

# *BURGESS AND COMMISSIONERS OF MIDDLETOWN MARYLAND*

## TOWN MEETING MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING

October 22, 2012

The second monthly meeting of the Burgess and Commissioners of Middletown was called to order on, October 22, 2012, 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, Anthony Ventre and Christopher Goodman. Commissioner Falcinelli arrived at 7:40 p.m.

### CONSENT AGENDA

October 4, 2012 – Public Hearing

October 8, 2012 – Town Meeting

Commissioner Bussard motioned to accept this consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Goodman. Pam Dietrick, 707 E. Main St. said she was at the October 8 meeting representing Middletown Valley Community Garden Club not the Park Committee. The October 8 minutes will be changed; Under Parks & Recreation – Memorial Park, the first sentence should read *The Board along with Pam Dietrick, member of the Middletown Valley Community Garden Assoc. discussed.* The motion with this change passed with a 5 – 0 vote.

### PERSONAL REQUEST FOR AGENDA

***Presentation by the Frederick County Charter Board for a Charter Form of Government for Frederick County*** – Ken Coffey, Chairman, Jeff Holtzinger, Member and David Rogers of the Charter Education Coalition were present to discuss the proposed charter government (copy of Charter Highlights is attached) to be voted on November 6, 2012 and if passed would go into effect in 2014.

Alex Kundrick, 3 Crone Lane, asked if this would affect the Town's form of government and was told no. Bob Smart, 7525 Coblenz Road, asked how this would affect the relationship between the Board of Education and County government under charter rule and was told probably no change with the exception that the County Executive would be working directly with the Board of Education.

Rich Gallagher, 23 Woodmere Circle, felt the Executive salary is too low and was told this position is for someone who is primarily focused on public service to the County not the money.

Since this delegation was here, Burgess Miller asked if the Board would want to act on the Proclamation that is under New Business. Commissioner Goodman motioned to adopt a Proclamation in support of the proposed Charter Form of Government in Frederick County, seconded by Commissioner Bussard and passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**No Unfinished business to conduct.**

### NEW BUSINESS

**Proclamation for Charter form of Government for Frederick County** – See Request for Agenda

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Commissioner Bussard** mentioned the Sidewalk workshop held this past Saturday had 16 residents in attendance. The Director of Operations and Construction demonstrated patch work repair. Cost for repair supplies is approximately \$10.00 from local stores such as Home Depot. Burgess Miller explained the Town is enforcing the existing ordinance regarding sidewalks and Staff has set Fridays aside for appointments with residents on sidewalk issues.

**Bill Ryan**, attorney representing Donald B. Thompson Funeral Home – Mr. Thompson, also in attendance, installed a parking lot on his property located behind the Funeral Home without obtaining permits. The Planning Commission denied their request for this parking lot as this is a non conforming use and that parking lots are not a permitted use in the R2 zone. Mr. Ryan is drafting a text amendment to allow this parking lot in the R2 zone just for the Funeral Home, should this use cease as a Funeral Home then the text amendment would have the property revert back to its previous use, where parking lots would not be allowed. By general consent, the Board agreed to review the issue and entertain a text amendment as discussed and to hold all enforcement action and fees until the Town Board can review the issue fully. Commissioner Bussard does not want this to drag on and would like a resolution before the end of the year. Rich Gallagher, 23 Woodmere Circle, mentioned the County is involved with this issue with regard to stormwater management regulations.

**Pam Dietrick**, Middletown Rec. Council, asked if the upcoming spaghetti dinners dates be sent out on the Town’s list serve. She stated all the fund received from these dinners go toward the Independence Day celebration. The Board would like to review the accountability of their funds before making a decision.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**October 25, 2012** – Halloween Parade (Sponsored by the Lion’s Club)

5:45 p.m. - Costume Judging @ High School Tennis Courts

6:15 p.m. – Parade begins

Middletown Volunteer Fire Company after the parade for Treats.

Scarecrows – Burgess Miller announced the Scarecrow winners:

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Feed me Seymour

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – MES Recycling Rocks

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Charlie Brown Christmas

Burgess Choice – Sharky the Hungry Shark

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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