

MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
April 14, 2014

The Middletown Town Council Meeting was held in the Council Chamber, 7875 Church Street, Middletown, VA on Monday April 14, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

Town Council Present

Mayor Charles Harbaugh, IV
Councilor Aliff
Councilor Tom Simon
Councilor George Smith
Councilor Carole Snyder
Councilor Jeff Pennington
Councilor John Copeland

Staff Present

Rebecca L. Layman, Municipal Clerk
Chief of Police Phil Breeden
Public Works Superintended Donald Riffey

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 present.

5. Set Agenda.

Councilor Copeland made a motion to set the agenda. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. All Councilors were in favor and the agenda was approved.

6. Citizen Comments.

Sherry Bohnenkamp from the Liberty gas station stated that she asked Fred Wharton if there was a legal reason for the barriers to be set up in the parking lot. Mr. Wharton stated that there was no reason for the barriers. Ms. Bohnenkamp asked if Mr. Wharton could write a letter to Mr. Holtzman stating that the barriers did not service a legal purpose. After Mr. Holtzman received that letter he had the barriers removed. When barriers were removed town citizens had a problem with truck drivers parking there and the noise. Ms. Bohnenkamp turned to Chief of Police Breeden to help remedy the current situation with the parking and noise. The compromise was to put up signs stating no idling from 11:00PM to 7:00AM Chief Breeden offered that the Town could pay half for the cost of the signs. Ms. Bohnenkamp was willing to pay for all the signs, but when Chief Breeden made the offer she agreed.

Mr. Holtzman stated that he had been out of town for several weeks and upon his return he read in the newspaper the issues that have been going on at the Liberty gas station. Mr. Holtzman stated that he was aware of the barriers being removed, because he is the one who asked that it be in writing from the Town of Middletown. Mr. Holtzman stated that there are signs posted on the property stating one hour parking; Mr. Holtzman stated that he is going to add no idling as well to the signs. Councilor Aliff stated that there was a lot of confusion about the whole situation as to what was said and what the Town was told. Ms. Bohnenkamp stated that the newspaper reported that Mr. Holtzman had not responded to the issues, but the reason for that Ms. Bohnenkamp stated is that she and Chief Breeden were working together on the situation. Mr. Holtzman stated that they wanted to be good neighbors and to please contact him if any other situation were to come up.

Yancey Sine wanted to say thank you for the signs and that it has helped out a lot.

7. Approval of Previous Council Meeting Minutes

Councilor Copeland made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2014 Town Council meeting. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. All Councilors were in favor and the Town Council minutes were approved.

8. Report of the Facilities Committee

Councilor Smith had nothing to report.

9. Report of the Personnel and Finance Committee

Treasurer Report was given by Councilor Snyder.

Councilor Snyder made a motion to approve the bills that were paid for in the month of March. Councilor Aliff seconded the motion. All Councilors were in favor of the motion.

Councilor Snyder made a motion to approve the revised Personnel Policy manual. Councilor Copeland seconded the motion. All Councilor were in favor of the motion.

10. Report of the Public Works Committee

Councilor Simon made a motion to seek funding through VDH grant for water system improvements. Councilor Aliff seconded the motion. All Councilors were in favor of the motion.

11. Report of Public Safety Committee

Councilor Aliff stated the Police report is in the packets.

Chief Breeden stated that the Middletown Police Department indicted a young man that lived in Middletown and charged the individual for breaking and entering many properties in the town.

Chief Breeden stated that there was a BOL the other evening and the State Police called the Middletown Police Department for assistance. Officer Manili was able to respond with Trooper the town's police dog, and Trooper was able to alert them of 3 ounces of liquid methamphetamines, 267 oxycodone pills and this has a street value of over \$10,000.00.

12. Report of the Ordinance Committee

Councilor Pennington did not have anything to report at this time.

13. Report of the Planning and Zoning Committee

Councilor Copeland made a motion to approve \$2500.00 paid to Greenway Engineering for representing the Town of Middletown to the Frederick County Board of Supervisors for the Reliance Corridor. Councilor Aliff seconded the motion. Mayor Harbaugh asked for a roll call vote.

Councilor Aliff – Yes
Councilor Copeland – Yes
Councilor Pennington – Yes

Councilor Simon – Yes
Councilor Smith – Yes
Councilor Snyder – Yes

Motion carried 6-0

14. Report of Special Committees

The next July 4th meeting will be Monday May 12, 2014 at 6:00PM

15. New or Unfinished Business

Committee Meeting will be April 22, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m.

Work Session Meeting will be May 5, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m.

16. Petitions and Communication

Councilor Copeland requested a copy of the letter that was sent to the applicants that were interviewed for the Treasurer position and not selected. Councilor Copeland also requested a copy of the proposed letter and answer to Thermo Fishers request and Middletown decision on this matter. Mayor Harbaugh stated that he sent an email to Paul an employee at Thermo Fisher on this matter, and that he would make Councilor Copeland a copy.

17. Adjournment

Mayor Harbaugh adjourned the meeting at 7:20pm.

Charles H. Harbaugh IV, Mayor

Rebecca L. Layman
Town Clerk