

# BURGESS AND COMMISSIONERS OF MIDDLETOWN MARYLAND

## TOWN MEETING MINUTES

### PUBLIC HEARING

June 23, 2011

The Public Hearing of the Burgess and Commissioners of Middletown was called to order on June 13, 2011 by Burgess John D. Miller at 7:55 p.m. in the Middletown Municipal Center, 31 W. Main Street, Middletown, Maryland. Present were: Burgess Miller, Commissioners Jennifer Falcinelli, Larry Bussard, Richard Dietrick, Vince O'Reilly and Tony Ventre.

### **PUBLIC HEARING – General Fund and Water & Sewer Fund Operating Budgets**

The Town Administrator stated these budgets were advertised with the water and sewer budget showing an 8% rate increase.

**General Fund** – FY 2012 budget is for \$2,298,401.00 with a surplus of \$121,385.00. Commissioner Falcinelli mentioned the Town has lost over \$600,000.00 in Highway User Fee that the State took away a couple of years ago. Commissioner O'Reilly motioned to approve the General Fund Operating Budget as presented, seconded by Commissioner Dietrick and passed unanimously.

**Water & Sewer Fund** – Jason Harrington, 1 Ivy Hill Drive, David Lake, 24 E. Green Street, Bob Smart, 7525 Coblentz Road, Bill Poulin, 3 Tobis Run and Chris Goodman, 320 S. Jefferson Street were present. Items discussed:

- Establishing a 10% Contingency fund

- Rate increase of 8% (quarterly increase of \$4.56 based on 18,000 gallons of usage)

- No cash in budget to pay for CIP projects

- Residents footing the cost for repairs

- Less development means less tap fees

Previous tap fees helped to fund the water tank, new WWTP, I & I projects and upgrade the pump stations. It was noted loan payments are still being made on the WWTP and Water Tank.

- MDE issues the water allocation

Commissioner Falcinelli motioned to approved FY 2012 Water & Sewer budget with an 8% rate increase, seconded by Commissioner Ventre. This motion passed with a 5 to 1 (Burgess Miller) vote.

The Public Hearing for the General Fund CIP and Water & Sewer Fund CIP is scheduled for July 7, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

The Public Hearing adjourned at p.m. at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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