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MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 21, 2008

The Middletown Town Council met for its regular meeting on October 21, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the council meeting room. The meeting was called to order by President Jim Mundell. After the pledge to the flag, Clerk-Treasurer Jim Hanson noted that council members Jake Smith, Lisa Hicks-Smith and Tim Mundell were present. Absent was Dan Fountain. Dave Copenhaver was present as legal council. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by the council president.

1. Tracy Harrison was present to report on the last Water Board meeting. Bids for security issues cited by IDEM at the water plant were discussed. Those bids ranged from \$6500-\$12,000 in the local market. Tracy reported that one of the workers on the offender crew that the town is using is a mason by trade. If we utilize his skills and the town provides the materials, the water plant project can be completed for about \$2500. Council consented to using our crew and providing the materials. Also, she said that the house at the water plant was now empty. The garage has also been emptied. IDEM recommended that the house be torn down after it became vacant due to its close proximity to the water plant. The town crew could do the demolition saving the expense of hiring it done. A permit would be needed from the Henry County Planning Commission. There would be no charge for this permit since it is for a municipality. The town crew will salvage any salvageable materials from the house and garage. Council consented to having the town crew do the job. In final remarks, Tracy recommended that council consider additional compensation for Superintendent David Real. She pointed out that we were furnishing housing and all utilities for the former superintendent's widow. There should be extra funds since we no longer have these expenses. Also, David does not have a take-home truck. No action was taken at this time.
2. Police Chief Randy Wray stated that Trick or Treat hours here in Middletown would be from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. on October 31, 2008.
3. Utilities Superintendent, David Real announced that the water in the west end of town would shut off while a leak was repaired, starting at midnight, tonight. At the last meeting, David had asked council for start and stop dates for leaf pick-up. Council left the dates to David's discretion.
4. Dave Copenhaver addressed the issue of street-corner and roadway collections. He stated there is no guaranteed right to collect. If a policy is established, the policy must be consistent to everyone. It must be a uniformly designed procedure. He then introduced Greg Crider, a new member of the firm Hayes, Copenhaver and Crider. He may on occasion fill in for Dave as council to the Town of Middletown.
5. Jake Smith, speaking for Ron Koons, stated that the cable outage that lasted so long was caused by a car accident. The cable company could do nothing until the power company replaced the broken utility poles. He also announced that the Historical Society was having a presentation by a survivor of Iwo Jima on October 25, 2008 at 2:00 P.M. Additionally, on Saturday, November 1, 2008 from 11 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. the Historical Society will be hosting another pre-election baked potato luncheon. All candidates have been invited.
7. Tim Mundell reminded that the Lion's Club will be serving breakfast on Saturday, November 1, 2008 from 6:00-10:30 A.M.
8. President Jim Mundell referenced past minutes concerning the appointment of park board members and made the following appointments based on these minutes. Sue Cooper is to be replaced by Patti Schwalm. Bill Harrison will replace Susan Smith. Pete Kemerly will replace Patsy Johnson. These changes are to become effective January 1, 2009.
9. There being nothing further to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 P.M.

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