

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

TOWN MEETING MINUTES

WORKSHOP MEETING

June 7, 2018

The workshop meeting of the Burgess and Commissioners of Middletown was called to order on June 7, 2018, 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, Rick Dietrick and Tom Catania.

PERSONAL REQUESTS FOR AGENDA:

“If I were Mayor” – Contest Winners – Sadie Gaydos was the “If I were Mayor” contest and Hugh Dodman was the runner up. Both read their essays to the Burgess & Commissioners and to the public. Burgess Miller presented both winners as well as their teachers a gift.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Fiscal Year 2019 Operating Budgets – General Fund Budget shows a surplus of \$418,612 and the Water & Sewer Budget shows a surplus of \$2,704. Burgess Miller suggested adding an addition \$1,000 to the Community Events Budget for the Green Expo. Hearing no comments from the public, the public hearing was adjourned at 7:20pm.

STAFF REPORTS:

Community Deputy Report – DFC Chudoba gave the deputy report for May.
Staff Planner Report – Cindy gave her report.
Engineers Report – Bruce gave his report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Approval of Operating Budgets for FY 2019 - The Board will vote on the budgets at the June 25th meeting.

Uniform Bids – Burgess Miller stated that we have been with the current company for 5 years, so I asked Ann to look into bidding this to see if we could possibly save some money. Drew stated that we received 3 bids with the lowest bid coming in from ACE Uniform.

Review of Proposed Zoning Code Amendments

- **Demolition Revisions** – Board will schedule the public hearing at the June 25th meeting.
- **Storage Containers** – Board will schedule the public hearing at the June 25th meeting.
- **Microbrewery** - Cindy stated that the Planning Commission reviewed this and feels that a Microbrewery should be a special exception within the TC zone. Cindy has drafted some language that she will forward to both the Planning Commission and Town Board for their input.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

WATER & SEWER – no report

PUBLIC WORKS – no report

SUSTAINABILITY – no report

PLANNING COMMISSION – no report

PARKS and RECREATION – Commissioner Goodman reported that he attended the POS meeting prior to coming to the workshop and Middletown received \$26,419.

PUBLIC INFORMATION – Commissioner Falcinelli brought up having some type of neighborhood or meet & greet with the Burgess and Commissioners for our residents to ask us or inquire about things. After much discussion the Board agreed to hold these meetings prior to the workshop at our different parks. Commissioner Falcinelli will draft a schedule for the Board to review.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review of SHA Request for Stormdrain Costs - Drew stated that he and John met with SHA earlier in the week to discuss a failing stormdrain pipe located at 306 West Main Street. Drew showed the Board an aerial view of West Main and West Green streets. Drew stated that with the upgrade of West Green Street we installed several more inlets than we had before and all the run off water from just east of the cemetery runs down through this stormdrain to Tanner’s Creek. Drew stated that SHA is asking the Town to help with the cost of replacing this stormdrain pipe. The cost to the Town is \$55,300. The Board asked Drew look at the budget to see where this money could come from. The Board will make their decision at the June 25th meeting.

Request from DNR for Community Parks & Playground Projects – Burgess Miller stated to start thinking about any projects that you may want to apply for.

Discussion of Parking Shift on West Main Street – Burgess Miller stated that he and Drew had discussion with the State about moving the parking permanently to the South Side of Main Street. Burgess Miller stated that the State is ok with that but, it will be at the Town’s expense to do so. Burgess Miller stated that the cost would be approximately \$45,000. Burgess Miller stated that before we would make a decision on this we would have a meeting with all the residents along West Main Street. The Board asked Drew to obtain some information to report back at the June 25th meeting. The Board would like to know how many parking spaces we would gain by moving it to the south side.

COMMENT:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- *Independence Day Celebration - Saturday, June 30, 2018*

Workshop adjourned at 8:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Griffin
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