

**Cape May Court House, New Jersey
TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLE
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORKSESSION AGENDA
February 20, 2019 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. 25-19 entitled "Establishing Work Session Meeting Nights" which was adopted by Township Committee of the Township of Middle on January 2, 2019.

Members present are Mayor Donohue and Deputy Mayor Gandy. *Committeemember Clark was absent.*

Business Administrator/Township Clerk Kimberly Krauss, Deputy Township Clerk Andrea Singley, Township Engineer Vincent Orlando & Municipal Solicitor Marcus Karavan

FLAG SALUTE:**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS OR DISCUSSIONS:**

Local Government Energy Audit and
Funding Opportunities for Energy
Upgrades – Gary Finger

Mayor Donohue:

- *Welcomed Gary Finger from New Jersey's Clean Energy's Program.*

Gary Finger:

- *Gave presentation on Energy Saving Opportunities for the Township of Middle. Discussed the process of local energy audits. Explained the Smartstart program as well as the direct install program. Stated that direct install is where he recommends the Township end up. Briefly discussed the performance program. Explained the benefits of LED street lighting as well as energy saving improvement programs (ESIP).*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Asked if cash flow comes from provable savings.*

Gary Finger:

- *Explained where cash flow comes from.*
- *Continued to discuss ESIP.*

Chief Leusner:

- *Asked about self-refunding bond.*

Gary Finger:

- *Explained what the bond is and the County's involvement with the bond.*

Chief Leusner:

- *Asked why the county would pay for the bond*

Gary Finger:

- *Explained that the County has money that they are looking to invest in different project*

Chief Leusner

- *Asked for clarification on the closing of the self-refunding bond*

Gary Finger:

- *Provided explanation.*

Chief Leusner

- *Asked about the return for the county*

Gary Finger:

- *Clarified the return is not of the financial state.*

Gary Finger:

- *Discussed past Projects as well as the benefits of LED street lights.*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Asked who does the work for approval documentation.*

Gary Finger:

- *Described process of submitting documentation.*

Kimberly Krauss:

- *Stated resolution is on the regular meeting agenda.*

Gary Finger:

- *Gave explanation for approval process.*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Asked who creates the documentation to prove that the Township is saving money.*

Gary Finger:

- *Spoke of the portfolio management.*

Kimberly Krauss

- *Discussed electric documents provided during energy audit.*

Gary Finger:

- Gave warning of building use before and after energy saving program

Kimberly Krauss:

- Discussed pump stations being involved in the audit

Gary Finger:

- Explained the Direct Install Program for the pump station. Gave recommendations for street lighting and pump stations

Kimberly Krauss:

- Confirmed Jim Rutala would be who would submit the applications.

Gary Finger:

- Explained Mr. Rutala can fill out the applications but typically the Contractor will submit the applications for these projects.

Vince Orlando, Engineer:

- Asked for clarification on the payback timeline

Gary Finger:

- Further explained.

Rio Grande Park Discussion

Vince Orlando, Engineer:

- Distributed a concept plan for the park to the Committee. Spoke of meeting regarding park design submitted by CME. Discussed the different materials priced out to be used in the park. Explained after looking at materials and security measures for the dog park, pricing was under estimated. Discussed maintenance for the park; provided low maintenance options. Asked for committee's opinions concerning the dog park.

Mayor Donohue:

- Spoke of previous discussions concerning the dog park. Concerned about mutual upset if dog park is not added to the park. Discussed the different aspects and concerns regarding the dog park. Suggested warning signs when entering the park like the Wildwood's dog parks. Gave suggestion of scaling back on the current necessities and requirements for the dog park. Suggested moving the dog park to a different location within Middle Township such as Ockie Wisting. Stated he is not ready to discard the option of having a dog park in the Rio Grande Park. Asked what can be done to create a safe, fun and healthy dog park.

Committeeman Gandy:

- Suggested building the park and dog park up as it becomes a necessity and more people use it.

Mayor Donohue:

- Stated he likes the plans for the park so far.

Vince Orlando, Engineer:

- Asked what the order of importance for the park items are in accordance to the budget

Mayor Donohue:

- Stated another option is to show the County of Cape May what can be done with the current budget and ask if more money can be provided.

Nancy Sittineri:

- Stated she does not believe the County of Cape May will provide the Township of Middle with more money for the project. Explained reasons more money was not given for the project.

Mayor Donohue:

- Spoke of discussing the matter with the Animal Advisory Board

Committeeman Gandy:

- Asked the what the timeline for the project is.

Vince Orlando, Engineer:

- Stated he would like to go out to bid for the project by April 15.

Mayor Donohue:

- Asked about the budget and cost for the park

Vince Orlando, Engineer:

- Discussed budget items of concerns for the park and items removed from original concept.

Mayor Donohue:

- Asked the cost of restrooms at Ockie

Nancy Sittineri:

- Stated about \$400,000.00; future cost.

Vince Orlando, Engineer:

- Discussed need for guidance from the Animal Advisory Committee.

Committeeman Gandy:

- Asked if there is a dog park in Lower Township.

Vince Orlando, Engineer:

- Stated that there is not but there is one in Cape May and in Ocean City.

Committeeman Gandy:

- Discussed building the dog park up as time goes on.

Vince Orlando, Engineer

- Spoke of different added amenities for the dog park.
- Discussed having Middle Township IT Director Kevin Wong look into cameras and security for the park.
- Gave support for a enter at your own risk sign.

