

**Cape May Court House, New Jersey
TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLE
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORKSESSION AGENDA
January 20, 2021 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. 26-21 entitled "Establishing Work Session Meeting Nights" which was adopted by Township Committee of the Township of Middle on January 7, 2021.

Members present are Mayor Donohue and Deputy Mayor Gandy

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

**Committeeman Norris Absent*

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

Del Haven Water Project Update

Cody Stanford, ERI:

- *Explained applications submitted for grants for the project*
- *Discussed timeline for decision for the grant*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Asked Mike Chapman to speak on the particulars of the project*

Mike Chapman, Lower Township MUA Engineer:

- *Discussed timeline and funding process for the project*
- *Explained proves of notifying residents and helping them set up their water when it comes times*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Asked for clarification on how the phase in process will work to connect residents to water*

Mike Chapman, Lower Township MUA Engineer:

- *Explained he would suggest the phase in process to begin at water tower and head north and towards the bay but process is up to the contractor*
- *Will asked contractor to give a constructed schedule before construction begins*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Asked for confirmation that the Township has provided everything needed at this time*

Mike Chapman, Lower Township MUA Engineer:

- *Stated yes and now the Township just has to wait for approvals from Trenton*

Del Haven Pump Station Upgrade

Angelo Bufaino, Mott MacDonald:

- *Explained bids to be opened the next day for Phase 1*

Kimberly Krauss:

- *Explained these four pump stations are the worst of the pump stations in Middle*

Angelo Bufaino, Mott MacDonald:

- *Discussed the various pump stations that need to be upgraded first*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Asked if there is enough money bonded for the first phase of the project*

Angelo Bufaino, Mott MacDonald:

- *Stated he was unsure of how much was bonded*

Kimberly Krauss:

- *Explained what the bonded funds will cover based on anticipated costs*
- *Explained here are 21 pumpstations total to be upgraded*
- *Further explained they tried to bond funds to replace and upgrade the stations over four to five years*

Angelo Bufaino, Mott MacDonald:

- *Explained after the first 4 pump stations are upgraded the rest will not require as dire upgrades*

Kimberly Krauss:

- *Discussed what the upgrades will provide for the Township*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Stated he wants to ensure there is enough funds to continue these upgrades*

Kimberly Krauss:

- *Conversation to have while prepare the years budget and capital*

Angelo Bufaino, Mott MacDonald:

- *Briefly discussed timeline for upgrades*

Rob Flynn, Public Works Superintendent:

- *Discussed need for these upgrades*

Angelo Bufaino, Mott MacDonald:

- *Reiterated need for the upgrades*

Rob Flynn, Superintendent of Public Works:

- *Explained upgrades will provide much needed improvements and make the stations more user friendly*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Spoke of great work done to get this project going*
- *Commented on all the work done by Public Works through the years to keep the pump stations going*

Kimberly Krauss:

- *Thanked Angelo for all his work*

Proposed Ordinance Amendment
RE: Shopping Carts

Kimberly Krauss:

- *Gave background on proposed ordinance pertaining to shopping carts*
- *Gave further background on issues with shopping carts, especially in the Rio Grande Area*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Discussed governments regulations and part in the shopping cart issue*
- *Spoke of ongoing issue with shopping carts being left in various areas, especially in Rio Grande*
- *Explained past discussions with major stores to correct issue*

Kimberly Krauss:

- *Commented on costs of shopping carts*
- *Explained the current reading of the ordinances as it pertains to shopping carts*
- *Spoke of burden put on the Township to continuously collect the shopping carts*

Rob Flynn, Superintendent of Public Works:

- *Agreed that the burden in falling on the Township and costing taxpayer's money to pick up the shopping carts.*
- *Explained he stores an estimated 100-150 shopping carts at a time*
- *Further explained process of recycling the shopping carts when the store does not pick them up*

Chief Leusner:

- *Agreed with Kimberly Krauss and Rob Flynn*
- *Reiterated that this has escalated to the point of having to enforce this ordinance*
- *Spoke of charge for taking a shopping cart*
- *Discussed effect it has on officer's time to handle the shopping carts taken from the stores*
- *Stated he believes the ordinance needs to be updated to make the store owners accountable for the carts*

Kimberly Krauss:

- *Explained she understands this sensitivity with this and how it can affect small business owners as well as the larger stores*
- *Stated this is the third time this ordinance is being presented*

Chief Leusner:

- *Suggest language be added that if they have more than 25 or 50 shopping carts the ordinance will apply to them; explained this can assist with small business owners*

Committeeman Gandy:

- *Stated he agreed with chief*
- *Explained a smaller business is going to notice when multiple shopping carts go missing whereas larger department stores are not going to notice*

Marc Karavan:

- *Spoke of the security measures the Acme in Wildwood has taken by using an electric fence to stop carts from being taken off the property*

Committeeman Gandy:

- *Discussed need to have these companies involved in discussions with the Township regarding the issues*
- *Spoke of revolving management in the larger stores*

Kimberly Krauss:

- *Spoke of previous discussions with various stores in the Township asking them to correct the situation*
- *Suggested sending over the previous proposed ordinance to Legal to review then present to the Committee*

Marc Karavan:

- *Unsure of cost for the system Acme in Wildwood has but is extremely effective*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Asked if Wildwood mandated that security or if that was a business decision made by the Acme*

Marc Karavan:

- *Stated he was unsure but would look into it*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Confirmed that Acme is a stand-alone building*

Marc Karavan:

- *Further explained security measures at the Acme located in Wildwood*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Agreed the ordinance should be revisited*

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:

NO COMMENT

Motion to Adjourn Meeting – 5:34 pm

1st: Committeeman Gandy 2nd: Mayor Donohue

Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Gandy, Mayor Donohue

Andrea N. Singley, Deputy Township Clerk

Minutes prepared by E. Bowman