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MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 19, 2008

The Middletown Town Council met on Tuesday, February 19, 2008. President Jim Mundell, council members Jake Smith, Dan Fountain, Lisa Hicks-Smith and Tim Mundell were all present. Clerk-Treasurer Jim Hanson noted that all members were present. Joel Harvey was present as council attorney. After the pledge to the flag, the president approved the minutes. The claims were signed as presented.

1. Mark Chmeliwskyj from Butler, Fairman & Seufert was present to give background and an update on the Combined Sewer Overflow Long Term Control Plan. The original submission to IDEM was in Fall 2002. IDEM conducted a site visit in April 2007. Revisions were presented to IDEM in September 2007. A list of proposed revisions was then presented. This revised LTCP is to be presented to IDEM in February 2008. A motion to move forward with the proposed revisions was passed unanimously by the council.
2. Amy Miller, Cornerstone Grants Management, Inc., was next to seek information to add to the presentation for the 2007 Water Project Grant. The town's grant application was turned down in the last round. Mrs. Miller feels that we have a very good chance of being selected this time around. We still need more letters of support from community members to be submitted. This presentation led to a lengthy discussion as to whether or not this project was necessary. President Mundell mentioned that the town could spend \$3000 and get up to \$30,000 grant to fund a complete evaluation of the town's water supply system. No action was taken on this matter.
3. The issue of delinquent utility bills was again brought to the table. A motion was made and passed to have the town attorney prepare an ordinance for the consideration of the council.
4. Lisa Hicks-Smith presented a packet to the council containing information on area collection agents and agencies. There had been discussion on the need to have professional collectors try to collect our past due utility bills.
5. Utility Superintendent David Real reported that estimates were being made to move the power lines out of the woods West of 10th Street and out into the easement along West High Street.
6. Lisa updated the council on her discussions with Three Rivers S.W. District on the project to move the re-cycle dumpsters. Weather is the cause for the delay.
7. President Mundell raised the issue of the electric and water utility rate increases that were recommended by former council member Dave Wagner. Atty. Joel Harvey said preliminary motions for this can be made at the next meeting. Proper notice will then need to be published in the local news media as prescribed by law.
8. Becky Blake was present concerning paving and/or widening the area in front of her residence. There was discussion as to whether this was a street or an alley. When paving is done this summer, Dave Real will put this area on the list to be considered.
9. A member of the audience asked if a podium could be placed in the meeting room. Some think we have one somewhere in storage. We will try to take care of this matter before the next meeting.
10. There being no further business to come before council, the meeting was adjourned by the president.












