*
- *ACCC security- interlocal agreement.*
- *Middle Township school district – possible interlocal agreement.*
- *Ordinance allows for flexibility to act if needed.*

Police Fleet

Chief Leusner:

- *Proposing to purchase new explorer with insurance money from totaled Dodge Charger.*
- *\$13,000 would have to transfer funds*

Buildings and Grounds:**Sewer:****Economic Development:****Personnel:****Zoning:****Township Clerk:****SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS OR DISCUSSIONS:****PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Motion to Adjourn Meeting – 5:30pm

1st: Committeemember Clark

2nd: Committeemember Lockwood

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

Suzanne M. Stocker, Deputy Township Clerk