

BURGESS AND COMMISSIONERS OF MIDDLETOWN MARYLAND

TOWN MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

March 10, 2014

The first monthly meeting of the Burgess and Commissioners of Middletown was called to order on March 10, 2014, by Burgess Miller at 7:00 p.m. in the Middletown Municipal Center, 31 W. Main Street, Middletown, Maryland. Present were: Commissioners Jennifer Falcinelli, Larry Bussard, Richard Dietrick, Tony Ventre and Christopher Goodman.

CONSENT AGENDA

Financial Statements

Replacement of Trash Cans – Wiles Branch Park \$3.500

Constant Yield Tax Rate Exemption for FY 2015

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

PERSONAL REQUEST FOR AGENDA:

Kris & Angela Baker, 330 S. Jefferson Street – Mr. & Mrs. Baker emailed a letter to Drew about concerns they have with the traffic and speeding on S. Jefferson Street. One concern they have is the residents in the 100-300 block now park on both sides of the streets, which creates a single lane of traffic or a “bottle neck” which leaves drivers from both directions blind to on-coming traffic. Another concern is cars flying down the street once they come to the crest of the hill they ignore the signs and speed. It was noted that S. Jefferson Street is one of Middletown’s original streets and it’s not wide enough for parking on both sides. Drew stated that with the houses along Jefferson Street being so close we cannot widen the road. The Commissioners agreed to explore several measures, including lowering the speed limit from 25mph to 15mph, installing no parking signs on one side of the street and increase police enforcement in this area. Burgess Miller stated that we will notify all the residents along S. Jefferson Street about the public hearing on April 3, 2014 to discuss these proposed changes.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion of Funding of T-shirts for 150th Commemoration of Civil War Ransom – Commissioner Goodman presented quotes from Middletown Sportsland and Marlow Sports. Marlow Sports came in the lowest for 200 t-shirts at \$1,340.00 and if we need to re-order we can re-order in increments of 50.

Motion by Commissioner Ventre to go with Marlow Sports quote for the t-shirts, seconded by Commissioner Goodman. Motion carried 6-0.

POS Requests for FY 2015 – Commissioner Ventre stated that the Parks and Rec. Committee will meet on March 18, 2014 if the Commissioner have any thoughts on what they would like to apply for to please forward them to Commissioner Ventre. Middletown Rec. Council asked for POS money for the Skate spot.

Update on Solar Array – Burgess Miller stated that RER is continuing to work on finding the funding for this project. Burgess Miller stated that we are about 3 months behind. The next step would be for us to have an addition plat drawn up to make the part of the land that we wish to put the array on become part of the E WWTP. Burgess Miller stated that this all can be done simultaneously while RER is finding an investor.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES –

WATER & SEWER – Commissioner Falcinelli reported:

Water usage - 283,000 gallons per day

Spring Flow – 138,000 gallons per day

Unbudgeted Expenses - Commissioner Falcinelli stated that the water & sewer fund has had \$26,000 unbudgeted expenses this year.

Manganese Removal Design – Bruce Carbaugh is working on the design its 90% finished.

No meeting in March will meet again in April to discuss the budget.

PUBLIC WORKS – Commissioner Bussard reported:

Snow/Ice – we had several snow/ice events; the guys have been out and have had the streets in very good shape. The guys have been making repairs to the trucks and plows, they made sure all the storm drains were open and they patched pot holes on all the streets.

Bulk Trash – Saturday, March 15 is the next bulk trash pick-up.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Commissioner Goodman reported:

Active adult text amendment – still working on

Cross Stone Commons – CVS reps will be present at the workshop. Commissioner Goodman invited the Burgess & Commissioners to attend March 12, 2014 at 7pm.

Development Review Fees – Public Hearing scheduled for March 24th at 7pm.

PARKS & RECREATION – Commissioner Ventre reported:

Commissioner Ventre stated that the Parks & Rec Committee will meet on March 18, 2014 to discuss what they would like to submit POS grants for.

FINANCE – no report

PUBLIC INFORMATION – no report

New Business: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dave Dunn, Frederick County Liaison – stated that no one from Middletown is taking advantage of the Senior Tax Credit program. Drew stated that he has been speaking with someone from Frederick County in trying to schedule a time when representatives can come to Middletown and possibly help our residents with this.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, the regular meeting adjourned at 7:55p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Griffin
Office Manager