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MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 2, 2010

The Middletown Town Council met for its regular meeting on February 2, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in the council meeting room. Council President Jake Smith called the meeting to order. Clerk-Treasurer Jim Hanson recorded that members Dan Fountain, Lisa Hicks-Smith, Jim Mundell and Tim Mundell were all present. Dave Copenhaver, legal council for the town was also present. After the pledge to the American Flag, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

1. Dick Schwalm, Water Board President, announced that the next meeting of the water board would be on February 3, 2010 at 12:15 P.M. in the training room.
2. Mark Mousty of Benefits Corporation of Indiana was present with more information for council concerning employee health benefits. The quotes were taken under advisement until next meeting. Tracy Harrison from the utility department asked about an employee meeting with the employees and Mark to discuss the different plans. Consensus was given and Randy Wray is to set up the meeting.
3. Scott Emswiler, Scott's Computer Service, was present with recommendations concerning the new computer system. The recommendation for a 3 year agreement with Comcast for internet service with a locked-in price was unanimously approved by council. The town was unable to locate the disc for the present server software and to move forward with the new computer installation the town would need to purchase new software for the server at a cost of \$579.99. Lisa made a motion to purchase the software. Dan seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Finally, Dan made a motion for Scott to proceed with gaining access control over the network domain for the town. Lisa seconded. Dan, Lisa and Jake voted yea. Tim and Jim voted nay. Motion carried.
4. Utility Superintendent Dave Real advised council that a new pump and grinder are needed for a lift station in the west end of town. The cost for the pump and grinder is about \$4000. Jim made a motion to allow the purchase of the new pump and grinder. Jake seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. Dave also presented quotes for a new utility truck for council to consider. No action was taken.
5. Ron Koons, cable liaison, has completed negotiations with Comcast for services at the town hall and at the utility plant. He also asked the utility to make a pole count so that billing could be updated for the pole rental agreement with Comcast.
6. Clerk-Treasurer Jim Hanson asked council to pass a resolution allowing temporary loans between funds as needed. Dan made a motion to allow the loans. Lisa seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.
7. Tim Mundell informed council that there were several rental property owners present to discuss past due sewage bills resulting in liens on their properties and the policies used to process said liens. After much discussion, council advised Dave Copenhaver to develop a policy for the town utility office. Dave will work with the clerk-treasurer to develop the policy. Jim Mundell made a motion that the utility department require a copy of the lease agreement or rental contract signed by the person requesting utilities and by the property owner before opening utility accounts. Tim seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.
8. Jake Smith, Council President, reported to council that the Clerk-Treasurer had received two written letters of interest for the appointment to the RDC. The two were Dan Justice and Steve Holmes. Council took the matter under advisement.



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

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