



**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
MARCH 13, 2024**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Strenfel, Gipson, Galdamez

Absent: Higbie, Williams, DeJesus, Gill

Correspondence

Nothing to report.

Approval of Minutes

Accept the Minutes of February 14, 2024

Audit

February 2024 Audit

<i>Date</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Budget Detail</i>
<i>February 2024</i>	<i>\$11,164.00</i>	<i>Program Revenues</i>
<i>2024</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>Grant & Donation Money</i>
		<i>Received</i>
<i>2024 Year to Date</i>	<i>\$22,234.00</i>	<i>All Revenues</i>

Raelynn discussed the new way the monthly audit will be displayed. She will scan the deposit sheet and review the financial breakdown of revenue.

Superintendent's Report

Personnel

Raelynn reported we are receiving a NEW full-time employee from DPW, Stephen Rathbun. We are still waiting to hire a full-timer. Two seasonal workers working with our Parks Department. We are still looking for a lacrosse instructor for clinics.

Activities

Raelynn reported on the following:

FREE – Teen & Youth Open Gym, Teen Boxing, Storytime Come Alive and Youth Fitness.

PAID – Young Warriors Boxing Program, Little RECs Toddler, Adult Pickle Ball Clinics, Adult Pickle Ball Open Gym, Youth Martial Arts, Youth Volleyball Clinics, Adult Volleyball Open Play, Youth Basketball Clinics and Baby & Me Fitness.

PROGRAM REGISTRATION – Spring Break Camp, Soccer Clinics, Cheerleading Clinics and Music classes are coming soon.

SPECIAL EVENTS – Nothing to Report.

Maintenance

Raelynn reported the following:

Flipping clay and dragging fields.

Working on trails at Reservoir.

Prepping Dog Park for Obstacles.

Spring Preparation of Parks.

Machines ready.

Winter equipment away

Remarks from the Recreation and Parks Committee Members

Alderman Kleiner asked questions that his constituents had from his last Ward meeting.

1. Does the ice rink need a new liner every year? Raelynn replied that they didn't need one this year but, it would be only around \$500 if they did.

2. Will the new bathrooms in the back of Davidge be open? Raelynn replied that we start opening them on weekends, only starting Memorial Day weekend. They will be open daily once school is out.

3. Are there any updates on the Maple Hill Splash Pad and any future plans to expand the Splash Pad at Davidge? Raelynn reported that she received an estimate from TAM, and it was about \$750,000 to complete the project. However, that estimate was not based on the specs of an engineer and did not include any work that our department could do. She also reported there are no future plans for Davidge.

4. Are the reservoir trails open? Raelynn reported they are and have been open.

5. What's going on with Disc Golf? Raelynn reported that the 18 holes have been completed, and they have been opened. People are also seen using it.

6. If the City acquires a building for Fire Police, will our department renovate the building? Raelynn replied that John Bianchi is very capable of leading our guys to complete the building. However, it is our busy season and our guys will need to complete our jobs first.

7. What is the status of Chappel Park and future plans? Raelynn reported there are no plans for Chappel park and that status is unknown. However, our guys still maintain it.

Old Business

DJ Echo

Raelynn reported she spoke with the staff about the lyrics heard about "getting my glock and shooting them up". The staff at the Winter festival did not hear any lyrics of that type at all.

Parties in Gym

Raelynn reported it is too hard to rent our indoor facility for birthday parties because our facility usage schedule is constantly changing.

Sports Camp

Raelynn reported we still do not have a definite spot in the schools for Sports Camp. Plan B would be having a camp in the back of Davidge, but that is not an ideal situation. She is working with Superintendent Creeden and Athletic Director Coates to hopefully secure a location in a school.

New Business

Music Classes

Raelynn reported we are excited to announce our NEW collaboration with Jeremy Torres to offer music classes.

Thrall Park

Raelynn reported about a meeting with MPD about Thrall Park. We will be working with a Landscape Designer to design a better layout of Thrall Park to ensure safety and more appeal to the park.

Capital Projects wish list

Raelynn reported on the capital projects the department will be requesting this year;

1. Basketball courts resurfaced, relined with new hoops set up.
2. Outside pickleball courts.
3. Playground equipmnt.

Announcements

A discussion was had about Rollin Lyboly and the bench with a plaque installed. We also discussed naming something after Christine Brinckerhoff. Raelynn will look into it and follow up.

Adjournment

8:39pm