

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHAMPTON MINUTES
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING

5:00 p.m.

January 22, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT

Paul Witter – Chairman
Greg Richardson – Vice Chairman
Samuel Cressler – Secretary/Treasurer

OTHERS PRESENT

Maria Misner – Planning/Recording Secretary
Kathy Durf – Administrative Assistant

VISITORS PRESENT

Donald Ott – 4220 Middle Ridge Road

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

**APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 8, 2019.**

The minutes for the regular meeting of January 8, 2019, were approved as presented.

VISITOR REMARKS

There were no visitor remarks

OLD BUSINESS

Update Orrstown & Thornwood Intersection

Supervisor Cressler reported that on January 16th, he met with representatives from Adams Electric, Penelec and Century Link at the intersection of Orrstown and Thornwood Roads. The goal was to string the red and yellow flashing lights between two existing poles for signaling the intersection. One pole is owned by Adams Electric and the other is owned by Century Link. The cost would have been about \$15,000.

Century Link informed them at the site meeting that they do not allow anyone to use their poles.

Working with the electric utilities and Township traffic engineer, they began to look at designing a metal pole and mast layout from one corner of the intersection to signalize. Supervisor Cressler distributed a copy of the layout, prepared by Township Traffic Engineers, to the other Supervisors prior to the Board of Supervisor's meeting.

The project can be achieved using the proposed layout. If the Supervisors want to move forward, the next action is to submit the engineered design to PennDOT, get their approval, then order the pole and mast and complete the

project. The costs have risen to about \$50,000. The pole and mast companies have said there is a two to three-month backlog on delivery.

MOTION: Supervisor Witter moved to submit the design to PennDOT. Supervisor Cressler seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Supervisor Cressler will check into properly purchasing the pole and mast and see if a bid process is required.

NEW BUSINESS

Middle Ridge Road – Donald Ott

Mr. Ott stated that he was there representing the residents of Middle Ridge to find out the status of proposed road improvements. There are rumors that the project to improve Middle Ridge Road has been cancelled.

Supervisor Cressler stated that two of the residents were not in favor of the project and did not sign their right-of-way over to the Township. In order to qualify for the funding through the Dirt & Gravel Roads program, the Township must have all of the road right-of-way. The project is tabled until the remaining two residents, Perry and Rotz, sign their right-of-way over to the Township.

Supervisor Cressler stated that he was going to discuss improving the first section of Middle Ridge Road as far as possible with the other two Supervisors when the 2019 road work is identified. He felt that doing some preliminary work to allow the Township to maintain the first leg of the road for the residents who have given the right-of-ways could be served. Two of the residents who live beyond the Perry and Rotz properties cannot yet be reached. The Township has the ability to maintain from its existing right-of-way off of Lindsay Lot Road for Ott, Karper and Warren. Supervisor Cressler feels that seeing this improvement for the folks that were receptive may pique the interest in the other property owners to reconsider.

Several options were discussed regarding partial road improvements.

Supervisor Witter stated that he is not in favor of any improvements until all of the residents sign off and the project has funding through the Dirt & Gravel Road Program.

Super Richardson stated that he currently plows that area and does not want to plow a road that is not paved. The plow can create gouges in the road, as well as the truck sliding off of the road surface. He stated that before the Township incurs any more cost, the signatures of the remaining two residents should be obtained.

The Supervisors asked Supervisor Cressler to look at other options, like moving the cul-de-sac to another location to try to satisfy some of the remaining concerns from Rotz.

Mr. Ott presented the following letter from the residents of Middle Ridge Road.

By signing below our signatures attest to the fact that we are either property owners and live on Middle Ridge Rd or are land owners that may have land affected by the repair, paving and maintenance project presented to us during 2018.


As some of us have heard there may be two property owners that do not agree with the badly needed repair, paving and maintenance project presented to us by Southampton Township, Franklin County.

Our signatures below also attest to the fact that we are asking our Township to please move forward with this repair, paving and maintenance project.

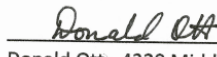
Some of us have lived on Middle Ridge Rd for many years and have experienced the pot holes and craters throughout the years. We have also experienced all of the snow falls both small and large where we either had to maneuver through the snow and ice, remove it ourselves with shovels, snow blowers or plows, or stay at home because we could not get out. As a normal condition that comes with snow on dirt roads the road turns into ice due to the melting during the day and refreezing at night which makes Middle Ridge Rd very difficult if not impossible to maneuver.


Again, our signatures below attest to the fact that we are asking our Township to please move forward with the badly needed repairs, paving, and maintenance project of Middle Ridge Rd.

Many thanks from the residents of Middle Ridge Rd, Shippensburg, PA 17257.


_____, 1-15-19
Timothy Karper - 2440 Lindsay Lot Rd.


_____, 1-15-19
Candace Warren - 2421 Lindsay Lot Rd.


_____, 1/15/2019
Donald Ott - 4220 Middle Ridge Rd.

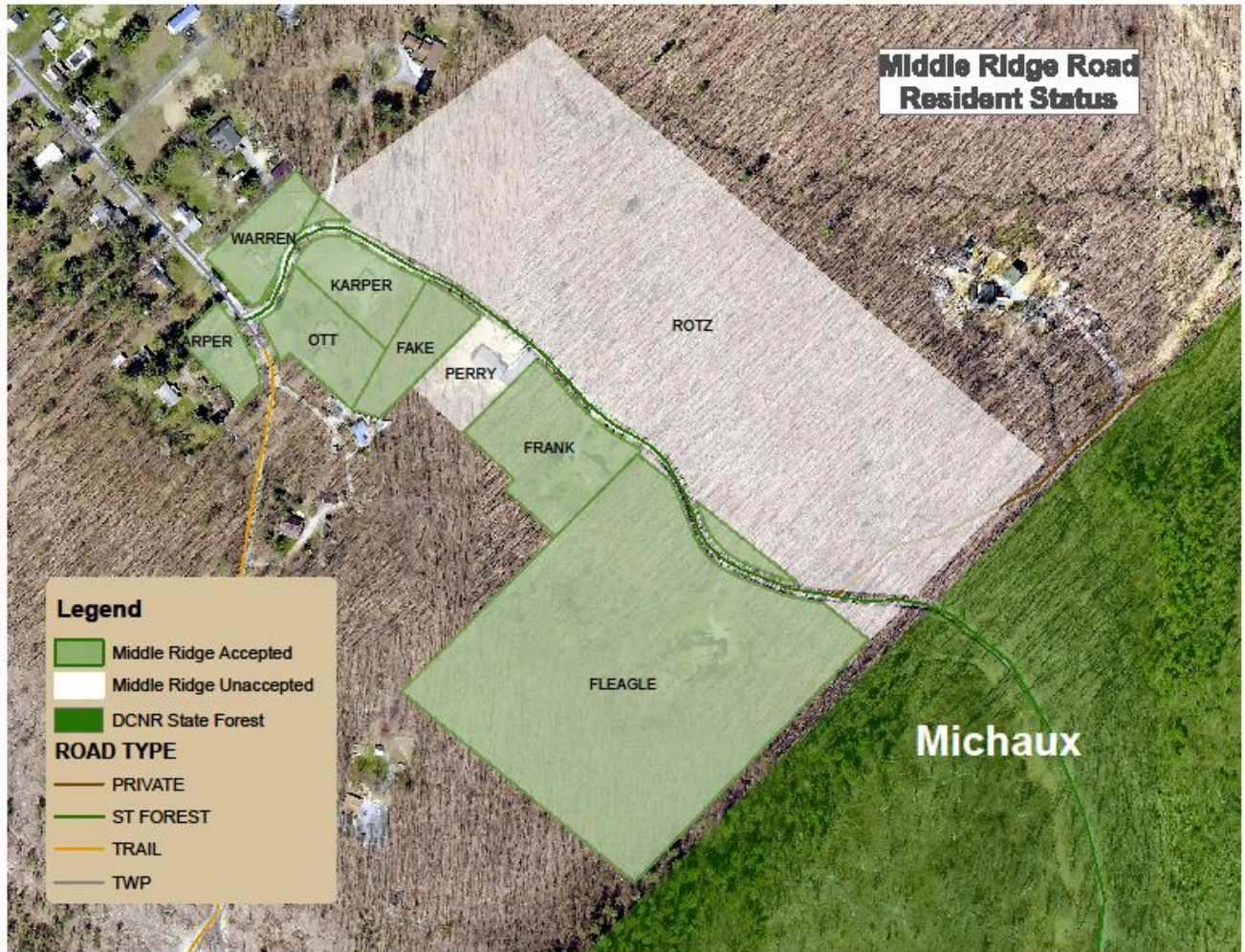

_____, 1-16-2019
Luther & Sonja Karper - 4240 Middle Ridge Rd.


_____, 1-17-2019
Residents of 4255 Middle Ridge Rd

NO CONTACT INFO
_____,
Harold Fake - Middle Ridge Rd.


_____, 1-17-2019
Ms. Frank - 4340 Middle Ridge Rd.


_____, 1-16-19
Don & Joan Fleagle - 4476 Middle Ridge Rd.



ASA Request Lloyd & Angela Chamberlin

Maria Misner - Planning, stated that she received a request from Lloyd and Angela Chamberlin of 13812 Burnt Mill Road to add their property to the Township Ag Security Area. Their farm (Parcel ID 21-0N03.-018) meets the minimum requirements to be added to the ASA.

REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES

Solicitor – Supervisor Richardson relayed the following report from Solicitor, Sean Shultz Esq.

1. Municipal Lien on 9798 Molly Pitcher Highway—was filed in September for \$2,424.13.
2. Mount Rock Road—Mr. Shultz has worked to get county services involved to secure removal of the two occupants. Doug informed the solicitor the adult child has been relocated. The child’s mother had left but has now returned. Based on her return, he will have to file an additional petition with the court to obtain a final order for removal. He will have that sent for filing this week.

GENERAL FUND

MOTION: Supervisor Witter moved to pay the general fund in the amount of \$49,925.44. Supervisor Richardson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned by Supervisor Witter at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Maria Misner
Recording Secretary