

BURGESS AND COMMISSIONERS OF MIDDLETOWN MARYLAND

TOWN MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

November 26, 2012

The second monthly meeting of the Burgess and Commissioners of Middletown was called to order on November 26, 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 Jennifer Falcinelli, Larry Bussard, Richard Dietrick, Anthony Ventre and Christopher Goodman.

CONSENT AGENDA

November 1, 2012 - Public Hearing

November 12, 2012 - Town Meeting

Commissioner Bussard motioned to accept this consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Ventre and passed unanimously.

PERSONAL REQUEST FOR AGENDA:

B.J. Goetz, President – Middletown Valley Bank – Mr. Goetz introduced himself as the new President of the Middletown Valley Bank

Albaright, Crumbacker, Moul & Itell – Presentation of the Town's FY 2012 Audit – Adam Cosden and Kurt Chipway were present to give this report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CP&P (Community Parks and Playground) Children's Garden – Commissioner Bussard mentioned he has always had a problem with the location of this garden and motioned to send the money back, seconded by Commissioner Falcinelli. Pam Dietrick, Middletown Valley Community Garden, wanted to thank; Kathleen Dahl, Sabrina Harder, Phyllis Thompson, Marleen Fleeman and late comers Carolyn Nair and Agenla Nerona for the work they have done on this project. Commissioner Goodman suggests since the main focus of this park is the playground equipment, could this equipment be upgraded. Mrs. Dietrick mentioned several years ago it was decided to keep some of the wooden equipment. Commissioner Ventre mentioned applying for POS funds for new equipment. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote (Commissioner Dietrick recused himself)

Review of Basketball Court Condition at Wiles Branch Park – This court was originally installed with concrete and then asphalt was put on top. POS funds in the amount of \$15,000 are available. Pam Dietrick, 707 E. Main St. mentioned while she hasn't seen too many playing basketball, she has seen a lot of skateboarders. By general consent, the Board agreed to use the POS funds for reseal cracks, put on a top coat and re-striping of the court and place as a budget item for future maintenance.

Discussion of Text Amendment for Allowing Parking Lots in R-2 Districts – Burgess Miller talked with Mr. Thompson regarding parking for Thompson Funeral Home who indicated he wanted to go ahead with a text amendment. An example of draft language for this text amendment (copy attached) was passed out for the Board's review. The Board agreed that should the use as a Funeral Home cease, then

the property would revert back to the previous use be included. It is now up to Mr. Thompson to make a formal request.

Discussion of Proposal from Want 2 Grow for Development of Committee Binders which would include Job Descriptions of Positions and Timelines for Events – Tabled until the December 6 workshop.

NEW BUSINESS

Employer Statement of Support of the Guard and Reserve – By general consent, the Board is in favor of supporting people serving in the National Guard and/or Armed Forces. Bob Smart, 7525 Coblenz Rd. mentioned this could impact employers with regard to required military time. It was noted that the Town's Personnel Policy addresses Military Time.

Review of Informational Parking Signs – Main Street - Becky Reich, Main Street Manager presented a list of scenarios (copy attached). The Board discussed concentrate on the area from W. Green St. to Washington St. to Elm Street and back to W. Green St. Pam Dietrick, 707 E. Main suggest recommendations from the Parking Task Force from several years ago be looked into and was told they have review them. Other items discussed along with John Horowitz, 1 Sanaz Ct., Bob Smart, 7525 Coblenz Ct. and the Board:

Use of the Bank's parking lot after hours – Mr. Goetz said this will be discussed with the Bank's Board after January 1

Cluster signage.

Mounting sign on buildings

The Town Board asked that the Main Street Board to come up with some designs by March 2013.

Landscaping Contract Discussion - Tabled

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commissioner Bussard mentioned the last day for yard-waste pick up will be December 18, 2012. Mr. Bussard asked that the Board look at the area where the recycling bin is located. Items such as pool covers, roofing shingles and other construction materials are being deposited and cardboard boxes are just being left. It was noted that at this time cost is running over budget.

John Horowitz, 1 Sanaz Ct. – Mr. Horowitz while walking his dog has noticed white dots on sidewalks and he feels a lot of inconsistencies. It was explained that letter were sent explaining the Town's intension of enforcing the Sidewalk Ordinance. The Board asked that Mr. Horowitz meet with the Town Administrator and tell where the inconsistencies are.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 1, 2012 – Middletown High School Football will be playing in the State Champion Game at 3:00 p.m. at Raven Stadium

December 7, 2012 – Christmas in the Valley at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

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