



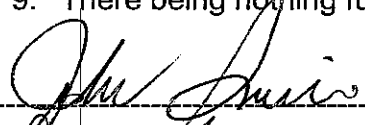
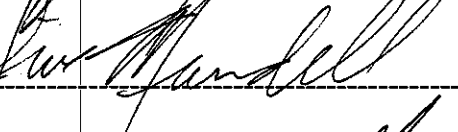

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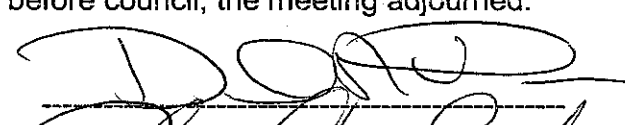

MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 16, 2008

The Middletown Town Council met for its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, December 16, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. in the council meeting room. The meeting was called to order by council president, Jim Mundell. Clerk-Treasurer, Jim Hanson, noted that council members, Jake Smith, Lisa Hicks-Smith and Tim Mundell were also present. Council member, Dan Fountain, and Town Attorney, Dave Copenhaver were both absent. After the pledge to the flag, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

1. In the first order of business, President Mundell addressed the Beechwood Ave. issue that had been pending for several weeks. After reviewing all the evidence, both from the town records and from the correspondence between various officials involved, it was the consensus of the council that the street does belong to the town. Lisa Hicks-Smith made a motion for the town to accept the street. Jake Smith seconded the motion. The vote was 4:0. Motion carried.
2. Mark Mousty, benefit representative from Benefits Corporation of Indiana, made a brief presentation concerning the employee health insurance plan we currently have. He also presented some comparison figures for council review. He informed council that he works with multiple companies and that he could obtain coverage from any of those the council found to best fulfill our needs. The current plan is in effect until February, 2009.
3. David Real, Utility Superintendent, reported that the tree on 5th Street that the council had requested be taken down, had been taken down. Also, the evergreen tree to be used as the town Christmas tree had been temporarily planted. In the spring, the tree will be permanently planted in a proper container bed.
4. Clerk-Treasurer, Jim Hanson, presented council with a bid on the Columbia Ave property that had been offered for sale by the town previously. The offer was taken under advisement. In another matter, Hanson informed those present that per IMPA contact there will be a rate increase in the amount of \$0.010633 per kilowatt hour (KWH) for electricity sold.
5. Jake Smith, speaking for Dave Copenhaver, informed council that a letter was to be sent to Anderson Newspapers concerning the ads being thrown in streets and on public property instead of being delivered to the proper people. This process worked in clearing up the matter before. Also, Dave is preparing letters to advertise the upcoming executive session being held by council and the meeting being held by the Middletown Redevelopment Commission. Both meetings are to be held on January 6, 2009.
6. Lisa Hicks-Smith stated that it was a pleasure to serve hot chocolate in the Gazebo at the park after the Christmas parade. She said Santa and Mrs. Claus were well received by the little citizens of the town.
7. Tim Mundell questioned a really high bill for cell phone usage for one employee. The monthly overage was over \$300. The Clerk-Treasurer will check on the bill.
8. President Jim Mundell reappointed members to the park board. He had made the appointments at an earlier date, but had rescinded the appointments due to some notification requirements. Those appointments were Patti Schwalm, Bill Harrison, Pete Kemerly and Dave Chandler. Dave Chandler had been appointed by the township and the appointment should have been made by the town. Jim offered to appoint Dave and Dave accepted. The terms are to start January 1, 2009. Patti, Bill and Pete will serve for four years. Dave will finish out the remaining two years of his appointment.
9. There being nothing further to come before council, the meeting adjourned.



James E. Hanson
Clerk - Treasurer