

TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN
TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 13, 2020 | 7:00 p.m.

The Middletown Town Council Meeting was held its Town Council meeting in the Council Chambers located at 7875 Church Street, Middletown Virginia on Monday July 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Town Council Present

Mayor Charles Harbaugh, IV
Councilor Carolyn Aliff
Councilor Daryl Terrill
Councilor Jeffrey Pennington
Councilor George Smith
Councilor Shayla Rickard
Councilor Scott Fink

Staff Present

Municipal Clerk Christina Smith
Town Manager/Treasurer Rebecca Layman
Planning & Zoning Administrator Eric Bittner

1. Set Agenda

Mayor Harbaugh asked for a motion to set the agenda. Councilor Rickard made a motion to set the agenda. Councilor Terrill seconded the motion. All Councilors were in favor and the agenda was set.

2. Approval of Previous Council Meeting Minutes

Councilor Aliff made a motion to approve the minutes from June 8, 2020 Town Council meeting. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. All Councilors were in favor and the minutes were passed.

3. Citizen Comments (3 minutes per person per meeting – max 30 minutes)

Stephanie Mitchell 8049 Main Street – stated she is against the new development because she believes “it will adversely impact the historic nature and character of the town”. “Once a small town is lost, it is lost forever”. Mitchell also shared her concerns about the traffic and noise which will come with the new development.

Tom Lash 8046 Main Street – recapped previous objections against the new development from the Planning Commission Public Hearing. Mr. Lash is highly opposed to the growth that the town will endure with the new development.

Sue Teal 7846 Main Street – stated we “southern Frederick County” does not need and cannot afford the amount of mass produced, high density residential development. She advised the revised proffer plan is an improvement from the previous plan in 2008. She also pointed out if the amended proffers are not approved, the previous proffers will be implemented by-right. She also expressed her sincere sympathy to council citing “they have indeed inherited a mess from former administration”.

Nathan Hast 7984 Main Street – stated we cannot stand to take on any more traffic as we will lose the small-town feel. He expressed he is opposed to the new development.

Karen Beck Herzog (National Park Service) & Kristen Laise (Belle Grove Planation Executive Director) both expressed concerns stating “the viewshed, the historic nature of this town is rapidly changing with the development that is already underway. Laise advised to develop this property would mean every thoroughfare into the Town of Middletown would be like driving through a mass, dense development property. She urged council to be careful about their decisions regarding additional development.

Leary Boyd 8007 Church Street – spoke against the new development citing traffic on Church Street is already significant and with more development it will only increase.

4. Report of the Facilities Committee

Nothing to report

5. Report of the Personnel and Finance Committee

Councilor Terrill made a motion to approve the Treasurer report. Councilor Fink seconded the motion. Mayor Harbaugh asked for a roll call vote.

Councilor Aliff – Yes
Councilor Terrill – Yes
Councilor Pennington – Yes

Councilor Smith – Yes
Councilor Rickard – Yes
Councilor Fink – Yes

Motion carried 6-0

6. Report of the Public Works Committee

Nothing to report

7. Report of Public Safety Committee

Councilor Fink read the Calls for Service as reported in the packet.

8. Report of the Ordinance Committee

Nothing to report

9. Report of the Planning and Zoning Committee

Councilor Pennington made a motion to approve RZ20-001 (Companion SU20-001): Request of Greenway Engineering for rezoning of parcels to MTND with revised Proffers. Councilor Aliff seconded the motion. Mayor Harbaugh asked for a roll call vote.

Councilor Aliff – Yes
Councilor Terrill – Yes
Councilor Pennington – Yes

Councilor Smith – No
Councilor Rickard – Yes
Councilor Fink – Yes

Motion carried 5-1

Councilor Pennington made a motion to approve applicant Dennis Fusaro to serve on the Planning Commission. Councilor Fink seconded the motion. Mayor Harbaugh asked for a roll call vote.

Councilor Aliff – No
Councilor Terrill – Yes
Councilor Pennington – Yes

Councilor Smith – No
Councilor Rickard – Yes
Councilor Fink – Yes

Motion carried 4-2

10. Report of Special Committees

Nothing to report

11. New or Unfinished Business

Set Work Session Meeting date – August 3, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.

12. Petitions and Communication

Mayor Harbaugh recognized former council member Carole Snyder Jones for her 8 years of service and thanked her for serving the community. Mayor Harbaugh presented Mrs. Snyder Jones with a plaque of appreciation.

13. Adjournment

Mayor Harbaugh adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Christina Smith
Municipal Clerk

Charles Harbaugh, IV
Mayor