

BURGESS AND COMMISSIONERS OF MIDDLETOWN MARYLAND

TOWN MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

August 25, 2014

The second monthly meeting of the Burgess and Commissioners of Middletown was called to order on August 25, 2014, by Burgess Miller at 7:00 p.m. in the Middletown Municipal Center, 31 W. Main Street, Middletown, Maryland. Present were: Commissioners Rick Dietrick, Larry Bussard, Jennifer Falcinelli, Tony Ventre and Christopher Goodman.

CONSENT AGENDA

Town Minutes – August 7, 2014 and August 11, 2014

Commissioner Bussard motioned to accept this consent agenda as corrected, seconded by Commissioner Falcinelli and passed unanimously.

PERSONAL REQUEST FOR AGENDA:

Emerson Nerona, 13 Wagon Shed Lane – Mr. & Mrs. Nerona are requesting a \$220.97 credit to their account for late fees and disconnect/reconnect fees that were charged to their account. In 2009 the Emerson Nerona purchased 13 Wagon Shed Lane along with Arthur Fisher. At the direction of the title company, the water & sewer bill was placed in the names of Emerson Nerona and Arthur Fisher, 13 Wagon Shed Lane. The Town received notice from the U.S. Post Office of an address change for Arthur Fisher to P.O. Box 1024, Middletown, MD. The change was made to the account and the bills were paid regularly until 2014.

According to Mr. Nerona, Arthur Fisher is his uncle and lived with him in the home at 13 Wagon Shed Lane until 2014 when he moved out. The Town received no notice from Mr. Nerona or Mr. Fisher regarding this change and continued to send the bills to the P.O. Box until we received a call from the Nerona's after a water service disconnection in February 2014.

The property owner was informed by staff that it appears that this was a case of poor communication between multiple property owners and this is not the responsibility of the Town and rest solely on the property owner to inform the Town of billing address changes.

Mrs. Nerona pleaded her case in this matter for about 35 minutes but it was a unanimous decision by the Board to decline the request.

Unfinished Business:

Dog Park Project – Grant Funds Approved – Burgess Miller stated that the Town has received funding for the Dog Park, the Town's portion of the project would be \$11,000. The discussion tonight is to determine if the Board wants to move forward with this project? Commissioner Ventre stated that he feels that a committee should be formed to determine what works and what doesn't work, should a fee be charged, etc. Commissioner Ventre also stated that he spoke with Dr. Bauk and he is willing to help with the committee. Burgess Miller stated that staff will gather information from Frederick County and Frederick City as to their rules and regulations. Drew stated that we have a year to decide or use the grant

money. Drew was also asked to find out any yearly operating costs associated with the Dog Park from the County and the City.

Pam Dietrick with the Middletown Community Garden Association asked that if the Town is going to provide water for the dogs in the dog park could the Garden Assoc. get a water hook-up so that the gardeners don't have to get it from the creek as they have been doing for the last 5 years. Mrs. Dietrick stated that it is very inconvenient and difficult for them to haul the water from the creek. Burgess Miller advised Mrs. Dietrick to fill out the community parks grant application and the Town will be supportive of it.

Review of On-Call Procedures – Cost Analysis – Drew stated that at the last meeting the Board wanted to see the cost analysis for on-call services from \$1.50-\$2.50/hour. Drew stated that after a review of the surrounding industries such as hospitals, water plants and emergency responders, that provide 24 hour on call services the average monetary compensation varies between \$3-\$3.75/hour.

Motion by Commissioner Bussard to approve \$2.50/hr. additional for the employees who are on-call starting October 1, 2014-June 30, 2015, seconded by Commissioner Falcinelli. Motion carried 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Timeline for Glenbrook Survey & Recommendations – Monthly Billing – Drew provided the Board with a timeline for the survey for the Glenbrook residents.....the Board unanimously agreed.

- September 2, 2014 - Surveys included in monthly bills and notice sent out on list serve
- Sept. 2 – Oct. 3, 2014 – Survey period
- October 2014 – Water & Sewer Committee meeting (review results & recommendation to Board)
- November 2014 – Burgess & Commissioners make decision on billing
- December 2014 – Notification to Glenbrook residents of decision

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Water & Sewer meeting September 17, 2014 at 7pm.....Commissioner Falcinelli invited the Board to attend as they will be having a presentation on ebilling.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, the regular meeting adjourned at 8:20p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Griffin
Office Manager