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MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 2, 2010

The Middletown Town Council met for its regular meeting on March 2, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in the council meeting room. Clerk-Treasurer Jim Hanson noted members Jake Smith and Dan Fountain were present as well as town attorney, Dave Copenhaver. Members Lisa Hicks-Smith, Jim Mundell and Tim Mundell had not yet arrived. Consensus of those present was to wait a few minutes and see if another member arrived. Dan and Jake decided to go ahead and allow initial presentation of the items to be covered at the meeting without taking any votes or making any decisions.

1. Dave Wagner, representing the Boy Scouts was present and gave a report on the campout that had been held at the park the prior weekend. There were 123 youth and volunteers participating. He thanked Rusty Conner, Park Superintendent, for the use of the excellent park facility. Also, he thanked the police and fire departments for their contributions to the weekend activities. He closed by presenting ribbons and patches to those departments and persons who contributed their time to make the weekend such a success.

2. Randy Wray informed council that Steve Thompson has returned from his recent deployment and would return to work next week.

At 7:25 P.M. the meeting was officially called to order. Jake led the pledge to the flag.

3. Dan Fountain discussed briefly the current charges for underground electric cable installed by the electric utility. He felt the current charges are too low. He asked Dave Copenhaver to draft an ordinance raising the charges and to present it at the next regular meeting of the council. The next issue raised by Dan was the installation of a lock box to be installed on the training room thermostats. David Real will see that this is done.

At 7:32 P.M. Lisa Hicks-Smith arrived and the meeting officially began.

4. Mark Mousty was present again to answer questions concerning the options recommended by the health insurance committee that had been appointed at the last meeting. The committee proposed a traditional plan similar to the one we presently have and an alternate plan that would allow higher deductible amounts with a Health Savings Account for participating employees. Dan made a motion "...to allow the employees to have the option of Plan 101 and the Health Savings High Deductible (HDHP 6), their choice. With the HDHP plan, the town will make the Monthly Contribution of \$70.00 for the Single plan and \$140.00 for family". Lisa seconded the motion. All three members present voted yea. Motion carried.

5. Utility Superintendent David Real asked that expenses be approved for Ryan Brown to attend another course for his apprenticeship and that Tim Whitten be allowed to attend a training session that would count toward his license maintenance requirements. Lisa so moved. Jake seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

6. EMT Chief Phil Chandler informed council that a CPR class needed to be held to bring some personnel up to date on training. Randy added that he had some reserve officers who also needed the training. The utility department employees also are in need of training. Dan Fountain made a motion to have David Real schedule mandatory training for his employees. Lisa seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

7. Randy Wray announced that the chiefs of the departments were going to start having monthly meetings to assure that they are all on the same page.



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8. David Real presented information and pricing for a new control system for the Water Treatment Plant along with Telemetry to monitor the two existing elevated tanks from B L Anderson. David will provide more information in the near future.

9. Ron Koons has had questions from cable customers concerning some fee increases that were noted on cards mailed to the customers. He is checking on this.

10. In another matter, Dan Fountain made a clarification note concerning the term "computer password" used in the Computer User/Internet and Resources Agreement. This term refers to 'system password.'

11. Jake reminded that there was an opening on the RDC and that two letters of interest were received to fill the position vacated by Paula Ramsey. Copies of the letters were given to council members for review. Dan made a motion to nominate Dan Justice to fill the vacancy. Lisa seconded. All voted yea. Nomination carried.

12. Max Sousa @ 871 High Street approached council to ask for a handicap designated parking space created in front of his house. Dan made a motion for David Real to do this. Lisa seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

13. Dan Fountain made a motion to allow the EMT Chief to continue the current use policy for his cell phone. Lisa seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

14. Jake Smith noted the passing of a former clerk-treasurer, Clayton "Jeep" Lovett and extended condolences from the town. There being nothing further to come before council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Jake Smith

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J. Mendell

