

BURGESS AND COMMISSIONERS OF MIDDLETOWN MARYLAND

TOWN MEETING MINUTES

PUBLIC HEARING

June 4, 2015

The Public Hearing of the Burgess and Commissioners of Middletown was called to order on June 4, 2015 by Burgess Miller at 7:05 p.m. in the Middletown Municipal Center, 31 W. Main Street, Middletown, Maryland. Present were: Commissioners Jennifer Falcinelli, Larry Bussard, Richard Dietrick, and Christopher Goodman.

PUBLIC HEARING – Constant Yield Tax Rate – The Burgess and Commissioners of Middletown propose a Real Property Tax increase. For the tax year beginning July 1, 2015, the estimated real property assessable base will increase by 4.3%, from \$477,187,167 to \$497,830,172. If Middletown maintains the current tax rate of \$0.232 per \$100 of assessment, real property tax revenue will increase by 4.3% resulting in \$47,892 of new real property tax revenues. The Town is considering not reducing its real property tax rate enough to fully offset increasing assessments. The Town proposes to adopt a real property tax rate of \$0.232 per \$100 of assessment (the same tax rate for the last 20 years). This tax rate is 4.3% higher than the constant yield tax rate and will generate \$47,892 in additional property tax revenues.

With no public comment, the public hearing adjourned at 7:08pm.

PUBLIC HEARING – Water & Sewer Rate Increase – Resolution 15-01 – This resolution is to amend Title 13, Chapter 13.12, Section 13.12.060 of the Middletown Municipal Code for the purpose of revising the rate schedule for water and sewer service for residential user accounts and non-residential user accounts and the amount of the quarter-annual capital improvement fee. Burgess Miller stated that the advertised water & sewer increase is 4% although our proposed budgets show a 3% increase. Commissioner Falcinelli stated that the water & sewer committee is recommending a 4% increase.

With no public comment, the public hearing adjourned at 7:12pm.

PUBLIC HEARING – Operating Budgets FY 2016 – Burgess Miller stated that proposed FY 2016 General Fund operating budget is \$2.7million with a surplus of \$241,894. The proposed water & sewer fund FY 2016 operating budget is \$1.2 million with a surplus of \$2,834.

With no public comment, the public hearing adjourned at 7:20pm.

PUBLIC HEARING – Amendments to the Floodplain Regulations – Ordinance No. 15-06-01 – An ordinance to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Title 15, Chapter 15.20 of the Middletown Municipal Code pertaining to regulations and standards for development and construction within designated flood plain zones.

With no public comment, the public hearing adjourned at 7:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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