

MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 11, 2016

The Middletown Town Council Meeting was held in the Council Chamber, 7875 Church Street, Middletown, VA on Monday January 11 at 7:00 pm.

**Town Council Present**

Mayor Charles Harbaugh, IV  
Councilor Tom Simon  
Councilor Jeff Pennington  
Councilor Carolyn Aliff  
Councilor George Smith

**Town Council Absent**

Councilor Carole Snyder Jones

**Staff Present**

Rebecca L. Layman, Treasurer

**Town Attorney**

J. David Griffin

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Harbaugh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Moment of Silence**

Mayor Harbaugh called for a moment of silence.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Harbaugh led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. Roll Call**

All Councilors were presents with the exception of Councilor Snyder Jones

**5. Set Agenda**

Councilor Aliff made a motion to amend the agenda asking to move citizen comments to agenda item 9D. Councilor Simon seconded the motion. All Councilors were in favor and the amended agenda was approved.

**6. Citizen Comments**

Susan Chewning, Betty Ward, Lynn Breeden, Stephen Chadwell, James Hall, Fred Wharton, and George Reeves. Please reference audio for the citizens comments.

**7. Approval of Previous Council Meeting Minutes**

Councilor Simon made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 7, 2015 Public Hearing meeting and the December 14, 2015 Town Council meeting. Councilor Aliff seconded the motion. All Councilors were in favor and the Public Hearing and Town Council minutes were approved.

**8. Report of the Facilities Committee**

No Report per Councilor Simon

**9. Report of the Personnel and Finance Committee**

Councilor Fink made a motion to approve the Treasurer report. Councilor Aliff seconded the motion. All Councilors were in favor. Mayor Harbaugh asked for roll call vote.

Councilor Aliff – Yes  
Councilor Pennington – Yes  
Councilor Smith – Yes  
Councilor Simon – Yes  
Councilor Fink – Yes

Motion carried 5-0

Councilor Fink made a motion to move \$700.00 from budget line item 10-560-0400 Capital Improvements to Budget line item 10-560-0100 Maintenance Employee Expense. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. Mayor Harbaugh asked for a roll call vote.

Councilor Aliff – No  
Councilor Pennington – Yes  
Councilor Smith – Yes  
Councilor Simon – Yes  
Councilor Fink – Yes

Motion carried 4-1

Councilor Fink stated the discussion of Chief Breeden’s performance will be turned over to Mayor Harbaugh. Please reference audio for the discussion from the Mayor.

Councilor Simon made a motion to remove Chief Breeden from probation. Councilor Aliff seconded the motion. Mayor Harbaugh asked for a roll call vote.

Councilor Aliff – Yes  
Councilor Pennington – Yes  
Councilor Smith – Yes  
Councilor Simon – Yes  
Councilor Fink – No

Motion carried 4-1

**10. Report of the Public Works Committee**

Councilor Smith made a motion to appoint a Committee from Middletown to work with FCSA in regards to water and sewer. Councilor Pennington seconded the motion. Mayor Harbaugh asked for a roll call vote. (Committee: Councilor Smith, Donnie Welsh, Fred Wharton, Joan Roche, and John Blaisdell)

Councilor Aliff – Yes  
Councilor Pennington – Yes  
Councilor Smith – Yes  
Councilor Simon – Abstain  
Councilor Fink – Yes

Motion carried 4  
Abstain 1

**11. Report of Public Safety Committee**

Councilor Aliff stated the Police Department handout is in the packets

**12. Report of the Ordinance Committee**

No report per Councilor Pennington

**13. Report of the Planning and Zoning Committee**

No report per Councilor Fink

**14. Report of Special Committees**

Mayor Harbaugh stated that there have been several Chamber meetings with citizens and business owners and he would like to see these meetings continue.

**15. New or Unfinished Business**

Committee Meeting will be January 19, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.

Work Session Meeting will be February 1, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.

**16. Petitions and Communication**

**17. Adjournment**

Mayor Harbaugh adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm.

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Rebecca L. Layman  
Treasurer

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Charles H. Harbaugh IV, Mayor