

April 22, 2008 - Special Town Council Meeting

At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Middletown, RI, held at the Middletown School Administration Building, Lower Level, Conference Room, Oliphant Lane, Middletown, Rhode Island on Tuesday, April 22, 2008 at 7:30 P.M.

Council President Paul M. Rodrigues, Presiding

Vice Chair Shirley R. Mello

Councillor Barbara A. Barrow

Councillor Louis P. DiPalma

Councillor M. Theresa Santos

Councillor Edward J. Silveira, Jr., Members Present

Councillor Robert J. Sylvia, Absent

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Wendy J.W. Marshall, Town Clerk

Town of Middletown

Town Hall – 350 East Main Road

Middletown, Rhode Island 02842

Dear Mrs. Marshall:

Pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section 203 of the Town Charter and in accordance with Sections 42-46-2. and 42-46-6., RIGL, I hereby call a Special Meeting of the Town Council to formally consider, discuss and act upon the following item of business:

Review of FY 2008 – 2009 proposed Department Budgets – CIP and Revenues

Said meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 22, 2008, at 7:30 P.M. at the Middletown School Administration Building, Lower Level, Conference Room, Oliphant Lane, Middletown, Rhode Island 02842.

Paul M. Rodrigues, President

Middletown Town Council

CC:

Town Council

Town Administrator

Finance Director

Town Solicitor

Public Library

IT Director

Human Resource Manager

Town Planner

Tax Assessor

Public Works Director

Building Official

Police Chief

Fire Chief

Recreation Director

This meeting location is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requiring interpreter services for the hearing-impaired should notify the Town Clerk's Office at 847-0009 not less than 48 hours before the

meeting.

On motion of Vice Chair Mello, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive said communication.

Revenues

Interim Town Administrator Shawn Brown explained the current proposed budget is at the State cap of 5%.

Tax Assessor William Shorey addressed the Council noting that we have a stable tax base, 3.1 billion dollars in taxable revenue, the inventory tax is exempt, and currently we have a split tax rate.

Interim Town Administrator Shawn Brown reviewed the General Fund Revenues FY 2009 entered here:

CIP

Representing the School Department were Business Manager Catherine McLeish and Director of Facilities Ed Collins both addressed the Council concerning School Department requests within the CIP budget. The School Department is requesting funding for Fire Alarm Upgrades, Security Systems, Floor/Ceiling Replacement, Paving/sidewalk repairs and School Furniture replacement.

The projects were prioritized as follows:

- 1) Fire Alarm Upgrades**
- 2) Paving/sidewalk repairs**
- 3) Security Systems**

- 4) **Floor/Ceil replacement**
- 5) **School Furniture replacement.**

Interim Town Administrator Shawn Brown addressed the Council reviewing the following requests:

- 1) **Replacement of Town Administrator's vehicle**
- 2) **Repair parking lot - Town Hall**
- 3) **HVAC – Building Automation System – Town Hall**
- 4) **Network Infrastructure Maintenance and Replacement
(Technology Upgrades – Town Hall)**
- 5) **Building Inspector vehicle.**

Police Chief Anthony Pesare requested five (5) new vehicles for the

Fleet Management program project and replacement of tactical rifles.

Fire Chief Steve Martin requested a Fire Pumper vehicle and Fire Chief vehicle.

Senior Citizens Director Arleen Kaul requested to replace furnace/burner at the Senior Citizens Center.

Recreation Director Tim Shaw noted a project request for a Beach building. The request would be implemented in FY 2012 contingent upon a General Obligation Bond being passed in the November 2012 general election.

Public Works Director Tom O'Loughlin requested the following:

- 1) Vehicle Pool – New mid size dump truck**

- 2) Pavement Management**
- 3) Stormwater Improvement Program**
- 4) Street Sign Program**
- 5) Birchwood Drainage Phase III**

Interim Town Administrator along with Public Works Director Tom O'Loughlin reviewed the following CIP requests:

- 1) Continental Village Improvements**
- 2) Valley Park Remediation & Development**
- 3) Green End Safety Improvements: Guard Rail**
- 4) Demolish Linden School**
- 5) Easton Point Outfalls – remediation**

- 6) Fenner Avenue Stormwater System**
- 7) CIPP Sliplining & Manhole Rehabilitation Program**
- 8) Miantonomi Avenue & Restmere Terrace Sewer**
- 9) Stockton Drive Collection Sewer**
- 10) Stockton Drive Pump Station Replacement/Removal**
- 11) Forest Avenue Sewer CIPP Sliplining (needs bond)**

On motion of Councillor DiPalma, duly seconded, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to adjourn this meeting at 10:15 P.M.

Wendy J.W. Marshall, CMC

Council Clerk