



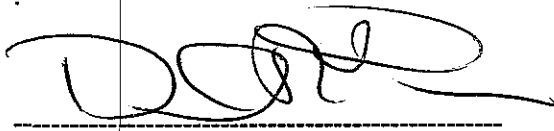
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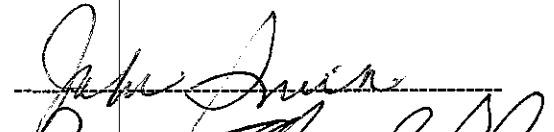
MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

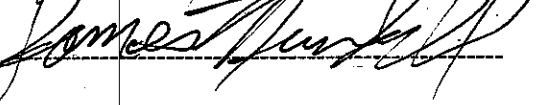
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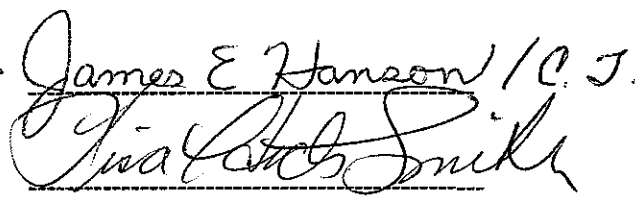
The Middletown Town Council met on Tuesday, March 18, 2008. President Jim Mundell, council members Jake Smith, Dan Fountain, Lisa Hicks-Smith and Tim Mundell were all present. Clerk-Treasurer Jim Hanson noted that all members were present. Dave Copenhaver, town attorney was also present. After the pledge to the flag, the minutes were presented. Hanson noted that there was a correction in the minutes as presented in the board package. The town was offered a credit for \$1500 of training and not 1500 hours of training for the old police car. This noted, the minutes were approved.

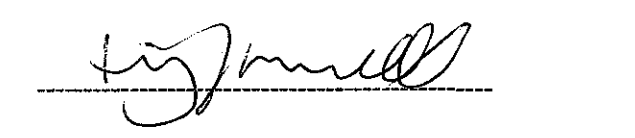
1. Ordinance 03-18-2008 to increase rates charged to customers of the Middletown Water Utility by ten percent (10%) was presented. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Dan Fountain. Jake Smith seconded the motion. There was much discussion of this matter. All council members voted in favor of the ordinance. A public hearing will be held on this matter at the next regular meeting which will be on April 1, 2008 at 7 P.M. in the council meeting room.
2. Next, Ordinance 03-18-2008-1 to increase the rates and charges of the Middletown Sewer Works by ten percent (10%) was presented. A motion to adopt was made by Dan Fountain and seconded by Jake Smith. After discussion the council voted in favor. A public hearing will be held on this matter on April 1, 2008 at 7 P.M. in the council meeting room.
3. Finally, Ordinance 03-18-2008-2 to increase the rates charged to customers of Middletown Electric Utility by ten percent (10%) was read. Again, Dan Fountain made the motion to adopt this ordinance and Jake Smith seconded. All members voted in favor. A public hearing will be held on this matter on April 1, 2008 at 7 P.M. in the council meeting room.
4. Cindy Platt, a resident of East High Street, was present to ask about a sewer problem near 402 High Street. Water pools in the street when the weather is wet. David Real is aware of the problem and is working on getting it solved. Also Ms. Platt asked about the curfew law study that was started some time ago. Police chief Randy Wray reported that a group of community people are working on a solution.
5. Fire chief Brian Rednour reported that the new tanker truck is in service. The old tanker truck is being turned back to the town. According to the rules of FEMA the truck can not be used as an emergency vehicle. The utility department is interested in having the truck for its use. The council will decide on the disposition at its next regular meeting.
6. Ron Koons stated he has had many more calls in reference to the lack of service from Comcast Cable Company. A member of the audience asked if the town could get another cable provider. Ron said it would be possible if another company was interested in bringing service to town.
7. Dave Copenhaver asked the council for parameters in reference to the amount of a lien to be placed on a property the town has spent \$5000 or more on. Council members will get back to Dave later.
8. Clerk-Treasurer Hanson had a call asking whether or not the town was going to have a spring clean up week this year. There was much discussion and no decision was made at this time.
9. The matter of which collection agency council wanted the utility office to use to collect old accounts was brought to the council. Consensus was to use an agency from Henry County. There followed a lengthy discussion of the trash pick up companies in town. Much of the talk was in reference to having one company contracted to pick up for every residence in town. More discussion will follow on this.
10. Lisa Hicks-Smith asked about the stop sign that Kevin Lockhart had wanted erected at the intersection near his residence. Chief Wray said it would slow down traffic on 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Tim Mundell feels the town needs additional speed limit signs and probably not another stop sign. Lisa will report to Kevin.
11. President Mundell again asked about the members on the Park board. He wanted to know who appointed each member and when each was appointed. Jake said that he had appointed Sue Cooper and that he had re-appointed Patsy Johnson, Susan Smith and one of the men on the board. Mundell will look at past minutes of the meetings to answer his questions.
12. There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned by the president.

  
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*Jake Smith*

  
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