

**Cape May Court House, New Jersey
TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLE
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORK SESSION AGENDA
August 15, 2022 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. 37-22 entitled "Establishing Work Session Meeting Nights" which was adopted by Township Committee of the Township of Middle on January 4, 2022.

Members present are Mayor Donohue, Deputy Mayor Gandy, and Committeemember Norris

Business Administrator/Township Clerk Kimberly Osmundsen, Deputy Business Administrator Suzanne Schumann, Deputy Township Clerk Emily Bartleson, Township Engineer Vincent Orlando & Municipal Solicitor Marcus Karavan

**Municipal Solicitor Marcus Karavan Absent – Steven Morris present on behalf*

FLAG SALUTE:**PRESENTATIONS OR DISCUSSIONS:**

Stone Harbor Manor – Prohibited
Parking &
County Road Paving and Drainage
Project Updates – County Engineer
Robert Church

Robert Church:

- *Discussed implementation of center line rumble strips; continued to discussed various road safety measures completed throughout the Township; spoke of paving of Avalon Boulevard, Stone Harbor Boulevard, and Goshen Swainton Road; further explained the Goshen Swainton Road project and safety measures constructed on the road*
- *Explained current status of Dias Creek Road improvement project; discussed speed limit decrease on the road; continued to discuss project; gave a possible completion date of Fall of 2023*
- *Discussed Hand Avenue culvert replacement project*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Asked if Hand Avenue would need to be shut down completely*

Robert Church:

- *Explained yes and reason for the requirement*

Vince Orlando:

- *Asked about location of the culvert*

Robert Church:

- *Continued to discuss the project*
- *Spoke of upcoming bridge projects; gave over view of construction to bridge between Stone Harbor Boulevard and North Wildwood Boulevard; commented on 96th Street Bridge construction*

Committeeman Gandy:

- *Asked about possible complete bridge replacement*

Robert Church:

- *Explained plan for the bridge; no complete bridge replacement*
- *Discussed upcoming drainage project and various areas in need of improved drainage*
- *Commented on discussions about Hand Avenue*
- *Gave explanation about an upcoming project to the County Park*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Asked for clarification that there would be 1000 additional parking spaces for the zoo?*

Robert Church:

- *Stated that was correct*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Asked Mr. Church to elaborate on the permitting issues on Goshen Road*

Robert Church:

- *Explained reasons for delay and the further delay of funding for the project*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Asked about complete timeline for the 96th Street Bridge*

Robert Church:

- *Provided timeline*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Asked about finer details for the project*

Robert Church:

- *Further explained various aspects of the bridge project*

Kimberly Osmundsen:

- *Asked Robert to give more detail on the Seashore Road drainage project*

Robert Church:

- *Provided further details on the location of the project and corrections being made*

Vince Orlando:

- *Asked about improvements to Mechanic Street*

Robert Church:

- *Spoke of Township meeting with the County regarding the area*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Spoke of ongoing discussions*

Robert Church:

- *Explained ultimate goal for the street*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Explained there would be an upcoming press release with details and survey to determine needed for the area*

Robert Church:

- *Discussed study done of Mechanic and Boyd Streets for 4 way stops and the possibility of implementing the traffic measures*

Committeeman Gandy:

- *Asked about Scotch Bonnet Bridge*

Robert Church:

- *Explained study done by traffic consultant for the bridge; discussed possibility of opening and various issues they face preventing the opening*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Clarified the issue is not just the bridge but various elements like traffic and parking*
- *Asked about confirmation that the pier will not reopen*

Robert Church:

- *Further clarified the various factors affecting the pier reopening*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Confirmed that if asked, they can state the pier will not reopen*

Robert Church:

- *Confirmed the current pier would not be used in anyway*

Committeeman Gandy:

- *Asked about plans to have the pier removed*

Robert Church:

- *Discussed possibility of moving the bridge*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Spoke of ongoing issue in Stone Harbor Manor regarding parking and bicycles; asked Mr. Church about the issue*

Robert Church:

- *Stated the prohibited parking would be issued by the Township but the County would support it*

Margaret Bockman, Tidewater Ave:

- *Spoke of request to get speed lowered on Railroad Ave*
- *Discussed concerns with traffic in the area and access to the Bike Path*
- *Asked about repaving of the road by Legacies Community*

Robert Church:

- *Discussed federal grant*

Margaret Bockman, Tidewater Ave:

- *Continued to discuss request for crosswalk to the bike path*

Kimberly Osmundsen:

- *Explained reason for no placing the crosswalk*

Margaret Bockman, Tidewater Ave:

- *Continued to discussed traffic speed and street crossing*

Robert Church:

- *Explained speed traffic study process*

Margaret Bockman, Tidewater Ave:

- *Continued to discuss concerns*

Robert Church:

- *Explained possibility of lowering speed limits by statute*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Stated the Township can look into sidewalks for the area*

Grant Russ, Goshen:

- *Asked about Goshen Road deterioration from Route 47 to Mechanic Street; discussed concerns of the road and asked why the road is only being partially paved*

Robert Church:

- *Clarified the Goshen Road project*

Grant Russ, Goshen:

- *Asked when project will be complete*

Robert Church:

- *Spoke of completion goal for the project*

Grant Russ, Goshen:

- *Asked about speed reduction for the road and further discussed concerns*

Robert Church:

- *Stated they will look into the speed reduction explained speed study down previously*

Grant Russ, Goshen:

- *Asked about process to get the speed limit reduced*

Robert Church, Goshen:

- *Explained process to approach the municipality first*

Stan Doniger, CMCH:

- *Commented on crosswalk across from park*

Kimberly Osmundsen:

- *Clarified the Township put in the crosswalk*

Stan Doniger, Rio Grande:

- *Reiterated understanding of determination of a need for a crosswalk*

Robert Church:

- *Explained traffic study is not done for a cross walk*

Stan Doniger, Rio Grande:

- *Continued to discuss safety concerns without sidewalks and crosswalks*

Robert Church:

- *Explained difficulty with placing a crosswalk*

Kimberly Osmundsen:

- *Spoke of various factors when placing a crosswalk*

Stan Doniger, Rio Grande:

- *Began to ask about work on railroad and seashore road in relation to sewer and drainage*

Robert Church:

- *Discussed the project*

Stan Doniger, Rio Grande:

- *Began to speak of purposed development in the area*

Robert Church:

- *Explained development will not affect the project; continued to discuss the Sea Shore Road project*

Township Road Paving and
Drainage Project Update – Vince
Orlando

Vince Orlando:

- *Discussed bid opening for 2022 Road Project; explained various aspects of the project; stated award goal was for the September 7th meeting*
- *Discussed various projects waiting on New Jersey Department of Transportation approval;*
- *Spoke of plans for Magnolia Avenue*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Stated biggest issue on Magnolia is the area around the Acme entrance*

Vince Orlando:

- *Continued to discuss Magnolia Avenue project*

Kimberly Osmundsen:

- *Asked about grant application for Church Street*

Vince Orlando:

- *Explained pending grant applications are currently under review; continued to discuss the project*

Committeeman Gandy:

- *Asked about possible shut down of Route 47 by the New Jersey Department of Transportation*

Vince Orlando:

- *Stated they had not yet received an update*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Spoke of correspondence received from the New Jersey Department of Transportation*

Kimberly Osmundsen:

- *Explained they had asked for input on the detour*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Discussed difficulty of the detour*

Proposed Revised Campground
Ordinance

Kimberly Osmundsen:

- *Explained need for clarified language in the campground ordinance for what is permissible structure wise*

Steve Morris:

- *Gave explanation of the language being added to the current ordinance*

Kimberly Osmundsen:

- *Explained campgrounds are not year-round and structures are not permanent; further discussed language added to prohibit permanent structures; explained items that would be permissible under this revised ordinance*

Vince Orlando:

- *Spoke of discussions with construction official Dan Spiegel regarding which allowances he was comfortable with*

Committeeman Gandy:

- *Asked about preexisting properties with permanent structures and the stance on these properties*

Steve Morris:

- *Explained it would be determined on a case-by-case basis*

Kimberly Osmundsen:

- *Discussed various permanent structures found*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Asked about responsibility of the park owners*

Kimberly Osmundsen:

- *Explained notice was sent out and campgrounds have stepped up to enforce*

Vince Orlando:

- *Spoke of individual campground “condo owners”*

Kimberly Osmundsen:

- *Discussed difference between the campgrounds*

Mayor Donohue:

- *Commented on volume of campgrounds in the county and laws relative to them*

Lee Ann, Tax Assessor:

- *Spoke of various issues when assessing campgrounds and additions being added to the various trailers*

Kimberly Osmundsen:

- *Explained the ordinance was up for introduction at the regular meeting*

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: NONE

Motion to Adjourn Meeting – 4:53

1st: Committeeman Gandy 2nd: Committeeman Norris

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

Kimberly D. Osmundsen, Township Clerk

Minutes prepared by E. Bartleson