

**TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 9, 2025 | 7:01 P.M.**

The Town of Middletown Town Council meeting was held in the council chambers located at 7875 Church Street, Middletown VA on June 9, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Town Council Present

Mayor Charles Harbaugh IV
Vice Mayor Jeffrey Pennington
Councilor Carolyn Aliff
Councilor Jessica Chekaldin
Councilor Diane Newman
Councilor George Smith

Town Council Absent

Councilor Jacob Skeith

Staff Present

Town Manager & Public Works Superintendent Les Morefield
Chief of Police Gary Benedict Jr.
Town Treasurer Keith Smith
Town Clerk Christina Smith
NSVRC Senior Planner Amanda Kerns

1. Set Agenda

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

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Mayor Harbaugh asked for a motion to approve the Town Council minutes from May 12, 2025. Councilor Newman made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilor Aliff seconded the motion. All Councilors were in favor and the minutes were approved.

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

Kurt Creager 182 Hites Road – commended the mayor, council, town manager and finance director for having no municipal debt. He stated in all his years of working all over in local government he has only seen one other locality with no municipal debt. He was also here to learn more about the counties request for the town to service water & sewer at a proposed data center north of town on Route 11.

4. Report of the Personnel & Finance Committee

Councilor Aliff made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Councilor Pennington seconded the motion. Mayor Harbaugh asked for a roll call vote.

Councilor Aliff – Yes
Councilor Chekaldin – Yes
Councilor Pennington – Yes

Councilor Newman – Yes
Councilor Smith – Yes

Motion carried 5-0

Councilor Aliff made a motion to approve "AN ORDINANCE TO BUDGET AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE OPERATIONS OF THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN, MIDDLETOWN VIRGINIA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026". Councilor Pennington seconded the motion. Mayor Harbaugh asked for a roll call vote.

Councilor Aliff – Yes
Councilor Chekaldin – Yes
Councilor Pennington – Yes

Councilor Newman – Yes
Councilor Smith – Yes

Motion carried 5-0

5. Report of the Public Works Committee and Facilities Committee

Nothing to report.

6. Report of Public Safety Committee

Councilor Pennington advised calls for service are in the packet. Chief Benedict Jr. updated Mayor & Council on K9 Edo's ACL surgery. He stated he will be in recovery for 8 to 10 weeks.

7. Report of the Ordinance Committee

Nothing to report.

8. Report of the Planning and Zoning Committee

Councilor Smith advised that the regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting will take place on Monday June 16, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

9. Report of Special Committees

Mayor Harbaugh announced that the town's July 4th celebration is airing on Q102, 99.3, 98.3 and their AM stations now through July 4th.

10. New or Unfinished Business

Mayor Harbaugh set the Work Session meeting for July 7, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.

11. Petitions and Communication

Councilor Pennington made a motion to approve Cornelia Hodson as Citizen of the Year. Councilor Aliff seconded the motion. Mayor Harbaugh asked for a roll call vote.

Councilor Aliff – Yes
Councilor Chekaldin – Yes
Councilor Pennington – Yes

Councilor Newman – Yes
Councilor Smith – Yes

Motion carried 5-0

Councilor Aliff made a motion to approve Christina Smith as Employee of the Year. Councilor Newman seconded the motion. Mayor Harbaugh asked for a roll call vote.

Councilor Aliff – Yes
Councilor Chekaldin – Yes
Councilor Pennington – Yes

Councilor Newman – Yes
Councilor Smith – Yes

Motion carried 5-0

12. Adjournment

Mayor Harbaugh adjourned the town council meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Christina Smith
Municipal Clerk

Charles Harbaugh, IV
Mayor