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*Middle Paxton Township*

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

July 6, 2015

**Call to Order**

The July 6, 2015 regular monthly meeting of the Middle Paxton Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:01 PM by Chairman Andrew Megonnell in the Township meeting room. Also present were Supervisor James Fisher, Vice-Chairman and Secretary; Supervisor Jeffrey Smith, Treasurer; Supervisor Richard Peffer; Julie Ann Seeds, Township Manager and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer; Steve Stine, Township Solicitor; and Ed Fisher, Township Engineer. Supervisor Mitch Rissinger was excused.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Hearing for Ordinance 2015-01**

Chairman Megonnell opened the public hearing on the previously advertised Ordinance 2015-01, *An Ordinance of the Township of Middle Paxton Township, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, Repealing Article 12 – Floodplain District (FP) of the Middle Paxton Township Zoning Ordinance.*

No public comments were presented regarding the proposed ordinance.

Motion by Supervisor Fisher to close the public hearing and adopt Ordinance 2015-01 was seconded by Supervisor Smith. *Motion passed unanimously.*

**Public Comments**

Chairman Megonnell invited public comments from those in attendance who were not listed on the meeting agenda.

Gene Stilip, 1550 Fishing Creek Valley Road, addressed the Board concerning stormwater management and flooding problems experienced within his

neighborhood as a result of an excessive amount of rain that fell within a few hours on June 20. He attributed the primary source of the problem to be the amount of fill surrounding the residence located at 1535 Fishing Creek Valley Road which in his opinion has altered the natural water course and increased stormwater elevations impacting neighboring homes.

Elizabeth Stroh, 1541 Fishing Creek Valley Road, voiced the same complaint, reported her basement had experienced severe flooding and requested the Township undertake whatever corrective action was within its power.

Michael Swett, 1551 Fishing Creek Valley Road, also voiced the same complaint and indicated his actions undertaken to mitigate stormwater from impacting his property had also failed.

The Township Engineer was requested to review the home site development plan and visit the property in question to determine whether any earth disturbance work had been performed outside the approved project stormwater management plan.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Megonnell requested a motion to approve the minutes from the June 1, 2015 regular monthly meeting. Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve the minutes from the June 1, 2015 regular monthly meeting was seconded by Supervisor Peffer. *Motion passed unanimously.*

### **Treasurer's Report/Monthly Financial Statement**

Julie Ann Seeds, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, presented the monthly Treasurer's Report showing the total of Fiduciary Accounts (\$99,460.15), State Accounts (\$100,371.40) and General Accounts (\$1,383,143.16) to be \$1,582,974.71 as of June 30, 2015. Ms. Seeds informed the Board that a written request had been submitted to Dauphin County to pay off the \$79,395.67 remaining balance on the fire truck loan at the Mid Penn Bank under the terms of the 2014-2015 Gaming Grant debt reduction award.

Motion by Supervisor Fisher to accept the June 2015 Treasurer's Report to be filed for audit was seconded by Supervisor Peffer. *Motion passed unanimously.*

### **Agenda Items**

#### Dauphin-Middle Paxton Joint Park Authority

Russ Hornung informed the Board the Park Authority would be submitting a Dauphin County Local Share Gaming Grant application for renovations to the Kennedy Field grandstand and replacement of the Sheetz Field lights with energy-efficient LED lamps. Mr. Hornung also reported the Park Authority had plans to redo the volley ball court.

### Dauphin Recreation Association

Deb Gardner presented a written request for the Township to be a co-applicant on DRA's request for a Dauphin County Local Share Gaming Grant to replace/upgrade the pool filter system and repair the filter house. A detailed listing of pool infrastructure and property improvements was also submitted. Debra Fedor, DRA president, also indicated DRA was continuing discussions with the Park Authority regarding possible transfer of DRA property to the Park Authority with an operating lease agreement for DRA to continue swimming pool operations.

### Draft Joint Comprehensive Plan

A.J. Schwartz of Environmental Planning & Design, Inc. (EP&D) made a presentation summarizing the draft *Middle Paxton Township & Dauphin Borough Joint Comprehensive Plan* presented to a joint meeting of the Township's Planning Commission and Dauphin Borough Council on June 30. Upon concurrence from the Township and Borough elected officials, Mr. Schwartz indicated the next step would be for the Township and Borough to take action to initiate the Municipalities Planning Code (MPC) required 45-day review of the plan including issuance of plan copies to all contiguous municipalities, Tri-County Regional Planning Commission and Central Dauphin School District.

It was the consensus of the Board to undertake its review of the draft Joint Comprehensive Plan and schedule the action required to initiate the MPC 45-day review period during the August 3 Board of Supervisors meeting.

## **Reports**

Solicitor – Steve Stine, Esq.

No report was presented.

Engineer – Ed Fisher, P.E.

See attached report. Township Engineer Ed Fisher indicated the Township Roadcrew should be able to undertake replacement of the culvert in the middle of the Stony Creek Road "S" curve, as well as the proposed roadway turning radius improvements with assistance from its excavating contractor. Replacement of the culvert pipe will be accomplished prior to the date of school opening inasmuch as total road closure was a distinct possibility. In addition to the planned installation of a flashing road message board approaching the "S" curve, the Board requested written notices be mailed to all residents residing beyond the Stony Creek Road "S" curve providing the date of scheduled roadwork, as well as alerting those residents to the possibility of road closure during the day.

Road Master – Robert Hofer

See attached report.

Zoning and Codes Enforcement Officer

See attached report.

#### Emergency Management Coordinator – Robert Rusbatch

EMC Rusbatch reported the ¼ turn fire hydrant adaptors have been installed by United Water Company. He also reported the recent stormwater damage experienced in Fishing Creek Valley on June 20 was fully documented, but did not meet the threshold required to file a damage claim. He will also coordinate with emergency service providers in preparation for the possibility of Stony Creek Road closure during the culvert pipe replacement project.

#### Manager’s Report – Julie Seeds

See attached report.

#### Committee/Organization Reports

- Dauphin-Middle Paxton Joint Park Authority - No report was presented.
- Dauphin-Middle Paxton Joint Public Safety Authority - No report was presented.
- Capital Region Council of Governments (CapCOG) - Supervisor Fisher reported on action items from the CapCOG June 15 meeting. He indicated he will be unable to attend the July 20 meeting and requested Ms. Seeds attend the meeting as the Township’s designated alternate delegate.

### **Review/Approval of Bills**

The listing of vendor bills for June was distributed to the Board for review/approval. Motion by Supervisor Smith to pay all vendor bills listed for June was seconded by Supervisor Peffer. *Motion passed unanimously.*

### **Information Items/Letters Received**

Township Manager Seeds presented items of general interest, as well as recent correspondence received by the Township that did not require Board action.

### **Board Member Comments**

Following a report that several tree stands were erected in the Township’s Ibberson Park, a motion by Supervisor Fisher to post Ibberson Park for “no hunting” failed to gain a second for consideration.

### **Executive Session**

Chairman Megonnell noted the Board of Supervisors met in executive session immediately prior to the start of this evening’s regular monthly meeting to discuss matters in litigation, as well as personnel matters presented to the Board.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM upon a motion by Supervisor Pepper, seconded by Supervisor Smith. *Motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

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James H. Fisher, Secretary