

MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 14, 2014

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

Town Council Present

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

Town Council Absent

Councilor Carole Snyder

Staff Present

Rebecca L. Layman, Treasurer
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. Councilor Copeland stated that the high Courts of the Land have ruled with a 5-4 decision that we can now hold prayer at the meetings.

4. Roll Call

All Councilors were present with the exception of Councilor Snyder

5. Set Agenda.

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

6. Citizen Comments.

Marty Monk stated he attended a Work Session meeting on December 17, 2013 asking that all the rocks be removed and grass replaced on his property, and as of this date it still has not been done. Mr. Monk stated that he had spoken with Mr. Riffey and he told him when the weather got better it would be taken care of. Mr. Monk stated it has now been 9 months. Mr. Monk wanted to know if he gets snow on his sidewalks and he has 12hrs to remove it can he just wait 9 months to remove it. Mr. Monk has also asked for a written right of way of his property and Mr. Riffey gave him a map which is not proof of a right of way on a piece of property. Mr. Monk needs something in writing stating the Town of Middletown had the right to do what was done. Mr. Riffey stated he is working with another contractor and they will be going out to the property tomorrow. Mr. Riffey also stated that he will have Fred Wharton do more research on the right of way of the property.

Yancey Sine stated that the signs at the Liberty gas are not working. A truck driver was there and Mr. Sine pointed out the signs to the truck driver and his response was they did not pertain to him. Mr. Sine reported that a dead cow was found on the Liberty property. Mr. Sine reported that a woman parked her car and walked over and got into one of the trucks parked on the lot, at that time the police were called. Mr. Sine said he appreciates the signs being put up, but if no one is going to enforce the signs then what is the point of them. Mr. Sine commented about the eye sore across the street from Liberty and asked if the State owned Middletown. He also stated that Middletown is a historical town, but it looks more like a storage town. Mr. Sine asked when the McDonalds were going to start building. Mr. Sine stated that if Mr. Wharton had not said anything about the barriers they would still be over there.

Carl Robinson stated that he has lived in Middletown for 41 years, he stated that when he worked for Holtzman 15 years ago that there was an ordinance for Liberty gas station. He stated the ordinance was no overnight parking and a limited time of parking of 20 minutes to 1 hour. He stated that the Town police and State police would patrol the parking lot and make sure that the ordinance was being followed. He felt it would be better for business if there was a time limit on these trucks.

7. Approval of Previous Council Meeting Minutes

Councilor Copeland made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2014 Town Council meeting. Councilor Pennington seconded the motion. All Councilors were in favor with the exception of Councilor Copeland and the Town Council minutes were approved.

8. Report of the Facilities Committee

Councilor Smith made a motion to approve the IT bid from Royal Oak Computers in the amount of \$4200.00. Councilor Pennington seconded the motion. Mayor Harbaugh asked for a roll call vote.

Councilor Aliff – Yes	Councilor Smith – Yes
Councilor Pennington – Yes	Councilor Simon – Yes
Councilor Copeland – Yes	

Motion carried 5-0

9. Report of the Personnel and Finance Committee

Treasurer Report was given by Councilor Copeland.

Councilor Copeland made a motion to approve the bills that were paid for in the month of April. Councilor Aliff seconded the motion. All Councilors were in favor of the motion. Mayor Harbaugh asked for a roll call vote.

Councilor Aliff – Yes	Councilor Smith – Yes
Councilor Pennington – Yes	Councilor Simon – Yes
Councilor Copeland – Yes	

Motion carried 5-0

10. Report of the Public Works Committee

11. Report of Public Safety Committee

Councilor Aliff stated the Police report is in the packets.

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 reported that representatives from 84 Athletics will be attending the Planning Commission meeting to discuss plans for the Middletown Park.

14. Report of Special Committees

The next July 4th meeting will be Monday June 9, 2014 at 6:00PM

15. New or Unfinished Business

Committee Meeting will be May 20, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m.

Work Session Meeting will be June 2, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m.

16. Petitions and Communication

17. Adjournment

Mayor Harbaugh adjourned the meeting at 7:25pm.

Charles H. Harbaugh IV, Mayor

Rebecca L. Layman
Town Clerk