

**Cape May Court House, New Jersey
TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLE
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORKSESSION AGENDA
March 5, 2018 5:00 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. 21-18 entitled "Establishing Work Session Meeting Nights" which was adopted by Township Committee of the Township of Middle on January 1, 2018.

Members present are Mayor Clark, Deputy Mayor DeVico, and Committeemember Donohue

Business Administrator Elizabeth Terenik, Township Clerk Kimberly Krauss, Township Engineer Vincent Orlando & Municipal Solicitor Frank Corrado

FLAG SALUTE:**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS OR DISCUSSIONS:****ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:**

Class III Police Officers

Chief Leusner:

- Spoke of discussion with school regarding Class III Police Officers in the middle school.
- Discussed Scott Webster, Director of School Security, being armed and being in recognized clothing.
- Mentioned that the school is willing to budget for the Officers; problem may be finding one; further explained.
- Explained statutory requirements for Class III Police Officers.
- Spoke of other entities at the County as well as Coast Guard Base having difficulties attracting and hiring retired Officers.

Committeeman DeVico:

- Asked if it is due to money.

Chief Leusner:

- Stated that he believes so; further explained.
- Proposed that the Township put out an advertisement and see the response; if confidence is that position can be filled, can then move forward with shared services agreement.

Frank Corrado:

- Asked how many Officers are being considered.

Chief Leusner:

- Stated only one for right now.

Frank Corrado:

- Questioned if there is any activity to amend the statute to allow further years retired.

Chief Leusner:

- Yes; looking into amending break in service; also looking to expand years retired.
- Explained also looking to expand eligibility of applicants.
- Discussed belief that these retired Officers will be in higher demand which will drive up cost; \$20.00 to \$25.00 range currently.

Committeeman Donohue:

- Asked if position can be filled with a Class II.

Chief Leusner:

- Explained restrictions surrounding Class II Officers; also, difficult to find.
- Discussed expanding school resource Officers as an option.

Committeeman Donohue:

- Asked if the rationale for putting an Officer in the middle or high School is a student entering with a weapon.

Chief Leusner:

- Explained higher risk at middle or high school; fewer risk in elementary school.
- Discussed increase in security at schools.

Committeeman DeVico:

- Discussed upgrades to schools during reconstruction.

Chief Leusner:

- Discussed active shooter training through County Police Academy.
- Explained tip 411; increase in ability for students to send Police tips with concerns.
- Spoke of warning signs of violence with teachers; going to provide more training.

Committee:

- Agreed to allow advertisement to solicit for Class III Officer.

Recreation Department Updates

Committeeman Donohue:

- Spoke of new landscaper; can already see a difference.
- Discussed back 10 acres; going to see what landscaper can do within the next few weeks.
- Mentioned snack bar and need for additional ventilation; operate under basic concession; under \$5,000.00 could make changes.
- Spoke of doing away with cooking line; all equipment needs to be replaced.
- Discussed volunteers that use the facility; liability issue with pilot lighter; make changes may spur more volunteers.

Elizabeth Terenik:

- Asked what the goal date would be to have it functioning.

Committeeman Donohue:

- Opening of baseball season.

Committeeman Donohue:

- Discussed lease with Cape Express; looking for a contract reduction in price based on usage reduction.
- Spoke of skate parking being gone; could not be fixed and could not get parts; need to decide what to do with the space.
- Mentioned recreation advisory board recommendation of basketball courts.
- Discussed wish list from wrestling and football associations.
- Spoke of condition of fencing; possibility of JIF coming to visit to evaluate for insurance reasons; needs to be replaced.
- Easter Egg Scramble on March 24th at the MLK Center.

Bike Path North Status Update

Nancy Sittineri, Economic Development Coordinator:

- Provided update on Bike Path North; survey complete and waiting on delineation.
- Spoke of working with two property owners; bike path is to skirt the back of their properties.

Committeeman Donohue:

- Asked if part of the bike path is on the road at all.

Elizabeth Terenik:

- Spoke of dedication along Court House South Dennis Road from the County; not on the road.
- Discussed need for barrier; traffic driving fast along that road.

Committeeman Donohue:

- Questioned how big a stretch it is.

Nancy Sittineri, Economic Development Coordinator:

- Mentioned nothing is definitive.
- Reminded Committee of the December 1st deadline.
- Spoke of Taylor Design Group partnership with County.
- Discussed Township's branding opportunities; RFP for public information officer.

Committeeman Donohue:

- Asked if the goal is uniformity in bike paths.

Nancy Sittineri, Economic Development Coordinator:

- Yes; Township needs to shine.

Open Space Application Status

Nancy Sittineri, Economic Development Coordinator:

- Discussed presentation to open space on MLK tennis courts.
- Avalon Fishing Pier application due on April 13th; provided update on cost estimate.
- Mentioned a special round for access to waterways to be rolled out in August; suggested Committee get some ideas together.

Elizabeth Terenik:

- Discussed Carol Nicoletta Park; kayak launch.
- Spoke of next step to obtain a concept plan from an engineer.

Nancy Sittineri, Economic Development Coordinator:

- Asked Township Engineer if any special permits would be needed for a kayak launch.

Vincent Orlando, Township Engineer:

- Discussed permits needed; not required to have to submit application.

Elizabeth Terenik:

- Asked Committee what they would prefer to be worked on for August application.

Committeeman Donohue:

- Asked about engineering costs being covered.
- Also questioned if Avalon Fishing Pier could be rolled to August.

Nancy Sittineri, Economic Development Coordinator:

- Possibly 50/50.
- Discussed timeframe for grant application.

Elizabeth Terenik:

- Spoke of discussion of Goshen Complex project; better traffic flow.
- Asked Committee if they want to start working on December project.

Nancy Sittineri, Economic Development Coordinator:

- *Recommended smaller projects.*

Committeeman Donohue:

- *Asked for an update on Rio Grande Park.*

Nancy Sittineri, Economic Development Coordinator:

- *Stated that the freeholders will be voting on it this month.*

Volunteer Boards/Commission
Membership

Elizabeth Terenik:

- *Discussed need for volunteers on various boards.*
- *Asked if the press and public would spread the word.*

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS AND PROJECT UPDATES:

Administration:

Finance:

Public Works:

Engineering:

Legal:

Tax Collection:

Tax Assessment:

Construction/Planning/Zoning:

Recreation:

Police / Animal Control/ Code Enforcement :

Police Department Annual Report

Chief Leusner:

- *Provided Committee with a copy of his annual report.*
- *Discussed various highlights from report.*

Committeeman Donohue:

- *Asked about moving code enforcement and animal control budgets into the Police budget.*

Chief Leusner:

- *Mentioned it is something to look at; further explained.*

Buildings and Grounds:

Sewer:

Economic Development:

Personnel:

Zoning:

Township Clerk:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting – 5:50pm

1st: Committeeman Donohue

2nd: Committeeman DeVico

Roll Call Vote: Committeeman DeVico, Committeeman Donohue, Mayor Clark

Kimberly D. Krauss, Township Clerk

