

BURGESS AND COMMISSIONERS OF MIDDLETOWN MARYLAND

TOWN MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

February 28, 2011

The monthly meeting of the Burgess and Commissioners of Middletown was called to order on February 28, 2011, by Burgess John D. Miller at 7:00 p.m. in the Middletown Municipal Center, 31 W. Main Street, Middletown, Maryland. Present were: Burgess Miller, Commissioners Jennifer Falcinelli, Larry Bussard, Richard Dietrick, Vincent O'Reilly and Anthony Ventre.

CONSENT AGENDA

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Commissioner O'Reilly motioned to accept this consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Bussard and passed unanimously.

PERSONAL REQUEST FOR AGENDA

Mr. Andrew Smith, Legislative Director of the Middletown Area Chamber – Funding for Community Events - No Show

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Budget Workshop – General Fund Operating Budget Community Groups - Burgess Miller mentioned a proposed budget is for \$30,000.00 which is 10 to 15% decrease from last year. The following representatives from these groups were present:

Middletown Arts and Activities (Molly Derr and Sally Wilson) requesting \$6,873.43. Commissioner Falcinelli suggested the committee look into having movie night at the Wiles Branch Park.

Lions Club – unable to attend

Christmas in the Valley – Commissioner Falcinelli stated this event was funded last year thru the ornament sales and is requesting no funds.

Heritage Festival – Jennifer Ross is requesting \$8,000.00 and keeping the current check balance of \$6,182.02.

Middletown Rec. Council – Pam Dietrick and Natalie Kaufman stated the committee is not having the fishing derby and scholarship this year but are working on the May Festival. They are requesting \$8,500.00.

Police Junior Academy – At this time this event is on hold, should this take place, the deputies are requesting \$500.00

Middletown Valley Historical Society – Carol Brumback is requesting \$50,000.00 over the next 5 years. Commissioners Dietrick and Bussard feel since this is not an event item, it should be moved to another part of the budget.

Scheduling of Public Hearing(s) for Text Amendments:

Ordinance 11-03-01 to amend the Restricted Vehicles Definition – at their February 21, 2011 meeting the Planning Commission voted to recommend disapproval. Commissioner Dietrick thought the Board wanted Section 17.32.065 to read “On street parking of restricted vehicles in all residential districts”. By general consent the Board agreed to have the Town Attorney word this in the ordinance and refer back to the Planning Commission.

Ordinance 11-03-02 to amend the Section for Zoning Violations Enforcement – at their February 21, 2011 meeting the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval. The Public Hearing is scheduled for March 28, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Ordinance 11-03-03 to amend the Section of Forest Conservation – at their February 21, 2011 meeting the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval. The Public Hearing is scheduled for March 28, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Ordinance 11-03-04 to amend the TC Special Exception Section - at their February 21, 2011 meeting the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval. The Public Hearing scheduled for March 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Dietrick mentioned the reason he abstained from voting on the above is because he will be voting when these come before the Town Board.

Introduction of Ordinance to Amend Snow Removal Section 12.03.020 – Burgess Miller introduced this ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

Constant Yield Tax Rate – EXEMPTION – The Town Administrator mentioned this is the first time in 15 years the Town has been exempt.

Hydrant Flushing – April 18-22, 2011

Coblentz Grove – items discussed:

Coblentz Road is a county road

Town requires sidewalk, curb and gutter

County does not require sidewalk, curb and gutter

County requesting the placement of *No Stopping* signs

Developer putting up a fee in lieu instead of installing a sidewalk

Locating the sidewalk on the west side of Coblentz Road from Caroline Dr. to E. Main Street

Homeowner's responsibility for sidewalk from Foxfield Pass to Caroline Dr.

The Board will discuss this with the Planning Commission at their joint workshop on March 7, 2011

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pam Dietrick, 707 E. Main Street – stated the proceeds from the May Festival (May 7, 10 until 5 p.m.), half will go toward the 4th of July event and the other half will go toward the Skateboard Park. There are some vendor spaces available. Also the Spaghetti dinner will be March 20 from 11 until 7 p.m. Some plots are still available from the Middletown Community Garden Club.

John Rudy, property owner of 7 N. Church St. asked how best to handle when they have cleared the sidewalk and then a snow plow comes and throw the snow onto the cleared sidewalk. The Board explained they have received several calls regarding the speed of State Snow Plow Trucks and the Town is working with the State.

Commissioner Falcinelli passed out proposed guidelines for Public Information for the Board's review.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine H. Moore
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