

**Cape May Court House, New Jersey
TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLE
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORK SESSION AGENDA
January 18, 2023 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. 42-23 entitled "Establishing Work Session Meeting Nights" which was adopted by Township Committee of the Township of Middle on January 4, 2023.

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 Matt Rooney

FLAG SALUTE:**PRESENTATIONS OR DISCUSSIONS:**

Amendment to Chapter 129,
Dumpsters and Refuse Containers

Kimberly Osmundsen gave back ground.

Vince Orlando, discussed current concern with dumpster use and enforcement missing from the current ordinance. Further discussed proposed changes

Committeeman Gandy asked about Lower Township's requirements

Rachel Shepherd, Zoning Officer, discussed Lower Township's ordinance

Kimberly Osmundsen, explained concerns regarding the bond requirement

Committeeman Gandy, asked about dumpster placement language and gave suggestions for a limit of dumpster placement

Kimberly Osmundsen, suggested fee difference depending on time a dumpster is placed; further asked about requiring a bond

Rachel Shepherd, Zoning Officer, explained blanket bond held by most contractors

Vince Orlando, proposed introduction of the updated ordinance at the February 6th meeting.

Chief Leusner, discussed calls received by code enforcement

Kimberly Osmundsen, asked about dumpsters behind shopping centers. Further explained ongoing issues with dumpsters at the shopping plazas

Suzanne Schumann, reiterated placing time limits on the placement of dumpsters.

Vince Orlando, proposed possible time frame for private property

Committeeman Norris, asked if this ordinance covers dumpsters placed on county roads

Vince Orlando, stated yes

Amendment to Chapter 250,
Permit Accessory Apartments

Vince Orlando, gave background on the recommendation from the planning board and proposed changed to the ordinance. Explained need for this type of housing environment in Middle Township.

Kimberly Osmundsen, explained the ordinance was on for introduction at the regular meeting.

Vince Orlando, suggested moving forward with the ordinance at the regular meeting with stipulation of it being amended to add the deed restriction. Discussed proposed language.

Kimberly Osmundsen, suggested tabling the ordinance during the Regular Meeting and move the introduction to the February 6th meeting.

Committeeman Gandy, asked if this ordinance is in effect for a property, would the home owner be able to rent an entire home out in the future?

Vince Orlando, explained effect it would have on renting

Kimberly Osmundsen, spoke of benefits of having this additional housing option.

Committeeman Norris, asked if this type of housing would count towards affordable housing credits?

Kimberly Osmundsen, stated no unless there were deed restrictions required.

Vince Orlando, continued to explained requirements for it to be considered under affordable housing. Clarified the ordinance would be tabled and language would be added with deed restriction stipulation.

Committeeman Norris, asked about possibility of the home owner(s) moving to the smaller section of the home and renting out the larger portion under this ordinance.

Vince Orlando, explained how this scenario would be allowable within the restrictions of the ordinance

Recommendation by Planning Board –
Amendment to Zoning Ordinance –
Electronic Messaging Boards

Vince Orlando, discussed issues the planning board had been presented regarding electronic signs. Explained biggest contention with the boards; discussed calculations determined by the DOT for sign requirement. Continued to discuss proposed requirements for electronic signs.

Kimberly Osmundsen, asked about DOT requirements?

Vince Orlando, explained they can regulate the billboards but not the messaging boards. Further explained the ordinance will be beneficial for the zoning office for regulation.

Kimberly Osmundsen, stated the Township will need to draft a resolution to amend chapter 218; suggested introducing the ordinance at the February 6th 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:

Motion to Adjourn Meeting – 4:46 PM

1st: Committeeman Norris 2nd: Committeeman Gandy

Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Gandy, Committeeman Norris

Kimberly D. Osmundsen, Township Clerk

Minutes prepared by: E. Bartleson