MINUTES OF MIDWAY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 5, 2026, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT MIDWAY TOWN HALL, 426 GUMTREE ROAD, MIDWAY, NORTH CAROLINA

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Councilor Keith Leonard gave the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance prior to the opening gavel.

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor John Byrum called the meeting to order.

Councilors present were: John Byrum, Mike McAlpine, Jackie Edwards, Keith Leonard and Berkley Alcorn. Absent: Councilor Robin Moon. Town Manager Brock Hall, Town Clerk Ree Goodson, Finance Officer Linda Hunt and Associate Jack O'Neal with Town Attorney Jim Lanik's Office were present. Absent: None.

Each Councilor had been furnished an agenda prior to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
On motion by Councilor Jackie Edwards, seconded by Councilor Keith Leonard, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2026 Town Council Regular meeting.

On motion by Councilor Keith Leonard, seconded by Councilor Berkley Alcorn, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2026 Vision Session meeting.

PUBLIC ADDRESS
There were none.

ADOPT AGENDA
On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine, seconded by Councilor Jackie Edwards, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORT
Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine stated that park-related Committee items would be addressed in the Town Manager's Report. No other Committee reports were offered.

REGULAR BUSINESS

CEMETERY - HEBRON CHURCH
Councilor Berkley Alcorn noted that Councilor Robin Moon had questions regarding the Hebron Church Cemetery. Because Councilor Moon was absent, Councilor Alcorn requested to postpone the discussion until the regular Town Council meeting in November.

On motion by Councilor Berkley Alcorn, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine, Council voted unanimously to postpone the discussion for the Hebron Church Cemetery until the next Town Council Regular meeting in November.

PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY PROJECT - METROPOLIS ARCHITECTURE
Town Manager Brock Hall stated that Metropolis Architecture would be on-site the following day with Certerra Southern Engineering to conduct preliminary soil testing and requested Council consensus on the building renderings to authorize the firm to proceed. Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine and the Building Committee have been working with the architects who summarized the design process, stating that the firm had gone through three designs before arriving at the current renderings.

Key features of the approved design include an approximately 5,000+ square-foot building footprint on a 100 by 100 foot pad, a wraparound porch overlooking the south and east sides of the park, a small meeting room with an attached kitchenette, an IT closet, public restrooms accessible from the front and side of the building, and a rear access point for park staff and storage areas to minimize interfering with park users.

Council reached consensus to approve the renderings and to direct the architect to proceed.

DISCUSSION ON HEALTH INSURANCE

Town Manager Brock Hall stated the annual health insurance renewal is due by November 1st. Mr. Hall said he was notified of the upcoming rate changes by Blue Cross Blue Shield. The Town's insurance broker, One Digital, has also provided some options to maintain adequate coverage with minimal financial impact.

Mr. Hall said Staff is requesting authorization from the Town Council to research and select an appropriate insurance option for employees that will maintain adequate coverage and minimize cost increases. Staff proposes working directly with the Personnel Committee over the next few weeks to finalize this renewal.

Mayor John Byrum asked Mr. Hall to provide Council with a report on the health insurance at the next Town Council meeting in November.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

TOWN PARK UPDATE

Town Manager Brock Hall said there were 16 shelter reservations in September and 23 reservations for October. Mr. Hall said the track expansion around the playground has been completed and is open to the public with remaining landscaping work, perennial beds, 12 to 16 evergreen shrubs, and one to two small trees are being worked into the regular fall maintenance schedule.

Mr. Hall stated an electrical outlet was recently installed at the Gazebo in preparation for Christmas decorations, with a second outlet planned at a higher location to support lights around the Gazebo's perimeter.

Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine suggested enhancing the upcoming Christmas Tree lighting ceremony, which takes place the Sunday after the Christmas Parade. He proposed hiring a DJ for this year's event to enhance the event. Council members expressed unanimous support and directed staff to incorporate a DJ into the event planning.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Council was provided copies of the monthly financial reports for September 2026 as follows:

	September 2026	
Total Income	$720,450	30.4% of overall budget
Total Expenses	$313,290	13.2% of overall budget

Town Manager Brock Hall presented the monthly financial report. Year-to-date expenses stand at $313,290, representing approximately 13.2 percent of the budget. Year-to-date income is $720,450, representing approximately 30.4 percent of the budget, for a net revenue of $407,160, a 58 percent increase over the prior month.

Mr. Hall stated regarding investments, Finance Officer Linda Hunt and himself are in the process of closing the account with Encore Bank, which is nearly completed, with a wire transfer of those funds to the Town's First National Bank account expected to be finalized soon. Two CD opportunities have been secured at 4 percent, 12-month CD from Truist Bank and a 3.9 percent, 12-month CD from First National Bank. The Encore funds are to be split between the two banks.

Mr. Hall said the Town has been awarded a $25,000 state-directed grant from the Office of State Budget Management, designated for maintenance, expansion, and renovation of the park or other Town enhancements. Mayor John Byrum said when the state budget was being prepared, the Public Works facility was the primary project discussed with the sponsoring senator, making it a natural fit for the grant's scope of work. Mr. Hall said staff are working to compile the required paperwork, including W-9s, with a submission deadline of approximately June 30th.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Mike McAlpine, seconded by Councilor Jackie Edwards, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

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John Byrum, Mayor

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Ree Goodson, Town Clerk