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MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 07, 2009

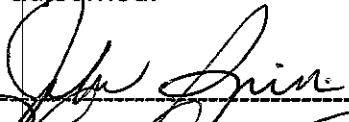


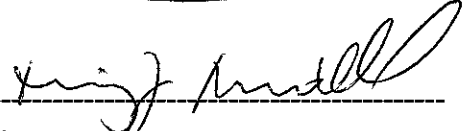
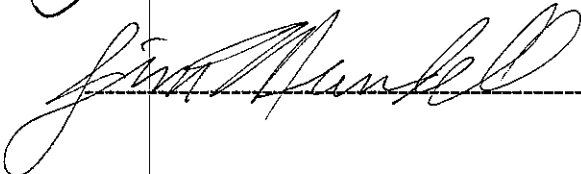
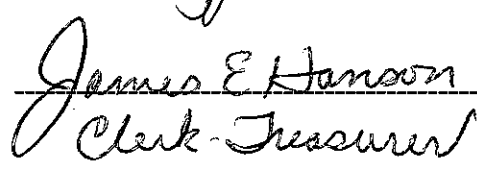
The Middletown town council met at its regular meeting on April 07, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in the meeting room at the town hall. The meeting was called to order by Jake Smith, council president. Roll call showed Dan Fountain, Jake Smith and Lisa Hicks-Smith present. Absent were Tim and Jim Mundell. After the pledge to the flag, the minutes from the March 17, 2009 and the March 12, 2009 special meeting were approved.

1. The first item to come before council was a brief presentation by Steve Pfenninger of the Pfenninger Agency. He informed council that rates for property and casualty insurance for the town had gone down about 4% for 2009. He also informed them that new state regulations allowed much higher liability limits. He presented some figures for consideration if town wanted to increase the limits on its policies. The issue was tabled. It will be considered when budget issues are discussed for next year.
2. The public hearing for Ordinance 03-03-2009-1 to increase water rates and Ordinance 03-03-2009-2 to increase sewage rates was held next. Resident Joyce Ashton asked how much the rates were to be increased. The increases to be are 15% for water rates and 10% for sewage rates. There being no further public input, Dan Fountain made a motion to approve Ordinance 03-03-2009-1 by name and number only. Lisa seconded the motion. All three members present voted yea. Dan then made a motion to approve Ordinance 03-03-2009-2 by name and number only. Lisa seconded. Again all voted yea. The motions carried on second reading.
3. The public hearing for the Rural Development USDA Grant application for funding for a stand alone generator was next. Dick Schwalm, a member of the water board informed those present that the generator was needed in order for the town to be compliant with the regulations set forth by the well head protection act. Dan Fountain made a motion to approve the application. Lisa seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.
4. Randy Wray, police chief, informed council about the deteriorating dispatch consoles that the emergency and police departments depend on for communications. There is no back up system. ERS has estimated that a new system would cost \$112,000. Randy is looking for grant money to cover at least part of this cost. He will keep council informed. In another matter, Randy asked for permission to hire part time police officers to fill in while Officer Steve Thompson is deployed. These part time hours would be filled by off duty deputies from the Henry County Sheriff Department. Dan Fountain made a motion to allow Randy to hire deputies at the rate of pay we were paying Officer Thompson. Lisa Hicks-Smith seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.
5. Council was informed that there had been complaints about the congestion in the area of High Street between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets due to the volume of cars parking in that area on Sunday. After general discussion, it was decided that the yellow lines would be repainted and signs would be put up to try to alleviate the congestion at these corners.
6. Council member Lisa Hicks-Smith asked about the procedure for designating a parking space as a Handicap Parking area. She will work with Randy Wray to work out a solution for the space.



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7. Phil Chandler, EMT chief, informed council that fire hydrants at 5<sup>th</sup> and Mill, 7<sup>th</sup> and Columbia and 12<sup>th</sup> and Corporation Line Road need to be replaced. David Real stated that the water department had two used hydrants that could be used. He will try to find some more used hydrants and report back to council on this matter.
8. David reported that the transmission on the utility truck had been replaced. Also he reported on the water training session at Kennard that allowed employees to gain credits needed for re-certification was well attended by Middletown. The next training session will be held here in Middletown. He also informed that an application to the Henry County Foundation for a grant to purchase radios for the water towers had been made.
9. Council president, Jake Smith said that E-Biofuels had requested that a street light be erected at the intersection of Norfleet Drive and SR 236. The area is dark after Ricker's closes at night. Jake had talked to some members of the Redevelopment Commission and they said the town could put up the light and submit a claim to them and that they would pay for it out of the TIF funds for that area. Jake then made a motion for the town to erect the street light. Lisa seconded. All voted yes. Motion carried.
10. Dan Fountain commended the Middletown News for their improved Police Blotter that is run weekly in the paper. Lisa and Jake indicated they are attending the IACT Roundtable at Daleville on April 28, 2009. Clerk-Treasurer Jim Hanson will poll the rest of the council and make the reservations.
11. There being nothing further to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned.

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