

BURGESS AND COMMISSIONERS
OF MIDDLETOWN MARYLAND

TOWN MEETING MINUTES

WORKSHOP MEETING

May 4, 2017

The workshop meeting of the Burgess and Commissioners of Middletown was called to order on May 4, 2017, 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, Christopher Goodman, Rick Dietrick and Tom Catania.

Community Deputy Report: DFC Rowe gave the April report.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Constant Yield Tax Rate – no increase proposed. The Board has not increased the tax rate for 24 years. No comment from the public.
Public Hearing adjourned at 7:13pm.

Staff Reports:

Engineer's Report – Bruce gave his public works report.

Zoning Administrator Report – Ron gave his report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Decision on Addition or Deletion of Fluoride Treatment – Burgess Pro Tem Falcinelli stated that the Board will vote on Monday, May 8, 2017 on this issue.

Review of FCPS - Middletown School Complex Transportation Improvements – Drew stated that Cindy will be here on Monday to go over this.

Memar Annexation – Annexation Topic for Discussion – Water and Sanitary Sewer – Drew stated that he and Cindy have met with Frederick County Parks to advise them that the Board has received a request to annex the land that abuts the Middletown Community Park. It was stated that Memar would need to request a sewer easement from the Frederick County Parks. Drew stated that if that easement is not granted the developer would have to put in a pump station and the Town does not want another pump station.

Bruce Carbaugh stated that his concern in regards to the water for this property is that these homes would take the pressure away from the homes in Foxfield at the top of the hill. Bruce stated that a solution would be to put in a booster pump station and Bruce suggested that could possibly hook directly to the water tank. The Board suggested that maybe a hydraulic study be done.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

WATER & SEWER – no report

PUBLIC WORKS – no report

SUSTAINABILITY – Commissioner Dietrick reported:

Green Expo was held April 29, 2017 from 10am.-2pm. and they had a good turnout.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Commissioner Catania reported:

Discussion about FRO at School complex.

Joint Workshop June 5th at 6:30pm.

PARKS and RECREATION – Commissioner Goodman reported:

Commissioner Goodman presented the next phase replacement plan for the equipment at the Memorial Park. Commissioner Goodman stated that this proposal came in a few dollars under budget.

Commissioner Goodman stated that this does not include removal of the current swing set. If we wanted the Company to remove the swing set it would be an additional \$1,800. It was noted that our guys are currently too busy to take on another project. Drew stated that he would contact Shawn Daly (he removed the other equipment) to see if he would be willing to do so this time.

PUBLIC INFORMATION – no report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion of Heritage Park (MVB Property) Budget & Improvements – Burgess Miller provided the Board with the costs and proposals of what he would like to do on this property. After some discussion it was stated that the Board would like to see a detailed budget of what the 250th celebration (to include this proposed Heritage Park) would cost the Town.

Appointments – Ethics Commission– Drew stated that the Board needs to re-appoint the members of the Ethics Commission. Mr. Duke who is currently a member has moved out of Town. Virginia Cuff who is currently the alternated stated that she would become a full time member, therefore the Town would need to find someone who would want to serve as the alternate for this commission.

Schedule Public Hearings on FY18 Operating Budgets – The Board would like to have another meeting to discuss the budgets only. Drew will get with Burgess Miller upon his return to see what date works.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- *250th Town Talk (Architectural History) – Saturday, May 20, 2017 at 11:00am. at Municipal Center*
- *Ribbon Cutting on May 20, 2017 for Back to Basics Nutrition*
- *Sustainability Committee Openings*

Workshop adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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