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MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 3, 2009

The Middletown Town Council met in the council meeting room on March 3, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. for its first meeting for March. Council president, Jake Smith opened by leading those present in the pledge to the flag. Clerk-Treasurer Jim Hanson recorded that council members Dan Fountain, Lisa Hicks-Smith and Jim Mundell were also present. Member Tim Mundell was not present. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved by the president.

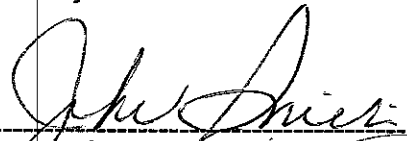
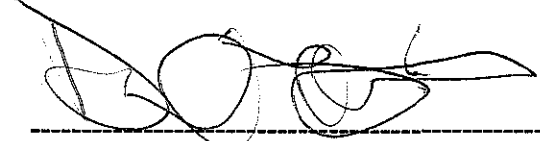

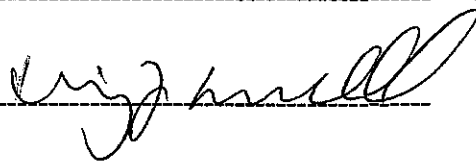
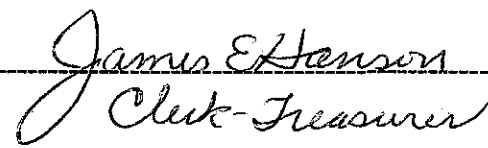
1. The first item of new business was the announcement by Martha Minnick that clocks need to be moved forward one hour on Sunday morning, March 8, 2009 to begin Daylight Savings Time.
2. Marion Kirk was present to inquire about new developments concerning the sewer line at her residence on Mill Street. Utility superintendent David Real informed her that he had put dye in the system. Her sewer and her neighbor's sewer share the same line to the street. Both systems were flowing freely at this time. Dave stated that the neighbor was going to hook directly to the town sewer line as soon as the weather permits this spring.
3. Police Chief Randy Wray informed council that he had listed new radio equipment and system as a departmental need on a BSU website created to help communities in their search for funding provided by the stimulus plan recently passed by Congress. He also stated that Officer Steve Thompson was being re-deployed in the military and that he would need a replacement for Thompson for about a year. He will report more at next meeting.
4. Council member Jim Mundell reported that he had a call concerning the muddy condition at the re-cycling bins. The clerk-treasurer will call Three Rivers SWMD to let them know. They plan to pave the area as soon as the weather permits this spring.
5. Ron Koons again reminded everyone that digital television is still coming, in June.
6. Kyle Metcalf, code enforcement officer, reported on a vacant house on Cottage Ave. that needs to be made secure to keep children and others out. Council agreed to have Metcalf see what measures need to be taken to secure the residence.
7. Clerk-Treasurer Jim Hanson presented council with Resolution No. 03-03-2009, a resolution on global warming and climate change. Jim Mundell made a motion to adopt the resolution. Dan Fountain seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. The next item mentioned by Hanson was the presentations made by the department heads at the last meeting concerning a salary ordinance for 2009. Jim Mundell made a motion to table this. Dan Fountain seconded. The vote was 4:0 to table. Motion carried.
8. Ordinance No. 03-03-2009-1, an ordinance increasing rates charged to customers of the Middletown Water Utility, was introduced by its first reading. Dan Fountain made a motion to approve the ordinance on its first reading. Lisa Hicks-Smith seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows: Jim Mundell-Yes, Lisa Hicks-Smith-Yes, Dan Fountain-Yes and Jake Smith-Yes. The motion carried.
9. Ordinance No. 03-03-2209-2, an ordinance increasing the rates and charges of the Middletown Municipal Sewer Works, was introduced by its first reading.



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Dan Fountain made a motion to approve the ordinance on its first reading. Lisa Hicks-Smith seconded. Again, a roll call vote was taken. The vote was as follows: Jim Mundell-Yes, Lisa Hicks-Smith-Yes, Dan Fountain-Yes and Jake Smith-Yes. The motion carried. Dave Copenhaver's office will prepare the legal ads for notice of public hearing on this ordinance and the ordinance referenced in #8 above. The clerk-treasurers office will publish them in the proper media.

10. Finally, Ordinance No. 03-03-2009-03, an ordinance establishing a fire protection surcharge for the use of and services rendered by the waterworks of the town of Middletown, Indiana, was introduced by its first reading. Dan Fountain made a motion to approve the ordinance on its first reading. Jake seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows: Jim Mundell-No, Lisa Hicks-Smith-No, Dan Fountain-Yes and Jake Smith-Yes. Due to the tie vote of the four members present, Clerk-Treasurer Jim Hanson voted to break the tie vote. Jim Hanson voted-No. Motion failed to pass.
11. There being nothing further to come before council, the meeting was adjourned.

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