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MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 2, 2008

The Middletown Town Council met at its regular meeting on September 2, 2008, at the town meeting room. Members Lisa Hicks-Smith, Jake Smith, Tim Mundell and President Jim Mundell were present. Absent was Dan Fountain. Joel Harvey was present as council for the board. After the pledge to the flag, the minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

1. Mary Hanna, a resident on North 6th Street, was the first order of new business. The property north of her property has not been mowed recently. She stated that the property was being foreclosed and no one was caring for it. Weeds are nearly 4 feet high in the back yard. She would like for the town to clean the property and bill the owner for the work. Jim Mundell made a motion to have the town clean up the yard and to add the cost on to the tax bill for the property. Tim Mundell seconded the motion. The work is to be performed by the help Jim Mundell is getting from the prison at New Castle. David Real will supervise the project. All members present voted yes. The motion carried.
2. Larry and Karva Davis were present again to discuss the situation with the vandalism to their property. They stated that the parents and children had not been talked to about this as had been reported by Chief Randy Wray. President Mundell will look in to this situation and report back to the Davises.
3. Next, the Public Hearing for the 2009 budget proposed by the council was held. Paige Gregory from H. J. Umbaugh was present to provide an overview of the current and forecasted cash position of the City for 2008 and 2009 and also to provide a basic overview of the 2009 budget. Conclusions drawn were that the 2009 budget meets state prescribed standards and more accurately matches resources with planned spending than previous budgets. Following the presentation by Paige Gregory, there was discussion concerning the timeline for the repayment of the payroll funds by the park and the utilities. No definite decisions were made at this time. There being no further comments or discussion, the Public Hearing for the 2009 budget was closed.
4. Superintendent of utilities, David Real, presented council with new proposals from Leary Construction Co., Inc. for the maintenance of the town's water towers. Council will take these under advisement. David then asked council whether or not they wanted to proceed with replacing the manhole covers on 5th Street where the bicycle accident occurred. Tim Mundell made a motion to replace them. Lisa Hicks-Smith seconded. All voted in favor. The motion carried.
5. Ron Koons reported that some of the channels on the cable lineup had been deleted and some new ones had been added. He will present additional information as it is available. Also, he has received complaints that some of the movie descriptions on the upper channels are too graphic. He will see what can be done to remedy this.
6. Clerk-Treasurer, Jim Hanson, presented a proposal from IMPA to lower the tracking rate for purchased power for the last quarter of 2008. There was a consensus from the council to approve the decrease. The clerk-treasurer will advertise this action as required.
7. There being nothing further to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned.






