



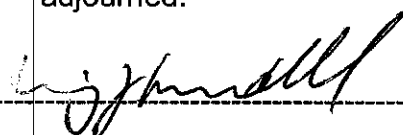
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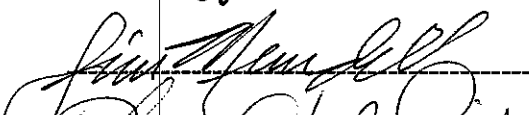
MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

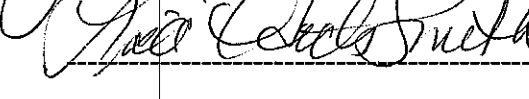
AUGUST 5, 2008


The Middletown Town Council met at its regular meeting on AUGUST 5, 2008 in the council meeting room at the town hall. Present were President Jim Mundell, council members Jake Smith, Lisa Hicks-Smith, Tim Mundell and Dan Fountain. Jim led those assembled in the pledge to the flag. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented by Clerk-Treasurer Jim Hanson. Dave Copenhaver was present as council attorney.


1. Under new business, Mr. & Mrs. Larry Davis were present to ask about what could be done in reference to vandalism to their motor home. The police have been called out numerous times but nothing seems to be changing. Chief Randy Wray stated that the persons involved were young children who were too young to prosecute. He advised the Davises to call again if the problem persists and the police will try to work with the parents of the offenders.
2. Gene Riggs asked about the golf cart ordinance. He wondered if council was going to move forward with the ordinance or not. Dan Fountain said that more would be coming on that issue later in the meeting.
3. Dave Copenhaver opened the Public Hearing on the 530 Columbia Ave. as had been advertised to the public. There was no one from the public who desired to speak on the issue of the sale of the property. Dave then read the resolution directing the sale of real property by the town. This resolution allows the clerk-treasurer to hire a broker to handle the sale if it becomes necessary. Lisa Hicks-Smith volunteered her services at no cost to the town if it becomes necessary to seek the assistance of a broker. Dan Fountain made a motion to adopt the resolution as presented. Jake Smith seconded. All council members voted in favor. Motion carried. Also, Dave told the council that Dan Similer had been hired to do the appraisal as prescribed by the resolution.
4. Clerk-Treasurer Jim Hanson advised council of a cracked window in the police department waiting room. What started as a small crack about six inches long has now stretched from corner to corner on the pane. An estimate from New Castle Glass & Mirror, LLC to repair the window was in the amount of \$411.00. Tim Mundell made a motion to have the window repaired. Dan Fountain seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried. Hanson will proceed with having the necessary repair made.
5. Dan Fountain stated that the clean-up week had been successful. Also he reported that eight bicycles had been left at the dumpster and that he had salvaged them and donated them to Volunteers Of America who in turn will repair them and give them to those in need. He also reminded those present of the upcoming Car Fest on August 9, 2008. He advised that there are flyers around town giving full details. Next, Dan asked for consent to have Dave Copenhaver to draft an ordinance governing the use of golf carts on the town streets. After much discussion, the consensus was for Dave to prepare an ordinance for council review. Additionally, Dan wanted to form a committee to explore the ramifications, both pro and con of having a Town Court in Middletown. Consent was given to form a committee. Finally, Dan asked that council have Dave prepare a resolution in reference to changing the Fire Hydrant rental fee in the General Fund to a User Fee billed with the Water Utility. Consensus was to go ahead with this.
6. Jake Smith mentioned that Westrater Boulevard would need to be left open during the car show because of the street closings downtown. David Real said this would be done. Also, Jake informed council that the residents of Crestwood Park would be having a neighborhood rummage sale and he would request that the permits for these sales not be required. He will bring specifics to the next meeting.
7. There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned.











James E. Hanson
Clerk-Treasurer