BURGESS AND COMMISSIONERS
OF MIDDLETOWN MARYLAND

TOWN MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING **August 27, 2012**

The second monthly meeting of the Burgess and Commissioners of Middletown was called to order on, August 27, 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

August 13, 2012 Town Minutes - Commissioner Bussard motioned to accept the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Ventre and passed unanimously.

PERSONAL REQUEST FOR AGENDA

Jason Rappaport & Jeremy Downie with Innovative, Inc. were present and gave a demonstration on a Apple iPad Wi-Fi + Cellular AT&T 16GB. Commissioner Falcinelli Motioned to purchased 6 iPad for the Town Board, seconded by Commissioner Ventre and passed unanimously

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance 12-08-02 – Commercial Tax Credit for Rehabilitation – Commissioner Ventre suggests that *Credit is based upon either a percentage of the increase in assessed value OR the cost of the rehab – whichever is less* be included in paragraph C and change the application date the same as for Frederick County, which is *April 30*. The Town Board asked the Town Administrator to clarify with the County the section of their proposed ordinance to ensure that a property would be able to refinance without losing the ability to file for tax credit.

Commissioner Goodman motioned to approve Ordinance 12-08-02 as amended, seconded by Commissioner Ventre and passed unanimously.

Introduction of Ordinance Prohibiting Farm Animals within Town Limits – Ian Yarmus, 16 Walnut Pond Court, David Hurt, 1 Wiles Creek Circle and Janet Heavner, 16 Gray Fox Court spoke in favor of allowing chickens. Jack Rieser, 14 Caroline Dr. spoke against allowing chickens within the Town limits. It was mentioned that the Middletown High School FFA intend to have chickens as part of their program to help fight hunger. Burgess Miller introduced this ordinance which will be voted on at the September 10, 2012 meeting, but additional public comments would be accepted at the Town Workshop on September 6, 2012.

Review of a Proposed Ordinance Regulating the Sale of Vehicles in Residential Districts – The Board reviewed this draft and is forwarding onto the Planning Commission for their review.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of Leash Law – The Board reviewed Frederick City and County Animal Code and asked the Town Administrator to gather additional information from other jurisdictions. Bob Smart, 7525 Coblentz Rd. suggests pooper scooper be included.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew J. Bowen
Town Administrator