

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

TOWN MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

January 28, 2013

The second monthly meeting of the Burgess and Commissioners of Middletown was called to order on, January 28, 2013 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

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

PERSONAL REQUEST FOR AGENDA

Walnut Street Bridge – Bruce Carbaugh, Director of Operations and Construction presented an overview of this project. Work will begin around May 1, with the bridge being closed to traffic from June 2 until August 23. Jim Nicholson, owner of Gladhill Furniture will provide parking for residents in this area during construction. Mr. Nicholson and Mr. and Mrs. Kesner have granted access for a temporary bridge for residents to get to the parking area. Once completed the bridge will be 2 lanes with a sidewalk on one side.

David Dunn, Frederick County Municipal Liaison, introduced himself.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Introduction of Ordinance 13-02-01 – Amendments to Middletown Commercial Tax Credit Ordinance – Burgess Miller introduced this ordinance and stated the changes in this ordinance will match up with the County Ordinance.

Schedule Public Hearing for Coblenz Property Master Plan Amendment – Scheduled for March 7, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Review Carpet Samples – Bruce Carbaugh presented the cost estimates from CB Flooring, LLC for the carpet replacement for the downstairs and the painting estimates from Frederick Painting and Supply for the upstairs of the Municipal Center. The total budget for these items is \$18,200. The combined quote are \$2,184 below the budgeted amount. Commissioner Bussard mentioned with the surplus of \$2,184.00 that as much as the downstairs offices be painted since all the furniture must be moved for

the installation of the carpet. Commissioner Bussard motioned to move forward with the Mohawk carpet and paint the down stairs up to \$2,184.00, seconded by Commissioner Ventre and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Update of Cost Savings from Electric Coop Contract – During the first year, the Town saw a 13% savings (copy of this summary is attached).

Discussion of Elected Officials Compensation – The current salary for the Commissioners is \$200.00 and the Burgess is \$500.00 per month which was voted in 1996. Commissioner Bussard mentioned that no one is doing this for the money. Bob Smart, 7525 Coblenz Rd. suggests that citizen should know what other municipalities pay. Mr. Dunn mentioned the City of Brunswick pays their Council \$300.00 and Mayor \$900.00 per month. The Board directed staff to conduct a survey of surrounding municipalities elected officials compensation to be presented at the next Town Board Meeting.

Request for Additional Trash Cans – By general consent, the Board agreed to place additional trash cans at Remsberg Park and near the footbridge at Wiles Branch Park.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve Steffensen, 4215 Palomino Court, mentioned he is a new resident and interested in Town Government. He was welcomed and informed that his residence is located outside the corporate limits. **Henry Felices**, 101 Mariam Pass, expressed objections to the tone of letters regarding snow removal and sidewalk repairs that he has received. He went on to say he is afraid to open mail from the Town. It was explained that Staff tries to include as much information in a condensed form.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Burgess Miller announced the Upcoming Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies for Feb. 2, 2013;

10:00 a.m. Valley Tax Financial Services, 1 W. Main St.

10:30 a.m. Earthsong Music Studio & Taylor Properties, 2 E. Main St.

11:00 a.m. Christ Church Children Center has expanded services to provide Infant Care at

Christ Reformed Church.

January 30, 2013 – Water/Sewer Committee meeting at 7:00 p.m

January 30, 2013 – Open House at St. Thomas More School

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine H. Moore
Administrative Assistant