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MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 15, 2008

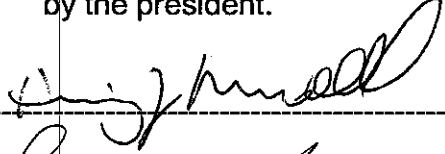
The Middletown Town Council met at its regular meeting on JULY 15, 2008 in the council meeting room. Council President, Jim Mundell led those assembled in repeating the pledge to the American Flag. He then approved the minutes from the previous meeting. Clerk-Treasurer, Jim Hanson took roll. Present were council members Dan Fountain, Jake Smith, Lisa Hicks-Smith and Tim Mundell.

1. Under old business, Cindy Platt, a resident on High Street, was present to report on the ongoing problem with mulch being hauled in and burned on a lot near her residence. She is concerned with the pollution and the danger of fire. Kyle Metcalf, Ordinance Enforcement Officer, stated that a letter had been sent to the owner of the property. No response was received. Council directed him to send a registered letter hoping for a response.
2. Police Chief Randy Wray presented a copy of a new SOP from the Prosecutor that outlined the guidelines for inventory of vehicles that are being impounded by Police Department personnel. This document needed signatures from the council to be valid in our department. All members signed.
3. A copy of a sample policy in reference to golf carts being driven on public streets was presented by Wray. There were preferences for and against the issue. There being no consensus, the matter was tabled.
4. Linda Bir-Conn, Director NC/HC Animal Shelter, gave council copies of the animal control report for the years 2003-2007 along with copies of a proposed Animal Control Ordinance 2008. If adopted, the annual fee would be \$5700 instead of \$6200 per year. This ordinance also contained various provisions requiring licenses and permits for animals. Fees collected for the licenses and permits would go to the NC/HC Animal Shelter. After discussion, it was decided to revisit this issue at a later time.
5. Tracy Harrison gave a report on the last Water Board meeting. She stated that the Wellhead Protection Act requires that there not be a street or road near a water well. This requires the closing of Westrater Blvd. to thru traffic. This issue was discussed earlier and it is mandatory to close this street. Dan Fountain made a motion to proceed with the closing and signage for this project. Lisa Hicks-Smith seconded. All voted yes. Motion carried.
6. David Real, Utility Superintendent, told council that the Burns Corporation would be starting on the project to move the electric lines from the railroad property to West High Street early next week.
7. Ron Koons will put information about the closing of Westrater Blvd. on MLAC. Also, he said that customers of Comcast should closely inspect their bills. The franchise fee has been raised about \$2 per month.
8. Dave Copenhaver, town attorney, gave council an update on the sale of the property at 530 Columbia Street. He informed them that since the property had an assessed value of more than \$15,000 the process to sell it would be more detailed than they had initially thought. He gave each member a folder detailing the procedure that would have to be followed. Consent was given for the Clerk-Treasurer to proceed with the sale.
9. Dan Fountain made a motion to adopt Ordinance 07-01-2008 amending section 36.04 Civil Penalty Schedule. Jake Smith seconded. Dan, Jake and Lisa voted yes. Jim and Tim voted no. Motion carried.




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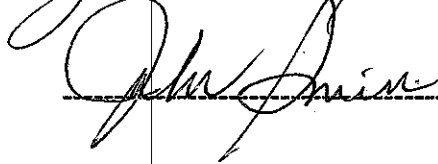
10. Jake Smith mentioned that last August an application to have part of downtown Middletown registered in the National Register of Historic Places was submitted. The cost for the contract to have this completed is \$1675.14. He asked who will pay for this cost. Dave Copenhaver will discuss this with the re-development committee. This registration would allow downtown merchants to apply for grants and low cost loans to restore the outsides of their buildings.
11. Stuart Savka of Triad Associates, Inc. was present to introduce himself and to enlighten the council of the services his company has to offer.
12. There being nothing further to come before council, the meeting was adjourned by the president.



James Mandell



James E. Hanson
Clerk-Treasurer



John Smith