

**At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Middletown, RI held at the Gaudet Middle School (Cafeteria) Aquidneck Avenue, Middletown on Monday, May 14, 2012 at 6:00 P.M.**

**Council President Arthur S. Weber, Jr., Presiding**

**Vice President Bruce J. Long**

**Councillor Richard Cambra**

**Councillor Antone C. Viveiros**

**Councillor Barbara A. VonVillas, Members Present**

**Councillor Christopher T. Semonelli, Absent**

**Councillor Edward J. Silveira, Jr.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

## **1. Public Hearing (Advertised)**

### **An Ordinance of the Town of Middletown (First Reading)**

**An Ordinance in amendment to the ordinances of the Town of Middletown entitled “Appropriating Revenues of the General Fund for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, as amended”.**

## **2. Public Hearing (Advertised)**

### **An Ordinance of the Town of Middletown (First Reading)**

**An Ordinance in amendment to the ordinances of the Town of Middletown entitled “Appropriating Revenues of the Parks and Recreation Fund for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, as amended”.**

## **3. Public Hearing (Advertised)**

### **An Ordinance of the Town of Middletown (First Reading)**

**An Ordinance in amendment to the ordinances of the Town of Middletown entitled “Appropriating Revenues of the Sewer Fund for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, as amended”.**

#### **4. Public Hearing (Advertised)**

**An Ordinance of the Town of Middletown (First Reading)**

**An Ordinance in amendment to the ordinances of the Town of Middletown entitled “Appropriating Revenue of the Refuse and Recycling Fund for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, as amended”.**

**Said meeting will be held on Monday, May 14, 2012, at 6:00 P.M. at the Gaudet Middletown School Cafeteria (Turner Road Entrance), Aquidneck Avenue, Middletown, Rhode Island 02842.**

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**Arthur S. Weber, Jr., President**

**Middletown Town Council**

**cc:**

**Town Council**

**School Department**

**Town Administrator**

**Senior Center**

**Town Solicitor**

**Police Dept.**

**Finance Director**

**Fire Dept.**

**Public Library**

**Public Works**

**Tax Assessor**

**Building Inspector**

**Town Planner**

**IT Director**

**Parks/Recreation**

**Town Engineer**

**Human Resource Director**

**School Department**

**Recycling Coordinator**

**Substance Abuse Coordinator**

**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.**

**Also present were Town Administrator Shawn Brown, Town Solicitor Michael W. Miller, Finance Director Lynne Dible and Deputy Finance Director Marc Tanguay.**

**Present, representing the School Department, were Superintendent Rosemarie Kraeger, Assistant Superintendent Linda Savastano, Business Manager Raquel Pellerin, Director of Facilities Edward Collins, School Committee Vice Chair Theresa Spengler, members Kellie DiPalma and Liana Ferreira Fenton (arrives at 6:15 pm).**

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**the Fiscal Year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, as amended”.**

**Public Hearing was declared open.**

**Town Administrator Shawn Brown noted that the FY 2013 Proposed Budgets were prepared focusing on the economy. Mr. Brown reviewed the following proposed budget highlights:**

**Superintendent Rosemarie Kreager noted loss of State aid and an increase of 2.06% within the proposed budget.**

**Dennis Turano, 182 Tuckerman Avenue, addressed the Council expressing concern with a tax increase when the economy is so poor.**

**Mr. Turano suggests no tax increase this year, cut 2% across the board and consider forming a budget committee.**

**Councillor Viveiros noted a yearly reduction/loss of state aid. Mr. Viveiros explained that the Council is open to suggestions concerning the budget.**

**Manuel Mello, 3 Beacon Terrace North, addressed the Council questioning the School Departments fund balance.**

**Town Administrator Shawn Brown, responding to Mr. Mello, explained that the Audit shows that the School Department spent within its approved budget.**

**There being no other persons present desiring to be heard, public hearing remains open.**

**On motion of Vice President Long, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive said FY2012-FY2013 General Fund budget ordinance, as amended, on its first reading.**

## **2. Public Hearing (Advertised)**

### **An Ordinance of the Town of Middletown (First Reading)**

**An Ordinance in amendment to the ordinances of the Town of Middletown entitled “Appropriating Revenues of the Parks and Recreation Fund for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, as amended”.**

**Public Hearing was declared open.**

**Town Administrator Shawn Brown noted that beach fund revenues have decreased, there are no proposed fee increases for the beaches, potential construction of a beach pavilion will impact the budget next year, there will be improvements made to the Third Beach boat ramp and replacement of storage/restroom at Berkeley Peckham.**

**There being no person present desiring to be heard, public hearing remains open.**

**On motion of Vice President Long, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive said FY2012-2013 Parks and Recreation Fund budget ordinance, as amended, on its first reading.**

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**Public Hearing was declared open.**

**Town Administrator Shawn Brown noted that the Sewer Fund has decreased by 54% from the prior year, due to non-reoccurring capital projects. The rate payer is paying less there is no I & I charge and the customer service charge has decreased.**

**There being no person present desiring to be heard, public hearing remains open.**

**On motion of Vice President Long, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive said FY2012-2013 Sewer Fund budget ordinance, as amended, on its first reading.**

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**Public Hearing was declared open.**

**Town Administrator Shawn Brown noted that the PAY-Throw program user fee and bag rate remains unchanged.**

**M. Theresa Santos, 214 Morrison Avenue, questioned how many residents joined PAY-Throw after the promotional program, when the Refuse contract with the hauler will expire and total program participants?**

**Town Administrator Shawn Brown, responding to Ms. Santos, noted that since the promotional program six additional residents have joined, the contract expires October 2013 and currently there are 4000 participants.**

**Vice President Long noted the system works well and residents like the program.**

**There being no other person present desiring to be heard, public hearing remains open.**

**On motion of Vice President Long, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive said FY2012-2013 Refuse and Recycling Fund budget ordinance, as amended, on its first reading.**

**On motion of Vice President Long, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to adjourn this meeting at 7:00 P.M.**

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**Wendy J.W. Marshall, CMC**

**Council Clerk**

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