

April 21, 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, Tom Handley, Ben Kapenstein, Robert Louer, Christopher R. McNamara, Victoria Malone, Scott Sites, and Sue Sullivan present.

Also present were Mayor James H. Curry III, Adam Santucci, McNeese Wallace & Nurick, Borough Manager Tim Konek, and Borough Secretary Amy Friday.

Council President McNamara stated the Fire Department has been working closely with State Representative John Payne and the PA Department of Economic Development and applied for a Keystone Communities grant in the amount of \$250,000.00. President McNamara stated the reason for the hearing is to discuss the project and he asked the public to sign in on the special meeting sign in sheet prior to commenting. He asked all Fire Department personnel in attendance make sure you are signed in on that sheet.

Council President McNamara reported the project started in 2008, the Fire Department received \$250,000 from the State. He reported at a later date within the next year, the Fire Department was awarded \$330,000 from the Dauphin County Gaming Grant, in which the Borough then matched with \$270,000. President McNamara reported in June/July 2012 the Borough released the matching funds and in the Fall 2012 construction was started and was completed November 2013. At that point, the Fire Department applied for the \$250,000 Keystone Communities grant. President McNamara reported the Fire Department and Borough have been awarded the \$250,000 and the hearing is to nullify that.

Council President McNamara opened the floor to Public Comment in which there were none.

Rich Seachrist of the Fire Department was in attendance for questions in regards to the funding. Councilor Louer asked what the funds are to be earmarked for. Mr. Seachrist reported the funds to be used mainly for debt reduction and also the need for furniture. The furniture is needed for the upstairs facility for the college students who will be living there as a trade for services while they serve the community.

Councilor Brubaker made a motion to approve Resolution 593 for the year 2014 in support of the Middletown Volunteer Fire Company's building project and its related application for a Keystone Communities Grant. The motion was seconded by Councilor Louer and approved by a unanimous 9-0 vote.

President McNamara complimented Mr. Seachrist and the entire Fire Department staff for their efforts, as well as the commitment from Representative John Payne .

Councilor Brubaker **made a motion to adjourn the special meeting.** It was seconded by Councilor Louer and approved by unanimous consent. At 7:15, the meeting was adjourned and the Committee of the Council meeting reconvened.

Amy J. Friday
Borough Secretary