

Town of Middletown

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MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

September 1, 2009

The Middletown Town Council met at its regular meting on September 1, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in the council meeting room. President Jake Smith called the meeting to order. Clerk-Treasurer Jim Hanson noted that council members Lisa Hicks-Smith, Dan Fountain, Tim Mundell and Jim Mundell were also present. After the pledge to the flag, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

- 1. Tracy Harrison reminded everyone that volunteers were still needed for the adoptariver program to clean Fall Creek here in town. The event is scheduled for next Saturday, September 5, 2009. Volunteers are to meet at the water plant at 9:00 A.M. Also the next meeting of the Water Board will be Wednesday, September 2, 2009 at 6:00 P.M. in the training room.
- 2. Ron Koons announced that the Good Shepherd's Closet had closed permanently. Jake Smith followed by announcing that the Norfleet Open was coming soon.
- 3. Phil Chandler reported that the EMS would be hosting a fundraiser at the fire station sometime in October.
- 4. David Real, Utility Superintendent, presented a proposal from the Henry County Highway Department to re-surface and repair Wisehart Drive and parts of Beechwood Ave as was previously discussed for the sum of \$10,772. Tim Mundell made a motion to accept the proposal. Jim Mundell seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Also, Dave gave council copies of a proposal for the purchase of a line truck for the electric utility department. The cost quoted was \$110,000. Council took the proposal under advisement.
- 5. Clerk-Treasurer, Jim Hanson, reported that council and spouses were invited to the Lion's Club Fair Appreciation Dinner to be held on September 9, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. at the Community Building in Dietrich Park. In another matter, Hanson reported that the Electric Utility tracking rate would be decreasing for the quarter beginning October 1, 2009. This decrease will lower the average bill by \$2.68 per month. He also presented copies of a letter from Frank Bennett concerning the easement issue on 8th Street. Dave Copenhaver will review and advise at a future meeting. A Form CF-1 from the county clerk for the abatement of property taxes at E-Biofuels was presented. Dan Fountain made a motion to authorize Jake to sign the CF-1. Tim Mundell seconded. All voted aye.
- 6. Dave Copenhaver, council attorney, resubmitted to council copies of two ordinances that had been amended. These were Ordinance 08-18-2009 and Ordinance 09-01-2009.
- 7. President Jake Smith brought Ordinance 08-18-2009, an ordinance amending and re-codifying chapter 32 of the Middletown Town Code setting forth those provisions regarding the Town's Department of Parks and Recreation to the table. Dan Fountain made a motion to accept Ordinance 18-2009 on its second reading. Lisa Hicks-Smith seconded. Tim, Dan, Lisa and Jake voted aye. Jim voted nay. Motion carried.
- 8. Smith, then brought Ordinance 09-01-2009, an ordinance requiring that owners of real estate receive notice prior to the attachment of sewer liens to their property to the table for its first reading. Jim moved to accept Ordinance 09-01-2009 on its first reading. Lisa seconded. By a roll call vote, all voted yea. Motion carried. Darmade a motion to suspend the rules for the second reading. Lisa seconded. All voted aye. Dan made a motion to accept the ordinance by name and number. Lisa seconded. All voted yea. Dan, then made a motion to suspend the rules for the third reading. Lisa seconded. By roll call all voted aye. Finally, Dan made a motion to accept Ordinance 09-01-2009 on its third reading by name and number only. Lisa seconded. A final roll call vote showed all voting in favor. Ordinance 09-01-2009 passed its final reading.
- 9. Tim Mundell presented a request by Rusty Conner, Park Superintendent, to have the speed limit posted at 30 MPH at the south side of the bridge on Raider Road to help slow the traffic approaching the park entrance. Tim made a motion to post a sign slowing the speed to 30 MPH. Jim seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.
- 10. In other business, Tim made a motion to hire Ryan Brown for the position of Lineman Apprentice. Lisa seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. David Real will notify Ryan of the hiring.

11. There being nothing parther to come before council, the meeting was adjourned.

James & Harrison