

**Cape May Court House, NJ
TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLE
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORKSESSION AGENDA
June 15, 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 and Committeemember Lockwood. Committeemember Clark arrived at 4:45pm.

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

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

Discussion – Amendment to Chapter 132,
Excavation and Soil Removal

Connie Mahon –

Reviewed proposed changes by James E. Moore, Esquire, attorney for gravel pit owners, to the introduced Gravel Pit Ordinance, also mentioned the request for consideration to increase depth.

Mayor Donohue –

Not in favor of increasing depth, believes Middle Township is different than other municipalities which allow greater depth, as Middle Township gravel pits are closer in proximity to residential properties.

Committeemember Lockwood –

Regarding Item #2, asked if back fees would have to be paid if license was not renewed or was revoked.

Marc Karavan –

Applicant would be responsible for back fees, license would not be reinstates until inspection complete and compliance is assured.

Brian Murphy –

Clarified his understanding of Section f(6) of Ordinance: yearly application, topo survey every 2 ½ years, application to planning board every 5 years. Expressed concerns with time, detail and excess fees that would be necessary with these changes. Discussed daily changes to gravel pits based on stockpiling, daily dredging, etc. which may cause the surveys to be different on a daily or weekly basis.

Connie Mahon –

Indicated that concerns are not with stockpiling, but with depth of gravel pits.

Mayor Donohue –

Mentioned additional concerns of Township Committee and residents regarding depth, noise, hours of operation of gravel pits.

Brian Murphy –

Suggested including the option for gravel pit owners to make a request to Township Committee if there was a need to exceed hours of operation. Asked Committee to clarify "30' depth" – whether it is final depth, amount being dug, etc. Believes there is also an importance of slope as well as depth.

Mayor Donohue –

Spoke of depth concerns regarding resident's concerns of water and residential wells. Reiterated concerns of Township residents.

Dennis Anderson, Stagecoach Road –

Directed a question towards Brian Murphy as to whether Pierson's Gravel Pit has exceed 30' depth for digging.

Brian Murphy –

Unable to confirm answer.

Mayor Donohue –

Survey submitted with application indicates that gravel pit is compliant, daily surveys may change due to movement of sand and water. Does not believe it would be cost effective to pay Township Engineer to conduct frequent surveys.

Dennis Anderson –

Believes there are other issues with Pierson Gravel Pit, hopes Ordinance will tighten things up and address concerns.

Committeemember Lockwood –

Spoke of concerns with noise, changes to Ordinance will correlate with Township's Ordinance relative to noise. Mentioned future projects of the Township that may have public interest for longer gravel pit hours.

Brian Murphy –

Asked if Township Committee and Planning Board will have same review process for applications.

Marc Karavan –

Indicated that Ordinance will set forth review process and process for submitting applications.

Mayor Donohue –

Offered Mr. Murphy the opportunity to provide any comments or additional suggested changes to the Ordinance to Comie Mahon for further review.

Finance:

Public Works & Engineering:

Legal:

Tax Collection/Tax Assessment:

Construction/Planning/Zoning:

Recreation:

Police / Animal Control:

Buildings and Grounds:

Sewer:

Economic Development:

Personnel:

Zoning:

Township Clerk:

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS OR DISCUSSIONS:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kimberly D. Krauss, Township Clerk

Motion to Adjourn Meeting – 4:50pm

1st: Committeemember Lockwood

2nd: Committeemember Clark

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

Minutes prepared by Suzanne M. Stocker, Deputy Township Clerk