

SOUTH MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORKSHOP MEETING
May 16 2008
6:00 PM

PRESENT: Supervisors Reighard, Reeder, Gembusia and Faley, (Supervisor Baker – absent); Manager Wilson; Assistant Manager Sweeney; Mary Jane Zeigler, Bill Brown, Ann & Tom Benjey, Tony Gonzalez, Doug Gale, Rob Lauriello, Joe Fay, Barry, Brooke & Andrea Ciccocioppo, H. Arnold – public; Joe Cress – The Sentinel.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

DISCUSSION – LONG RANGE PLANNING ITEMS – SUPERVISORS DISCUSSION

The items that were discussed at the May 8th, 2008 Board of Supervisors meeting for consideration for long range expenses were listed and prioritized by the Board. Not all surveys were completed, but from the discussion, the #1 item for consideration was the cost of energy with a possible \$200,000-300,000 increase for 2009. The second was the road funding, up possibly \$500,000 depending on fuel costs and the need to bid projects under prevailing wage requirements. #3 was the B.S. Livable Community funding which could cost about \$200,000, possibly less with grant funding. #4 was the building program at a cost estimate of about \$4.2M. The costs of implementation were noted as guesses.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Mary Jane Zeigler suggested those who have street lights on their property should pay for them. She also suggested with the rate of growth in South Middleton Township and all the new roads we are accepting, we should be preparing for the future with a new building. Ms. Zeigler suggested those with sidewalks in B.S. should be required to upgrade their own sidewalks, and the fees in lieu of recreation should be increased.

BUILDING PROJECT:

The history of the building project was reviewed. Supervisor Faley discussed an incremental plan for the building. Supervisor Reeder discussed the rising costs of materials, and Supervisor Gembusia discussed financing in conjunction with the low interest rates. A plan B was discussed in case the bids for the project came in higher than expected, and whether or not we should use our capital reserve funds to lower the borrowing amount or keep it for use later on.

ASSIGNMENT OF TASKS:

Sarah was requested to survey the recreation fee in lieu of land dedication for the surrounding municipalities to determine if ours should be increased.

Barb was requested to review the cost of the street lights and inform the Supervisors of the findings when received.

ADJOURNMENT:

Supervisor Faley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. Supervisor Gembusia seconded, and the vote in favor was 4-0.

WITNESS:

Barbara A. Wilson

**SOUTH MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

Walter G. Reighard, Chairman

Bryan A. Gembusia, Vice Chairman

Ronald L. Reeder, Member

ABSENT

James N. Baker, Member

Thomas E. Faley, Member