

**Cape May Court House, New Jersey  
TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLE  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
WORK SESSION AGENDA  
July 15, 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, Deputy Mayor Gandy, and Committeemember Clark

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

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

Advisory Committee Report –  
Form of Government

*Mayor Donohue*

- *Gave brief description of Committees work on the report; thanked all who worked hard; explained report has been submitted on the Committees findings; wanted committee to be non-political; feels this is something that should be put to vote by all residents; invited Michael Butterfield to present their findings as well as Committee Members to discuss their thoughts; discussed thoughts of presumption regarding a 5 man committee; spoke of trying to find the right size of government to represent the Township; can spread work across more members; discussed reason for establishment of the Committee and the Committees role; further discussed his thoughts regarding the current forms of committee and the possible change of government; what is right size of government*

*Michael Butterfield (Committee Chair)*

- *Discussed change in percentage of votes; discussed 7 specific items that seemed to come to the table during their meetings regarding the way our government operates; members of board focused on what was best for the Township; spoke of how Committee came to their decision....steps taken and items discussed; spoke on pros and cons of having a 3 man committee or a 5 man committee; explained process Committee took to complete their recommendation and explained different options presented; spoke of the Committees desire to create more representation on the Committee for all the communities throughout the Township; discussed option of expanding the Township Committee; discussed oversight new members may or may not have; explained asking elected officials their duties while elected; further explained the Committee's goals; thankless job; learned a lot from all of the research done while on the Advisory Committee; believes Middle Township is doing well*

*Committeeman Clark*

- *Met with Committee-feels they have done a phenomenal job; feels Committee took his views into consideration; believes small government is best; thanked them for their hard work; does not believe going to a 5 member Committee necessarily means more representation ; Township Committee, past and present, has worked hard to represent and work hard on the entire community and every citizen.*

*Deputy Mayor Gandy*

- *Thanked the Committee for their work; discussed the many complaints through citizens of not having representation; believes larger group can possibly help represent more of the community; explained his views on change in government; Township Committee must now look into the next steps to take.*

*Josh*

- *More seats give more possibility for representation.... gave example of Freeholder Board.*

*Anthony Donofrio*

- *Discussed difficulty to finding a form of government to resolve all issues.*

**ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:**

Requested Zoning Change –  
Block 132.01 Lot 31 / Ordinance 1595-19

*Tom Hillegass*

- *Here to answer any questions Committee may have; plan on giving presentation at time of public hearing; gave brief update of project and background-100 unit Hampton Inn; change in sewer explained; clients can restrict the proposal to solely a Hampton Inn, further discussion on intents for the property; trying to get hotel up and running by 2021; spoke of amount of money spent by his clients for this project.*

*Mayor Donohue*

- *Would like to see a presentation at the public hearing; no opposition/public comment at time of Planning Board Meeting; stated he had requests for presentation on the project; questioned if sewer lift had been lifted; questioned Planning Boards Ordinance specifically stating Hampton Inn but wanted to know if once Committee changes zoning*

*can another business be put there other than a Hampton Inn; explained his reason for bringing up possibility of different business for that area if zoning changed without language specifying hotel;*

*Vince Orlando*

- *Yes, once zoning changed to Town Center anything can be put there that a Town Center usage permits*

Cape Regional Medical Center –  
Application for Highway Occupancy

*Anthony Monzo*

- *Explained reasoning for temporary parking and need for cross walk; further explained steps taken to accomplish the installation of the crosswalk; 164 parking spaces that will not be usable for the next year due to construction of new same day surgery center as part of the hospital but in a separate building; hospital has leased 80 parking spots across Rt 9 for employees- south of TJ Maxx...signs to control times of parking between 7AM & 7 PM...mostly used during the day....construction workers will be parking there also; concern is employees crossing Rt 9 and no crosswalk located there...crosswalk would go south of Orbit Dr; reached out to DOT was told had to be approved by Township Committee;*

*Committeeman Clark*

- *Good area for the crosswalk because very high traffic and foot area; public safety issue...would like to see it made permanent*

*Mayor Donohue*

- *Inquired where additional parking was; how will they control time employees park there*

*Deputy Mayor Gandy*

- *Being temporary for a year will be a good test for a possible permanent crosswalk to remain in that area*

*Chief Leusner*

- *Has not reviewed the permit; feels good idea for crosswalk there.... likes idea of permanent crosswalk in that area.*

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS AND PROJECT UPDATES:**

**Administration:**

**Finance:**

**Public Works:**

**Engineering:**

**Legal:**

**Tax Collection:**

**Tax Assessment:**

**Construction/Planning/Zoning:**

**Recreation:**

**Police / Animal Control/ Code Enforcement:**

**Buildings and Grounds:**

**Sewer:**

**Economic Development:**

**Personnel:**

**Zoning:**

**Township Clerk:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Motion to Adjourn Meeting – 4:42 PM

1<sup>st</sup>: Committeeman Clark                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Committeeman Gandy

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