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MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2008

The Middletown Town Council met on Tuesday, January 8, 2008 with all members present. Clerk-Treasurer Jim Hanson called the meeting to order and immediately announced the floor was open for nominations for Council President. Dan Fountain nominated Jake Smith. Tim Mundell nominated Jim Mundell. Lisa Hicks-Smith then seconded the nomination of Jim Mundell. The votes were Tim, Lisa and Jim voting yea and Dan and Jake voting nay. The gavel was then passed to Jim Mundell.

Jim Mundell then noted that all members of the Council were present. After the pledge to the flag the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read and the claims were signed.

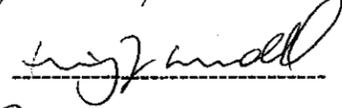
1. Tim Mundell made a motion to rehire Tony Robbins on the police force. This motion was opposed by Dan Fountain. Seconded by Jim Mundell. Lisa Hicks-Smith then stated that she had just this day received a copy of the Judge's ruling on this matter. After much discussion, Jim Mundell called for a vote on the motion. The votes were: Lisa Hicks-Smith, no, Jake Smith, no, Dan Fountain, no, Jim Mundell, yes and Tim Mundell, yes.
2. An executive session was called for Monday, January 21, 2008 to discuss personnel matters.
3. In new business Kevin Lockhart informed Council that he had purchased the old bank building at the corner of 5th and Locust Sts. He plans to restore the building. He then asked permission to build a temporary cover over the opening on the Locust St. side which would partially block the sidewalk. Lisa Hicks-Smith refrained from this matter because she was involved in the real estate transaction. The remaining Council voted to allow Mr. Lockhart to proceed. Also, Mr. Lockhart asked if a stop sign could be erected at the intersection of 5th and Liberty Streets. Chief Randy Wray will follow up on this.
4. Eric Lohrey was present to check on the Re-cycle Dumpster situation. Lisa Hicks-Smith said the situation is being looked at. The Council is trying to get the details worked out to move the operation back behind the Town Hall. Also, she reported that Bill Cronk has said that the county will pay for the base on which to place the dumpsters.
5. In department updates David Real reported that the work on the bank stormwater system is progressing.
6. Ron Koons stated that the change over to Comcast has occurred
7. The bond for the Clerk-Treasurer was accepted unanimously.
8. Jake Smith made a motion to re-contract Dave Copenhaver as Town Attorney. The votes were: Dan Fountain, Jake Smith, Lisa Hicks-Smith and Jim Mundell, yea. Tim Mundell voted nay.
9. Jake Smith then asked the Council to reaffirm the voluntary positions of Ron Koons-cable representative, Kyle Metcalf-ordinance violation officer and Jim Hanson-IMPA commissioner. All members voted in favor.
10. The next regular meeting was rescheduled to allow newly elected officials to attend the IACT Boot Camp for newly elected members. The date was moved to January 22, 2008 at 7:00 PM. There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

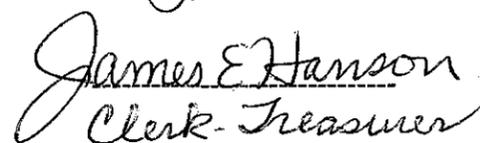











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