

***BURGESS AND COMMISSIONERS
OF MIDDLETOWN MARYLAND***

TOWN MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

August 22, 2011

The monthly meeting of the Burgess and Commissioners of Middletown was called to order on August 22, 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 Larry Bussard, Richard Dietrick, Vincent O'Reilly and Anthony Ventre.

CONSENT AGENDA

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Commissioner Bussard motioned to accept this consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner O'Reilly and passed 4 – 0 (Commissioner Ventre abstained since he was not at that meeting).

PERSONAL REQUEST FOR AGENDA

Mr. Fred Grimm, Jr., 106 Locust Court – Water Quality Problems – Mr. Grimm thanked the Board for their quick action last year with regard to the water issued along Locust Blvd. Since that time some of the residents in Locust Court are experiencing blackish water. Alexa Poklemba, 114 Locust Court, showed the Board a water filter from her residence that was less than a month and mentioned there was an increase in the CIP fee but hasn't seen any improvement in the water. Items discussed:

Long term fix – looping the line when the Fire Department builds the activity building.

Short Term fix – installing water filter system

Sometimes filling the tub 2 to 3 times before getting clear water to wash clothes.

All old lines in this area, causing build up of iron.

Clean and reline water lines too expensive.

Loop the line at the Primary School site.

Staff will do a cost estimate that will be available at the September 12 meeting.

Penny Edwards, 10 Locust Blvd., appreciates the Town's efforts in clearing her water and hopes the Town can help the residents on Locust Court.

Mr. Fred Bean, Vice President, Benecon & Timothy Ailsworth, Executive Director, LGIT – Health Insurance Benefits Presentation – Mr. Bean gave a power point on the Health Benefits Benecon offers (copy attached).

Staff Planner gave her report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Review of Health Insurance Bids – The Board review the Health Insurance evaluation from Benecon and CareFirst (copy attached). Commissioner Dietrick motioned to accept the bid from Benecon, seconded by Commissioner Ventre and passed unanimously.

Update on Lead and Copper Testing – The Town Administrator thanked Burgess Miller and Commissioner Falcinelli for going door to door. Because of them the Town was able to get all the samples needed for this testing.

NEW BUSINESS

Memorial Park Pavilion Dedication – Schedule Date – By general consent this dedication (Lenhart pavilion) will be September 23, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Recommendation from Water & Sewer Committee for Water Capacity Calculations – The Water & Sewer Committee is recommending the allocable water per unit be lowered from 300 gallons per unit to 250 gallons. The overall average per unit within the Town is 213 gallons per day (148 gallons residential and 300 gallons commercial). Since MDE is very conservative when estimating the amount of water each well provides, means the Town gets fewer taps, by using 250 gallons for planning purposes, the Town would still have a cushion. Commissioner O'Reilly motioned to accept the recommendation of the Water and Sewer Committee to change the allocable water per unit to 250 gallons, seconded by Commissioner Ventre. Commissioner Dietrick asked if Town Houses is based on 250 gallons and was told yes. The motion before the Board passed unanimously.

Discussion of Proposed Text Amendment for Solar Panels – Solar Collection Systems which are economically feasible can be located on residential and non-residential sites (principle structures, accessory building or free-standing ground mounted). The Planning Commission is recommending the Town to consider a text amendment with guidelines dealing with public health, safety, aesthetics and welfare. Staff Planner has contacted Frederick and Washington Counties and will be contacting other municipalities for more information on their policies regarding Solar Panels. Bob Smart, 7525 Coblentz Road and member of the Planning Commission feels this is the first step in the right direction. This will be discussed at the September 1, 2011 workshop.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 25, 2011 – MML dinner at Maryland National.

September 1, 2011 – Town Board Workshop at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine H. Moore
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