

BURGESS AND COMMISSIONERS
OF MIDDLETOWN MARYLAND

TOWN MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

October 26, 2015

The second monthly meeting of the Burgess and Commissioners of Middletown was called to order on October 12, 2015, by Burgess Pro Tem Falcinelli at 7:00 p.m. in the Middletown Municipal Center, 31 W. Main Street, Middletown, Maryland. Present were: Commissioners Larry Bussard, Rick Dietrick, Tony Ventre and Christopher Goodman.

CONSENT AGENDA

2016 Joint Town Board & Planning Commission meeting dates – Cindy provided the Board with dates for the joint meetings. Commissioner Dietrick pointed out that September 5, 2016 is Labor Day. Burgess Miller also informed Drew that he wanted to make change the December 5, 2016 date to November 7, 2016. The Board agreed to send this back to Cindy to see if there was another possible date to replace the September 2016 meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Fluoride Notice to residents – Drew provided a draft letter to the Board for review. Commissioner Falcinelli asked Drew to provide a few more references for the residents. Drew will make the change and letter will be sent.

Cost of Purchase of Additional Security Cameras – Drew provided a quote to the Board for 1 security camera. The quote is \$7,080. The Board agreed to consider this at next year's budget review.

NEW BUSINESS:

Request for Handicap Parking on West Green Street – Drew stated that he received a letter from Glenn Rudy who owns 400 West Green Street. Mr. Rudy would like to have a handicap space put in front of his house. Mr. Rudy understands that when the Green Street project takes place we will be putting in a driveway apron on his property and this handicap space will go away. Motion by Commissioner Bussard to approve putting the handicap space in front of 400 West Green Street, seconded by Commissioner Goodman. Motion carried.

Introduction of proposed changes to the Subdivision Regulations – Cindy will be present at the November 5, 2015 workshop to review the changes.

Introduction of Proposed changes to Section 17.36 Signs and Section 17.44 Board of Appeals of the Zoning Code - Cindy will be present at the November 5, 2015 workshop to review the changes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Commissioner Goodman – Frederick County has been changed from shot gun zone to high powered rifles for deer hunting. Commissioner Goodman stated that he contacted DNR and the delegations and they will be present at the November 23, 2015 meeting.

Mike Tabor, 207 South Church Street – Mr. Tabor provided the Board with a letter dated July 8, 1985 from the Middletown Planning & Zoning Commission with a grandfathered clause about parking for his property at 207 S. Church Street. Mr. Tabor would like the Board to put 2 hour parking along Franklin Street from the intersection of S. Church to the entrance of the Medical Center. Mr. Tabor states that the parking spaces along that area are all taken up by the Medical Center employees and he feels that parking should be 2 hour parking.

Commissioner Goodman stated that he felt that there should be a handicap parking space at the sidewalk leading up to the War Memorial. The Board agreed to have our engineer look at this and to also notify the Medical Center asking for a representative to be present at next month's meeting.

Christine Rawlings, 4 Boileau Court – stated that she is working with several others on the restoration of the graveyard on South Jefferson Street. At last month's meeting the Board approved donating a \$1,000 to secure and raising of the headstones. Ms. Rawlings thanked the Board for their generous donation but stated that she would like to use the funds to repair/replace the steps. Ms. Rawlings stated that the steps are needed in order for anyone to be able to get to the graveyard.

After much discussion, the Board directed Drew to make some calls and also to speak to the Town's attorney about what the Town could do to take ownership of this property if no-one currently owns. Commissioner Dietrick also amended his motion he made at the October 12th meeting to donate a \$1,000 to repair/replace the steps with any money left to secure and raise the headstones, Commissioner Bussard seconded it. Motion carried 5-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Halloween Parade – Thursday, October 29, 2015 at 7:30pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Griffin
Office Manager