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MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

December 15, 2009

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

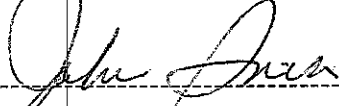
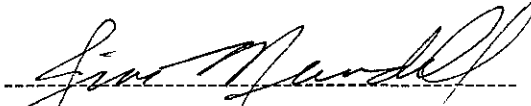
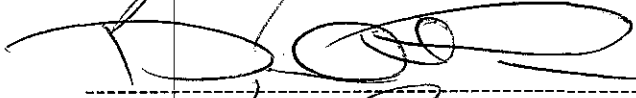
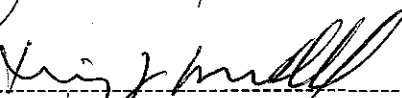
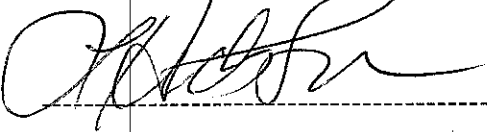
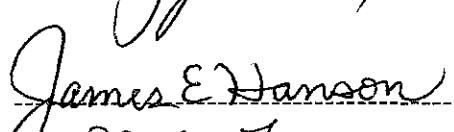
1. Council president Jake Smith opened the meeting by congratulating the Christmas Parade Committee for the great parade on December 12, 2009.
2. Dick Schwalm reminded those present that an all day training session would be held here in the training room on Thursday, December 17, 2009 from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. The program is presented by Indiana Rural Water and is open to the public. The class will count for credit for those needing them.
3. Scott Emswiller, Scott's Computer Service addressed the council with his presentation concerning the new computer system for the town. He again gave a detailed presentation about the system. The details of their warranty were discussed. Scott detailed the components of the system and answered questions fielded by council and those present. Tim Mundell made a motion to accept the proposal as presented by Scott's Computer Service. Lisa Hicks-Smith seconded the motion. A roll call vote showed Dan, Jake, Lisa and Tim voting yea. Jim abstained. Motion carried.
4. Brian Rednour, Fire Chief, reported that the boot drive campaign, the Marine Corp. Toys-For-Tots, local churches and schools had collectively been able to serve 65 children this Christmas. All are to be commended.
5. EMS Chief Phil Chandler informed that the EMTs had met and reorganized for the New Year. All officers from last year were retained.
6. Clerk-Treasurer Jim Hanson asked council to set the dates for 2010 meetings of the council. By consent meeting dates are to remain the first and third Tuesdays of each month. In another matter, Hanson presented council with the final costs of the pagers for the utility department. The final cost was \$3982.50, \$1000.00 of which is to be paid with grant money from the Henry County Community Foundation. Jim Mundell made a motion to accept the final cost. Dan seconded. All voted in favor. Also, Hanson reported that Charles Rector of N 7th Street had called to report heavy smoke from a neighbor's outdoor furnace. Both Mr. & Mrs. Rector have severe respiratory problems which are aggravated by the smoke. They have requested assistance on this matter previously and were informed there was nothing that could be done because the problem is coming from a home heating system. Finally, Hanson reported that the computer/internet user agreements had been signed by most town employees but that none of the volunteers had signed them. He asked council for further instruction on to accomplish this matter. Discussion followed, but no solutions were forthcoming.
7. Council member Tim Mundell presented council with Mail Management Recommendations from Pitney Bowes. The red flag rules require that the utility bills not show account numbers or anything other than the address when placed in the mail. To achieve this, the bills will need to be printed on letter format and placed in envelopes. The most cost effective system for the utility department is a SmartMailer7 which can be leased for 36, 48 or 60 months at costs ranging from \$145-\$111 per month depending on how many months the contract is made for. Dan Fountain made a motion to accept the 60-month lease at a cost of \$111 per month. Tim seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. The issue of time-clocks for all employees was revisited. After discussion the issue was tabled.
8. Council member Jim Mundell inquired as to how the training was progressing for Jake on the MLAC. The training is ongoing. Also he asked about the web site for the town. The computer has crashed, but development is ongoing.
9. Council member Dan Fountain expressed his thanks to council for the flowers sent at the time of his father's death. The expression of sympathy was appreciated.
10. Council President Jake Smith again addressed the issue of animal control. Since no money was budgeted for the \$6200 annual cost, the town has decided to use the shelter on an emergency as needed basis. Jake will call Linda Bir-Conn and inform her of the decision. Next, Jake read a letter from Don Osborne, Fall Creek Township Trustee, informing that his advisory board would like to reappoint Forest (AJ) Hamilton to the park board for the term 2010-2014. The advisory board would also like to appoint Gene Williams to fill the new board member approved by Ord 32



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placed by the town council for the term Jan 2010-2014. Jake the read a letter he had written to Don Osborne reappointing Sue Cooper to the park board for a new four-year term beginning Jan. 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2013. He then re-appointed Bill Harrison as ex-officio member.

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

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