

## MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

## November 17, 2009

The Middletown Town Council met at its regular meting on November 17, 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 Tim Mundell, Dan Fountain and Lisa Hicks-Smith were also present. After the pledge to the flag, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

- 1. Angie Kendall from Ameriana Bank was present to present her bank's "Refer a friend Be a hero" promotion. By opening accounts, clients can earn cash for themselves as well as \$25 cash for a favorite charity.
- 2. Tracy Harrison from the utility department reported that most of the leaves had been picked up. Leaf pick-up will end Wednesday, November 25, 2009.
- 3. Tim Whitten from the water department was present to address the issue of worn out valves at the water plant. Estimates for replacing the valves run about \$750. Dan made a motion to purchase new valves not to exceed \$800. Lisa seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried. He also reported that the next water board meeting would be Wednesday, December 2, 2009 at 12:15 P.M. at the city building. This is to be a bring your own lunch meeting.
- 4. Phil Chandler announced that the boot drive benefitting the Christmas Fund would be held on Friday, November 20, 2009 from 3:00-5:00 P.M.
- 5. Clerk-Treasurer Jim Hanson gave council copies of a proposal by Larry Sheddrick to conduct another town wide rummage sale in the spring of 2010. This was taken under advisement. He informed council of a grant opportunity from IMPA to retrofit the town street lights to energy efficient lighting. Permission to proceed was given assuming the town was under no obligation if the match amount was too much. In another matter, council was presented with a list of utility accounts that had been determined uncollectable. Tim made a motion to purge these accounts from the records. Dan seconded. All members present voted aye. Also, Hanson reported that a grant application from OCRA had been approved for \$19,000 new money. He will report details as they become available.
- 6. Council member Tim Mundell brought to the table a letter to confirm that it is the intention of the Middletown Town Council for E-Biofuels to be granted tax abatement for the 2008 pay 2009 county tax bills. This matter was tabled. He also mentioned a zoning change request for a property on North 10<sup>th</sup> Street and wondered if council wanted to take a position on the issue. No position was taken.
- 7. Council member Lisa Hicks-Smith gave Dave Copenhaver an edited copy of the draft ordinance to amend Section 35.60 of the Middletown Town Code establishing rules for certain purchased and contracts to be corrected.
- 8. Council member Dan Fountain brought back the table the proposal for computer user/internet and resources agreement to be effective November 17, 2009. He made a motion to accept this agreement document. Lisa seconded. Dan, Lisa and Jake voted aye. Tim voted nay. Motion carried. The clerk-treasurer is to give copies to all department heads. It will be the department heads' responsibility to obtain the signed documents from each employee and volunteer and return same to the clerk-treasurer for filing. Finally, Dan referenced Lisa's proposal concerning the sidewalk repair that is needed in town and presented a program proposal to

council for their perusal.

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