

**Cape May Court House, New Jersey
TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLE
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORK SESSION AGENDA
August 2, 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, Deputy Mayor Gandy, and Committeemember Norris

Business Administrator/Township Clerk Kimberly Krauss, Deputy Business Administrator Suzanne Schumann & Municipal Solicitor Marcus Karavan

FLAG SALUTE:**PRESENTATIONS OR DISCUSSIONS:**

Plan Endorsement Citizens Advisory
Committee

Kimberly Krauss:

- *Explained that the group has met twice to go over the plan endorsement; stated they had one more meeting scheduled in the third week of August; explained purpose of the Committee; state deadline for the Committee is in September*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Asked what the next steps are following the third meeting*

Kimberly Krauss:

- *Explained process once the deadline is complete, that designates and adopts the center designations; explained the Committee is just one requirement in securing and readopting center designation*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Clarified the Advisory Committee does not take any kind of vote in approving or disapproving designation but just provides opinions*

Kimberly Krauss:

- *Explained the State sets who must be on this Committee and sets the guidelines for the Committee*

Road and Drainage Projects

Mayor Donohue:

- *Explained purpose of the topic; discussed importance to take a long-term approach to these projects*

Kimberly Krauss:

- *Stated they are looking to come up with a 5-year plan; discussed prior plan to put together 10 years prior*
- *Explained effect emergency projects have on the long-term plans*
- *Gave background on projects done over the previous few years; discussed the various road projects completed in 2021*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Asked about timeframe to complete additional work added to 2020 road program*

Kimberly Krauss:

- *Explained they are due to remobilize in the next week*
- *Continued to discuss various projects completed and currently in process in 2021*
- *Discussed next phase is to look into new paving projects to be award in the fall and to have paving begin in the spring of 2022*
- *Spoke of various proposed road paving's and drainage projects; spoke about proposed project on secluded lane; discussed road project with barbie lane and woodside drive coupled with Crest Road, East Romney and Mount Vernon; discussed drainage project proposed for Darrott Drive and Ridge Road*

Committeeman Gandy:

- *Asked about the status of Ridge Road*

Kimberly Krauss:

- *Gave update on the finalizing items to be able to begin the Ridge Road project*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Explained reason for delay is due to communications issues with parties involved with the project*

Kimberly Krauss:

- *Reiterated the same*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Asked what happens if the third party does not respond to the Township*

Kimberly Krauss:

- *Explained various options explored*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Asked about West Main Street*

Kimberly Krauss:

- *Explained it will be part of a NJDOT grant; discussed proposed project for various upcoming NJDOT grants*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Asked if the crosswalk on railroad avenue for Rio Grande Park had begun*

Kimberly Krauss:

- *Stated yes and the work done was great; explained they must wait a week before completing the painting*
- *Spoke of concern about the Edgewood area as many roads need to be updated*

Committeeman Norris:

- *Asked about paving upgrades to Del Haven roads*

Kimberly Krauss:

- *Explained they will look to repave roads in Del Haven after the water project is complete*

Proposed Ordinance to Prohibit Parking
on West Side of North and South Beach
Drive

Mayor Donohue:

- *Discussed ongoing issue on Beach Drive with accessibility; discussed purpose of the ordinance; stated the ordinance will help with accessibility to the area; further explained they must look into controlling sand laying on the road in the area*

Kimberly Krauss:

- *Spoke of complaints from residents of the area about trash trucks trying to access the area*

Committeeman Norris:

- *Spoke of personal issues with getting back to the area*

Kimberly Krauss:

- *Explained the ordinance is scheduled for introduction at the regular meeting*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Suggested moving forward with the discussion*

Kimberly Krauss:

- *Asked Mayor Donohue if he would like to table the ordinance until a later meeting*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Suggested tabling the ordinance and notifying the residents of the area and having this topic on another work session meeting in September*

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:

John Lauricella, Cape May Court House:

- *Asked if it would be a benefit to the Township to have a traffic study done to show the amount of people coming into the Township to help attract businesses*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Spoke of current discussions with Commissioner Morey about promoting businesses in the area.; spoke of previous discussions for upgrades to the Court House area; explained proposal to put a small amount of money in a supplementary plan for the area; stated he believes the timing is good to try to start promoting the area*

John Lauricella, Cape May Court House:

- *Discussed his attendance at the Police Youth Camp the previous week; spoke of how wonderful the camp was*
- *Asked about how the hockey court was being reconstructed*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Explained the hockey foundation is funding the project; further explained the top would be the same as before*

Committeeman Norris:

- *Explained process of reconstructing the hockey court*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Discussed ongoing issue previously with the court*

Motion to Adjourn Meeting – 6:25pm

1st: Committeeman Gandy

2nd: Committeeman Norris

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

Andrea N. Singley, Deputy Township Clerk

Minutes prepared by E. Bowman