

**At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Middletown, RI held at the Middletown Town Hall, 350 East Main Road, Middletown, RI on Monday, April 10, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.**

**Council President Robert J. Sylvia, Presiding**

**Vice President Paul M. Rodrigues**

**Councillor Henry F. Lombardi, Jr.**

**Councillor M. Theresa Santos**

**Councillor Dennis B. Turano**

**Councillor Antone C. Viveiros**

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

**POSTED – April 5, 2017**

**Wendy J.W. Marshall, Town Clerk**

**Town of Middletown**

**Town Hall – 350 East Main Road**

**Middletown, Rhode Island 02842**

**Dear Ms. Marshall:**

**Pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section 203 of the Town Charter and in accordance with Sections 42-46-2., 42-46-4., 42-46-5., and 42-46-6., RIGL, I hereby call a Special Meeting of the Town Council to formally consider, discuss and vote upon the following items of business:**

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**1. Receipt of Town of Middletown Proposed Budgets and Capital Improvement Plan, Fiscal Year 2017- 2018.**

**2. Review with School Committee – School Budget, related grants, CIP submissions and matters related thereto**

**Said meeting will be held on Monday, April 10, 2017, at 6:00 P.M. at the Middletown Town Hall, 350 East Main Road, Middletown, Rhode Island 02842.**

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**Robert J. Sylvia, President**

**Middletown Town Council**

**cc:**

**Town Council**

**Public Library**

**Finance Director**

**Town Administrator**

**Town Solicitor**

**School Department**

**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 President Rodrigues, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive said communication.**

**1. Receipt of Town of Middletown Proposed Budgets and Capital Improvement Plan, Fiscal Year 2017- 2018.**

**On motion of Vice President Rodrigues, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Proposed Budgets**

**and Capital Improvement Plan.**

**Present also were Town Administrator Shawn Brown, Finance Director Marc Tanguay and Deputy Town Clerk Karin Clancey.**

**Present, representing the School Department, were Superintendent Rosemarie Kraeger, Assistant Superintendent Linda Savastano, Business Manager Raquel Pellerin, Facilities Director Dave Fontes, School Committee Chair Kellie DiPalma Simone, Vice Chair Theresa Spengler and members Liana Ferreira Fenton and William O'Connell.**

**2. Review with School Committee – School Budget, related grants, CIP submissions and matters related thereto**

**On motion of Vice President Rodrigues, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to begin said review of the School Budget, related grants and CIP submissions with the School Committee.**

**School Committee Chair Kellie DiPalma Simeone explained that there are several items which are not met in the submitted budget proposal.**

**The School Committee will be requesting the Legislative Delegation to relieve one year of the funding formula. Ms. Simeone explained the budget indicates an overall commitment to the students, parents and staff and the School Committee is requesting an increase of 4% which equates to a 2.26% increase in taxes.**

**Superintendent of Schools Rosemarie Kraeger addressed the Council presenting a power point of the Proposed FY 2017/18 School Budget which is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.**

**Discussion centered around loss of revenue from state aid, the state funding formula, the need to look at actual numbers from the last four years of the school budget, unfunded mandates, unmet needs listed in the PowerPoint, regional special education costs, including the study for regional special education services, students using technology in the classrooms, population of military students in the Town, population of homeless students in the Town, student enrollment, contractual agreements within the proposed budget,**

**guidance counselors, the cost to educate one student and the need to look at taxpayers ability to pay.**

**On motion of Vice President Rodrigues, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to adjourn said meeting at 8:00 p.m.**

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

**Town Clerk**

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