

## Town of Middletown

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## MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

## **AUGUST 19, 2008**

The Middletown Town Council met at its regular meeting on AUGUST 19, 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 old business, Mr. & Mrs. Larry Davis were present to ask about the progress being made in reference to vandalism at their residence and their neighborhood. In the absence of Randy Wray, Dan Fountain suggested the matter be discussed with Randy when he is available. In reference to the junk cars mentioned by the Davises, Dave Copenhaver cited ordinances dealing with junk or abandoned vehicles in the town statutes. Dan Fountain stated that this matter was being handled by the ordinance officer, Kyle Metcalf.
- 2. Cindy Platt of east High Street questioned what could be done about mulch that had been hauled on to the property across the street from her house. Dan Fountain will talk to Kyle Metcalf to see if ordinances are being violated.
- 3. Utility superintendent, David Real informed council that cost of replacing two manhole covers on 5<sup>th</sup> Street would be \$600.
- 4. After much discussion about the need for a golf cart ordinance both pro and con, the matter was tabled until later.
- 5. Ordinance 08-19-2008 to increase the loan amount available to the park department from \$25,000 to \$99,903 was presented by Dave Copenhaver. Much discussion ensued. It was explained that \$99,903 is the amount due to the park from the budget that was approved last year. The problem is that the money has not been forwarded from the county. Dan Fountain made a motion to approve the loan amount. Jake Smith seconded. The vote: Lisa Hicks-Smith-NO. Jake Smith, Dan Fountain, Tim Mundell and Jim Mundell-YES. Motion carried.
- 6. Clerk-Treasurer, Jim Hanson informed the council about the three submissions received in reference to the grant application for the future planning needs of the town. Jim Mundell tabled this until later.
- 7. Dan Fountain reported that the car show was a great success. There were many more entries and larger crowds than in prior years.
- 8. Jake Smith told council that the neighborhood wide rummage sale in Crestwood Park was to be held August 23, 2008. He asked that council suspend requirement for permits for this weekend only. All council consented. Also, Jake extended condolences to families of soldiers killed in Iraq.
- Tim Mundell informed those present that he has an unofficial web site up and running for the townspeople to peruse. It may be visited at www.middletownin.com.
- 10. President Jim Mundell offered a public apology to Elden Pitts, reporter for the Courier Times and The Middletown News, for improper comments made to him during the budget work session by the President of the park board.

11. There being nothing further to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned.

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