

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

**TOWN MEETING MINUTES**

**February 23, 2026**

The meeting of the Burgess and Commissioners of Middletown was called to order on February 23, 2026, by Burgess John Miller at 7:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Jennifer Falcinelli, Rick Dietrick, Kevin Stottlemeyer, Larry Bussard and Chris Goodman.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Louisa Conklin, Brunswick, MD, stated she is attending tonight's meeting as she is running in the Frederick County Council election for the District 1 representative seat. She wants to learn more about Middletown.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- **Town Meeting Minutes**
  - *February 5, 2026 – Workshop Minutes*
  - *February 9, 2026 – Meeting Minutes –*

**Motion:** Commissioner Dietrick motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Bussard. Motion passed (6-0).

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Harris Farm – Using Existing Funds for Salt Storage & Security Camera Installation** – The Town Administrator stated that the General Fund CIP currently has \$75,000 for fencing and \$30,000 for electric for the farm for this year. Town staff is placing those expenses on hold while awaiting the Burnt Bridge Crossing Park Master Plan results. Staff would like to repurpose some of those funds to convert the concrete structures on the property to salt storage structures (approximately \$50,000) and mount the extra town-owned security camera on the milk barn for surveillance (approximately \$6,000 includes monthly Comcast/Glo-Fiber costs). Signs will be posted stating the area is under surveillance. No budget amendment is needed since the monies are not being moved from the current line item. Staff were instructed to look at the terms and conditions of the Glo-Fiber contract regarding town accounts, as they may be free or much less expensive, thereby reducing monthly costs.

The town board agreed by consensus to use existing funds for salt storage and security camera installation at the Burnt Bridge Crossing Park.

**Transferring Funds to the Town MLGIP Investment Account** – The Finance Officer (FO) reported that she has been researching options for town accounts which would provide a better return on investment while still providing flexibility needed for cash flow. Middletown currently has a MD Local Government Investment Pool account that has a 4.2% interest rate. The FO recommends moving the Truist Rainy Day Fund, MVB Money Market account, and the Truist Index account (PFAS/Sludge Removal and I&I) to the MLGIP as individual accounts. The Truist Index Account would be split into 3

individual accounts. The projected FY26 interest revenue if these accounts are left as is equates to \$17,184.62. If moved to the MLGIP the projected FY26 interest revenue equates to \$52,771.27.

**Motion:** Commissioner Falcinelli motioned to approve the transferring of the recommended funds to the MLGIP as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Goodman. Motion passed (6-0).

**Foxfield 6 – Request for Annexation Agreement Amendment** – The developer has requested an amendment to the annexation agreement allowing them to build the water treatment plant, the first phase of the needed infrastructure and the model home/sales office for the development simultaneously. The original agreement has the water treatment plant built and operational and the first phase of the infrastructure completed prior to any other building being constructed. The draft of the proposed amendment has been updated to include that the long-term pump drawdown test has been completed and having two existing wells available. The Director of Public Works (DPW) stated the original appropriation permits each listed 6 wells. During negotiations with MDE that number decreased to 4 wells with 2 additional reserve wells. He recommends keeping the well number at 4. Discussion on the senior community center in the agreement occurred. There is confusion regarding the process for an annexation agreement amendment. The Town Attorney has been sent all documents for review and to provide an opinion. She will be asked to attend the March workshop. Notice will be sent to the developer to attend as well.

## **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

**2026 Independence Day Fireworks Update** – A working group met last week to develop a preliminary plan. The event will be from 5pm until after the fireworks finish and will include music, food and fireworks. The Rohersville Band will be invited to provide a small patriotic musical program. Local vendors will be invited to attend. MVAA football has agreed to assist with cleanup. Staff will meet with the Fire Marshall regarding areas to cordon off for fireworks safety.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- *2026 Middletown Municipal Election Nominating Convention – February 25, 2026, at 7PM*
- *Health Wellness Expo- March 7, 2026, 10:00-2:00 PM, MVVFC Activity Building*
- *Proclamation- Sustainability Day- March 28, 2026*
- *Green Expo- March 28, 2026, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM, Middletown Library*
- *2026 Middletown Municipal Election – April 6, 2026, Town Hall, 7AM-8PM*

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Alberghini,  
Recording Secretary