

BURGESS AND COMMISSIONERS OF MIDDLETOWN MARYLAND

TOWN MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

January 27, 2020

The second regular meeting of the Burgess and Commissioners of Middletown was called to order on January 27, 2020, by Burgess Miller at 7:00 p.m. in the Middletown Municipal Center, 31 W. Main Street, Middletown, Maryland. Present were: Commissioners Larry Bussard, Jennifer Falcinelli, Christopher Goodman, and Rick Dietrick.

PERSONAL REQUESTS FOR AGENDA:

CONSENT AGENDA:

- *Town Minutes – January 2, 2020 – Town Workshop
January 13, 2020 – Town Meeting*

Motion by Commissioner Bussard to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Dietrick. Motion carried 5-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Resolution 20-01 – Healthy Eating & Active Living – Burgess Miller stated that this is something that has been discussed for several years at the MML conference that the Burgess & Commissioners attend in Ocean City. Burgess Miller asked what the thoughts were of the Commissioners on pursuing this? Commissioner Falcinelli stated that when she read this resolution it was meaning that the Town was promoting health & wellness.

Commissioner Bussard stated the idea of this resolution bothers him and is an example of government telling him what to do.

Commissioner Dietrick stated that he felt like this resolution is telling restaurants what to serve and people what to eat. Commissioner Dietrick stated that is not the governments place to do so.

Commissioner Dietrick stated that there is plenty of information available on the internet for people to get help with eating healthy.

Burgess Miller tabled this for more discussion at the February workshop

Introduction of Ordinance 20-01-01 – Illicit Discharges – An Ordinance to establish an inspection and enforcement program to require the elimination of and mitigate the impacts of illicit discharges, prohibited materials, and illicit connections to a municipal separate storm water system (MS4) – Drew stated that this Ordinance is a requirement of the MS4 permit that the Municipalities have to reduce their impervious areas by 20% by 2025 to help prevent harmful substances from flowing into the Chesapeake Bay. Drew stated that our current code does not say that it is illegal to dump oil or other products down storm drains.

Introduction of Ordinance 20-01-02 – Amendments to Title 13 Public Services – An Ordinance to amend title 13 to impose reasonable restrictions on the use of water from the Municipal water system during periods of short supply, protracted drought, excessive demand or other scarcity of water, to establish new water and sewer connection fees, and to repeal debt service charges – Drew stated that this Ordinance is correcting some titles and updating fees and rates.

Amendments to the Standard Operating Procedures for Sewer Backup Incident Response – Drew went over these new procedures with the Board. Drew basically stated that this is just formalizing our procedures.

NEW BUSINESS:

Request for Color Me Autumn Event at Memorial Park – October 17, 2020 – Pam Dietrick with the Middletown Rec Council stated that the Middletown Park will be under construction at the time of this event therefore, they are asking to hold the event at Memorial Park. Mrs. Dietrick stated that she has contacted the Christ Reformed Church to see if they can use the parking lot for this event for parking and they agreed.

Commissioner Falcinelli and Bussard asked who would be cleaning up the event? This is not a Town event therefore; we will not have staff to do so. Mrs. Dietrick agreed that the Rec Council will take care of the clean up after the event is over.

Motion by Commissioner Goodman to allow the Middletown Rec Council to use the Memorial Park on Saturday, October 17, 2020, seconded by Commissioner Falcinelli. Motion carried (4-0-1 Dietrick abstained).

Proposal from Key Sanitation for Extension of Three (3) year contract for Trash & Debris Removal Services – Motion by Commissioner Bussard to approve the 3-year contract as presented for \$126,353.52, seconded by Commissioner Dietrick. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion of Establishing a Financial Hardship Plan for the Capital Improvement Fee - Burgess Miller stated that he had been contacted by a few people asking why the Town did not have a financial hardship plan for the Capital Improvement Fee like the State has for the Bay Restoration Fee. The Board agreed to look into this. Commissioner Falcinelli stated that she will take this to the Water & Sewer Committee for their input.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Gene Fleeman, 209 S. Jefferson Street – Mr. Fleeman spoke about rural transportation (copy of his comments are attached).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- *Nominating Convention – Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 7pm.*
- *Middletown Sustainability Committee Lecture – Saturday, February 15, 2020 at 1pm. at Middletown Library*

Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Griffin
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