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MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 16, 2008

The Middletown Town Council met at its regular meeting on September 16, 2008, at the town meeting room. President, Jim Mundell, opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag. Roll call by Clerk-Treasurer, Jim Hanson, revealed that council members, Dan Fountain, Jake Smith and Lisa Hicks-Smith were present. Absent was Tim Mundell. After roll call, the minutes from the previous meeting were approved. Dave Copenhaver was present as legal council to the board.

1. Mike Auler was present to talk about the condition of 9<sup>th</sup> Street near his residence. He questioned whether or not anything was going to be done about the large holes in the pavement. Jim Mundell explained that the holes had been filled with gravel previously and that it had washed out after each large rain. Permanent repairs will be made as soon as the material and labor become available. Inmates from the state prison in New Castle will be used for the labor assisted by town employees of the street department. The material will be coming soon.
2. Joyce Ashton came to the meeting to question whether or not it was against the law for an adult to walk down the streets or along the road in the Town of Middletown after nightfall. This was in reference to her grandson, aged 20, who was detained by the Middletown Police Department for walking to the gas station after dark. She has filed a formal complaint against MPD.
3. Dan Heddon of H. J. Umbaugh presented the 2009 Budget Proposal for the council's final approval. After some discussion, Dan Fountain made a motion to pass Ordinance 09-16-2008-1 to pass the budget as proposed. Jake Smith seconded the motion. Dan, Jake, Lisa and Jim all voted yes. Motion carried. Dan made a motion to suspend the rules for the second reading of Ordinance 09-16-2008-1. Jake seconded. All voted yes. Motion carried. Dan then made a motion to pass Ordinance 09-16-2008-1 on its second reading by name and number only. Jake seconded. All voted yes. Motion carried. Next, Dan made a motion to suspend the rules for the third reading of Ordinance 09-16-2008-1. Jake seconded. All voted yes. Motion carried. Finally, Dan made a motion to pass Ordinance 09-16-2008 on its third reading by name and number only. Jake seconded. All voted yes. Budget adopted. Resolution 09-16-2008-2 was then presented by Dan Heddon. This resolution was a request to reduce an appropriation in the 2008 Budget in the Park Fund in the amount of \$18,285. Dan Fountain made a motion to adopt Resolution 09-16-2008-2. Jake seconded. Jim, Lisa, Dan and Jake voted yes. Resolution passed.
4. Mary Hanna thanked the council for having the property adjacent to her property cleared of rank vegetation as she had requested at the previous meeting.
5. Tracy Harrison gave a report on the meeting of the Water Board that was held on Sept. 3, 2008. She stated that the water plant had been inspected by the State of Indiana and that it had been found that there were some security issues that need to be dealt with. These issues will not be publicly identified until they can be remedied. The regular meeting dates for the Water Board will be the first Wednesday of each month at 9:30 A. M. in the training room at the Town Hall.
6. Mike Auler reported on a property on Columbia Ave. just off of 9<sup>th</sup> Street that was overgrown with weeds. He thinks no one is living in the residence. It is



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becoming a nuisance to the neighborhood. Kyle Metcalf, Ordinance Officer, thinks that the property may need to be condemned. He will look into the matter.

7. Police Chief, Randy Wray, reported that the old police car had been picked up by the Police Academy and that the town had been given credit to be used for training in exchange for it.
8. David Real, Utility Superintendent, recommended that two of his employees be moved up one grade in pay. They are currently Grade 5 and they should now be Grade 4. After discussion, Jim Mundell made a motion to move Tracy Harrison and Tim Whitten from Grade 5 status to Grade 4 status on the pay scale. Jake Smith seconded the motion. Jim, Lisa and Jake voted yes. Dan voted no. Motion carried.
9. Clerk-Treasurer, Jim Hanson, reported to the council the process was proceeding on schedule for the sale of the property on Columbia Avenue. Also, Paul Sussman from FEMA is still here helping the department heads prepare the claims necessary to collect aid for the damages the town incurred during the flooding in June, 2008. In the matter of removing unused circuits from the town's land line phone bill, Hanson reported that the bills would be adjusted to show the disconnection was made June 17, 2008, as this was the date the request was initially made.
10. Jake Smith applauded both the utility and police departments for their efforts in last weekend wind storms.
11. There being nothing further to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned.

*James E. Hanson*  
Clerk-Treasurer  
*Jim Mundell*  
*Jake Smith*

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*Jim [unclear]*  
*Trustee [unclear]*