


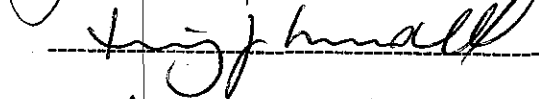
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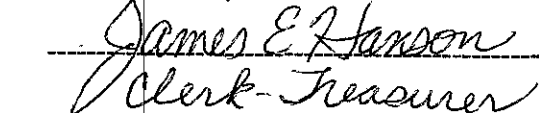
**MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 6, 2008**

The Middletown Town Council met at its regular meeting on May 6, 2008. Council President, Jim Mundell asked Clerk-Treasurer, Jim Hanson, to perform roll call. Present were Jim Mundell, Tim Mundell, Dan Fountain, Jake Smith and Lisa Hicks-Smith. President Mundell then led the pledge to the flag. The minutes from previous meetings on April 15, April 22 and April 29, 2008 were approved by the president.

1. Tim Mundell presented the council with a detailed 2008 General Fund Budget Proposal. The proposal presented budgets by department. Each department was shown what was proposed to be budgeted, the amount that had already been expended and the amount left for the remainder of the year. The proposal then broke out each department's amounts by account numbers showing these same three breakdowns for each account number. To meet these budget amounts, in Tim's opinion, the Town Council would have to agree to take some immediate actions. He listed nine of these specific actions on the last page of his proposal. Tim was asked if he had presented these proposals to the department heads prior to this meeting. He stated that he had shown them to the clerk-treasurer and no one else. Tim Mundell made a motion that the council accept his proposal. Jim Mundell seconded the motion. The president asked if there was any additional discussion. Lisa stated that she would like to have H. J. Umbaugh or some professional look at these proposals. She felt the council should have some expert advice before making a decision. Jake Smith also felt that he needed some professional guidance. Dan Fountain proposed selling some of the town's unused assets to help alleviate the crisis. The President called for the vote. Dan Fountain, Jake Smith and Lisa Hicks-Smith voted no. Tim Mundell and Jim Mundell voted yes. The motion failed to pass.
2. Tim Mundell made a motion to separate town and park department bank accounts. Jake seconded this motion. Jim Mundell called for discussion. There was a general agreement for this proposal. Jim called for the vote. All members voted in favor of the motion.
3. Ed Riley, town resident, was present to address the issue of an article written by compliance officer, Kyle Metcalf, published in the Herald Bulletin on May 6, 2008. He did not agree with the opinion of Mr. Metcalf. Mr. Riley recommended that the council ask for Mr. Metcalf's resignation. No action was taken on this issue.
4. Utility superintendent, David Real, presented a list of electrical supplies and materials used in hooking up customers that need to have their charges to the consumer updated. Jim Mundell made a motion to approve the list. Dan Fountain seconded. All five members voted to approve the motion. David then asked the town to remind all citizens to not blow or rake yard trimmings into the streets because this clogs the storm drains. Ron Koons will put a notice on the Public Access Channel.
5. The council next discussed and authorized the clerk-treasurer to transfer funds on a temporary basis from the utility funds to the general budget funds. All five members voted in favor.
6. Jim Hanson presented Rate Schedule 1 to the Electric Utility Rate ordinance that was recently approved by the council. This schedule was not included on the original document because the fax did not transmit it with the rest of the pages. The council voted 5:0 to add it to the rate schedule.
7. Hanson also presented a letter from Jerry Schaeffer of the Henry County Community Foundation. They offered to bring a 30 cubic yard dumpster to each town in Henry County for seven days. The cost will be approximately \$440 with 1/3 paid by private donors, 1/3 from the Henry County Community Foundation and 1/3 paid by us. The date we do this is up to our town. All council consented to the proposal. Further, they agreed to split our town's cost between themselves. They would like the dumpster to be placed down at the disposal plant.
8. The next item was the opening of the bids for the 2002 Ford Police car that had been advertised for sale. The high bid was \$1200. As was stated earlier, the Police Academy had offered \$1500 worth of training in exchange for this car. Dan made a motion to accept the academy offer of \$1500 in training. Tim Mundell seconded. All members agreed. Council rejects all public bids.
9. There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned.






Clerk-Treasurer

