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## MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

September 15, 2009

The Middletown Town Council met at its regular meting on September 15, 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. A public hearing for the proposed budget for 2010 was opened by Bryan Hurst from H. J. Umbaugh accounting firm. Citizens were given the chance to be heard concerning the proposed budget, whether pro or con. There being no public input, the public hearing was closed. Jim Mundell made a motion to accept the budget as presented. Dan Fountain seconded. A roll call vote showed Jake, Dan, Lisa, Jim and Tim all voting in favor of the motion.
- 2. Kenny Perry, town citizen, was present and asked about the animal control situation. Jake has spoken with Henry County Humane Society and a meeting with them is being planned.
- 3. Utility Superintendent, Dave Real, presented council with copies of quotes for line trucks and bucket trucks. These are used vehicles that become available on a limited basis and are sold very quickly. Decisions have to be made or the trucks get sold before they are on the market more than a few days. Tim Mundell made a motion to allow Dave to spend up to \$150,000 for the purchase of new trucks. Lisa Hicks-Smith seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.
- 4. Dave Copenhaver, town attorney, informed council that the town had been awarded a judgment of \$375 for damage to a fire hydrant on N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street. He will proceed to try to collect the money.
- 5. 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, was brought to the table for its third reading. Dan Fountain made a motion to accept Ordinance 08-18-2009 on its third reading. Lisa Hicks-Smith seconded. Dan, Jake, Lisa and Tim voted yea. Jim voted nay. Motion carried.
- 6. Clerk-Treasurer, Jim Hanson, presented a resolution to transfer, as a loan, \$25,000 from the Sewage Utility to the General Fund on a temporary basis until the anticipated draw due from county is received. Dan made a motion to accept the resolution. Lisa seconded. All voted aye. Resolution carried.
- 7. Tim Mundell informed that the work on Wisehart Drive and Beechwood Drive had been completed. He stated that the pad for the re-cycle dumpsters behind the city building that was to have been paved by Three-Rivers still had not been done. Further, Three-Rivers has informed that they do not have the funding from the county to do the work. He questioned whether or not the money for this could come from LR & S. Dave Copenhaver opined that it would be appropriate for funds from LR & S to pave the pad since it was a public access. Dan made a motion for the town to proceed with the \$2000 projected cost of paving the pad. Tim seconded. All five council members voted aye. Motion carried. Jim thanked Tim for his part in obtaining help from the county to get our road work done at such a savings to the town.

8. There being nothing further to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned. anie