

May 5, 2014  
Middletown, PA 17057

At 7:05 p.m., a special meeting of the Middletown Borough Council was called to order by Council President Christopher R. McNamara, with Council members John Brubaker, Anne Marino Einhorn, Ben Kapenstein, Robert Louer, Christopher R. McNamara, Victoria Malone, Scott Sites, and Sue Sullivan present. Councilor Tom Handley was absent due to illness.

Also present were Mayor James H. Curry III, Borough Manager Tim Konek, and Borough Secretary Amy Friday.

Council President McNamara stated the special meeting is being held to comply with the requirements of the Department of Community and Economic Development with a façade grant program.

Council President McNamara called upon Mr. Jonathan Hicks, serving as an intern spending his time between the Finance and Industrial Commercial Development Authority, to give a report on the façade grant program.

Mr. Hicks reported the program will consist of \$50,000 for the Borough to grant out to businesses, non-profits, and developers in the downtown area, which is defined as Union Street between Ann and Spring Streets. The monetary limit for each grant given to the businesses will be \$5,000. The businesses will be required to put up a dollar for dollar match of the money granted out. The grants are for businesses to make exterior improvements, such as signage and painting; and must be completed within the historical architectural design of the Borough.

Council President McNamara stated the façade program coincides with the downtown revitalization project.

Council President McNamara opened the floor to Public Comment.

**Dana Ward – 2 S. Union Street**

**Robin Pellegrini – 38 N. Union Street**

Mrs. Pellegrini reported, she and Dana have made phone calls to the business owners regarding the façade grant program. She stated they have a list of between 10 – 12 businesses interested in the program. Mrs. Pellegrini asked Council to move forward with the program, since there is excitement in the business community.

**Councilor Einhorn made a motion to approve Resolution 594 for the year 2014 in support of the establishment of a program to encourage façade improvements in Middletown's downtown area and a related application for a Keystone Communities Grant. The motion was seconded by Councilor Louer and approved by a unanimous 8-0 vote.**

**Councilor Kapenstein made a motion to adjourn the special meeting. It was seconded by Councilor Sites and approved by unanimous consent.** At 7:15, the meeting was adjourned and the Regular Business Council meeting reconvened.

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Amy J. Friday  
Borough Secretary