

A swearing-in ceremony was conducted by Mayor Kenneth Branner for newly elected Councilman Andrew Chas. A special election was held on May 15, 2014 to fill a vacancy.

The regular meeting of Mayor and Council was held on the above date with Councilmen Jim Reynolds, Jason Faulkner, Bob Pierce and Andrew Chas present with Mayor Branner presiding. Councilmen Robert McGhee and Robin Burgess were absent. Town Manager Morris Deputy and Town Solicitor Scott Chambers were also present.

Mayor Branner presented Davis Anderson, Grady Anderson and Quin Windett a proclamation recognizing them as good stewards of the environment of the Town of Middletown for cleaning up the open space area and pond at Lakeside. The boys suggested Council place trash cans in the area to help eliminate the accumulation of trash in the pond.

**2. MINUTES APPROVAL:** Moved by Mr. Pierce and seconded by Mr. Reynolds to approve the Minutes of May 5, 2014 as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously.

**3. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Moved by Mr. Pierce and seconded by Mr. Faulkner to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented in printed form. Motion Carried Unanimously.

**4. BILLS PAYABLE:** Moved by Mr. Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Faulkner to approve the Bills Payable as presented and pay as funds become available. Motion Carried Unanimously.

**5. POLICE REPORT: Chief Dan Yeager**

The MPD responded to 1,028 calls for service for the month of May 2014.

- 441 incidents required documentation.
- 71 incidents required arrest action totaling 150 criminal arrests.
- Calls for service: Zone 1 – 194; Zone 2 – 370; Zone 3 – 134; Zone 4 – 159.
- 49 accidents: 25 property damage; 16 property damage/hit & run; 8 personal injury.
- 2 drug overdoses: Bucktail Drive and N. Ramunno Dr.
- 5 heroine arrests.
- Burglaries: E. Cole Blvd; Cass St.; Marian Dr.; N. Ramunno Drive; Village Drive and E. Lockwood St.
- Robbery – Home Depot.
- Multiple graffiti incidents in Millbranch. Similar incidents were reported at E. Lockwood St.
- Call volume analysis: Busiest days Saturday – 187 and Friday – 186 calls for service between the hours of 5 and 6 p.m.
- Top five calls for service: 175 vehicle stops; 98 property checks; 66 follow up investigations; 60 public relations and 46 alarms.

Moved by Mr. Faulkner and seconded by Mr. Pierce to accept the Police Report as presented by Chief Yeager. Motion Carried Unanimously.

**6. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**6-A. 112 Patriot Drive, Suite C – Record Re-Subdivision Plan of Lot 7, Middletown Levels Business Park, to reconfigure pavement and grass areas for future tenant. Tax parcel 23-041.00-007.**

Roger Brickley presented the plan proposing to eliminate the paving around the building and installing a turn-around approved by the Fire Marshal. The plan was reviewed by KCI. Planning and Zoning recommended approval last month. If and when the tenant, American K-9, moves out, they are obligated to install the pavement around the building.

***Moved by Mr. Pierce and seconded by Mr. Faulkner to grant approval for 112 Patriot Drive, Suite C, Record Re-Subdivision Plan of Lot 7, Middletown-Levels Business Park to reconfigure pavement and grass areas for a future tenant. Motion Carried Unanimously.***

**6-B. 20-24 W. Green Street – Minor Land Development Plan for Charles Tyre Flooring. Tax parcel 23-008.00-095.**

Ed Ide presented the plan showing the removal of approximately 1200 sq. ft. of blacktop and proposing a 2400 sq. ft. warehouse building for Charles Tyre Flooring.

- Three parking spaces are proposed off W. Green Street and four additional spaces will be available at ETI across the street.
- A new concrete walk is proposed along S. Cass Street.
- The brick walk on W. Green Street will be removed and replaced.
- The handicap accessible ramp will remain.
- The total impervious area is less than 5,000 sq. ft. No additional stormwater management will be required.
- The roof run-off will be transmitted via gutter towards S. Cass Street.
- The project will be forwarded to the Fire Marshal's Office for approval.
- Planning and Zoning recommended approval.
- The dumpster area will be fenced and gated; the Fire Company will have a key.

Mr. Reynolds asked why the brick would be removed and replaced. Mr. Ide said to make sure the base would be satisfactory for vehicle traffic. Mr. Reynolds said the brick sidewalk should be extended to the curb-cut.

***Moved by Mr. Pierce and seconded by Mr. Reynolds to approve the Minor Land Development Plan for Charles Tyre Flooring at 20-24 West Green Street. Motion Carried Unanimously.***

**6-C. Ratify an Agreement with DeLea Founders Insurance Trust (DFIT) for a Workers Compensation Self-Insurance Program.**

Morris Deputy explained that as a member of DFIT, the Town can be a part of the self-insured workers comp program, or return to the market place and acquire independent workers comp insurance. Mr. Deputy recommended Council ratify the agreement with DFIT for a Workers Compensation Self-Insurance Program. In doing so, the Town will no longer be subject to the annual premium increases from State rating bureaus. The current planned increase in premiums for the upcoming year is 14% compared to a planned decrease in premiums of 20% by remaining in DFIT.

***Moved by Mr. Faulkner and seconded by Mr. Reynolds to Ratify an Agreement with DeLea Founders Insurance Trust (DFIT) for a Workers Compensation Self-Insurance Program. Motion Carried Unanimously.***

**6-D. Ratify an Agreement with Southern Corrosion for Water Tank Management.**

Morris Deputy reported the two bids received for water tank management were from Utility Services for the amount of \$315,975.73 and Southern Corrosion in the amount of \$314,536.96. Mr. Deputy recommended Council award the maintenance of the Greenlawn Water Tank to Southern Corrosion for the amount of \$314,536.96. They also currently manage the maintenance of the stand pipe on Lake Street.

***Moved by Mr. Pierce and seconded by Mr. Reynolds to Ratify an Agreement with Southern Corrosion for the Greenlawn Water Tank Management. Motion Carried Unanimously.***

**6-E. Unfinished Business**

- Mr. Reynolds reported the paving project has started on Broad Street, thanks to the efforts of Quinn Johnson.
- The water project on W. Lockwood and Shallcross has begun. Work will be done at night until the Broad Street connection is completed.

**6-F. New Business**

- Mr. Reynolds announced the Fourth of July Fireworks will be held on Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>; the rain date is July 5<sup>th</sup>. Fireworks will start at dusk.
- Mr. Faulkner announced the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Relay for Life event will be held this weekend, June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> at Silver Lake Park.
- Tracy Skrobot reported the Designer Show House raised approximately \$15,000 for their grant program.
- Music on Main will start on 6/13 from 6 to 9 p.m. with the “Sugar Mamas” on Cochran Square and “Hung Jury” will be playing in the Forest Church parking lot. Other family events will also be available.
- Dave Rich apologized for the manner in which he presented his issues at last month’s meeting.
- Mayor Branner announced that the Delaware Criminal Justice Council Racial and Ethics Fairness Committee co-chaired by Justice Henry DuPont Ridgley and Chief Justice Alex Smalls, has declared that the MPD is in compliance with the Declaration of Leading Practices for Civil Rights and promote racial and ethnic fairness to the criminal justice system. Mayor Branner further explained that police departments that comply are given preference for grants administered by the Criminal Justice Council. This is the second year the Town has received the certification.
- Robert McGhee is attending a family funeral in Florida and Robin Burgess fell and is in Broadmeadow recovering from several broken ribs and broken vertebrae.

Moved by Mr. Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Faulkner to adjourn. Motion Carried Unanimously.