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MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 4, 2010

The Middletown Town Council met for its regularly scheduled meeting on MAY 4, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in the meeting room at the town hall. Council President Jake Smith opened the meeting by noting that all members were present. He then asked everyone to join in repeating the pledge to the American flag. After the pledge to the flag, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented by Clerk-Treasurer Jim Hanson.

1. The first item presented was a notice by Dick Schwalm that the Water Board would meet for its regular monthly meeting on May 5, 2010 at 12:15 P.M. in the board meeting room at the town hall.

2. Council member Jim Mundell reported that the Fire Department had been notified that their grant application for money for new turnout gear had been approved.

3. Council president Jake Smith reported for Gene Williams of the Lion's Club that the fair would follow the same schedule as last year. It will run June 7 through June 12, 2010. The parade will be on Tuesday and the fireworks on Thursday. Also, reported was that the Civic Center had received a \$5300 grant from the Henry County Community Foundation for the repair of the sagging floor and the park received \$1500 to repair the crossover grate at the west entrance to the park from the same source.

4. Jake presented a quote from Nancy Kinder of EIDD for the grant administrator position. The quote was presented late, but since it was the only quote received, it was presented for consideration. Jake made a motion to accept the quote from EIDD for \$32,000 to be paid only if we get the grant. Lisa Hicks-Smith seconded the motion. All voted aye. Jake will notify Nancy Kinder.

5. The Public Hearing for the park department grant application for DR 1 funds to repair parking lots damaged in the 2008 flood. The application is for a \$97,650 grant with the park matching with \$5000 of their funds. Troy Collier, grant administrator for the grant process was present to answer questions. Rusty Conner, park superintendent was present and gave a report on the areas to be upgraded by the grant. There being no questions from the audience, the public hearing was closed.

6. Utility Superintendent, David Real informed council that some new testing equipment was needed for the Sewage Disposal Plant. Said equipment will cost less than \$2500. Dan Fountain made a motion to allow David to purchase the equipment. Lisa Hicks-Smith seconded. All council members voted aye. Motion carried. In another matter David reminded council that the electric department need to dispose of some used equipment-the old line truck and the BobCat. Council consented for David to obtain estimated values for the items and then to advertise for bids on said items.

7. Clerk-Treasurer Jim Hanson presented council Resolution 05-04-2010 which would allow the park department to borrow \$5000 from the sewage utility until the park gets its tax draw in June, 2010. Dan Fountain made a motion to adopt Resolution 05-04-2010. Lisa Hicks-Smith seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

8. Council President Jake Smith brought Ordinance 04-20-2010-1, an ordinance establishing a shutoff police for utility services to the table for its second reading by name and number only. Lisa Hicks-Smith seconded the motion. All voted aye. Next, Smith presented 04-20-2010-2, an ordinance setting the deposits for the Middletown



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utilities customers for its second reading by name and number only. Dan made a motion to pass Ordinance 04-20-2010-2 on its second reading. Tim Mundell seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Finally, Jake brought Ordinance 04-06-2010, an ordinance establishing fees for certain services back to the table for its third reading and passage. Dan made a motion to pass Ordinance 04-06-2010 on its third reading. Lisa seconded. All voted aye. Ordinance passed. The clerk-treasurer will publish the ordinance in the local newspaper as required.

9. Town Attorney, Dave Copenhaver updated council on issues being discussed by Police Chief Randy Wray and the animal shelter at New Castle. He will contact each party and report at the next meeting.

10. Rusty Conner, Park Superintendent, was present with Resolution 05-04-2010, a resolution to allow the park board to proceed with the grant application for the aforementioned DR-1 Grant. Dan made a motion to pass the resolution. Lisa seconded. All council members voted aye.

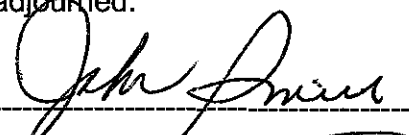
11. Council member Dan Fountain reminded anyone with changes or additions to the web page to contact him for these requests.

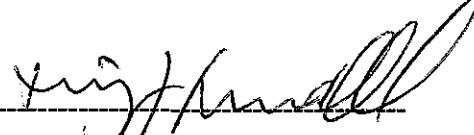
12. In closing Jake Smith read a prepared statement concerning some community concerns and referenced presentations made at the previous meeting.


13. Mr. and Mrs. Matt Sousa to check on the status of the handicap parking spot they requested to be put in front of their residence. Council had consented earlier to grant the request. Then, after further review of the matter, they had decided not to make a designated space. After much more discussion, Dan made a motion to have the space designated as a handicap parking place. Lisa seconded. Jake, Dan and Lisa voted yea. Tim and Jim voted nay. Motion carried. Randy Wray will decide best location for the parking spot. Dave Copenhaver is to prepare the documents for the persons seeking designated spots to sign.

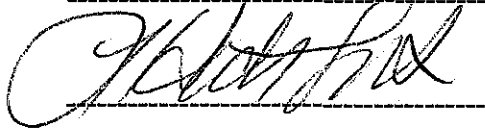
14. Angie Kendall from Ameriana Bank was present to inform those in attendance of a fund raiser for the community. Candidates for Local Hero of the Community will be chosen from those nominated. Monetary votes will be cast to determine the winner. Proceeds will go to the Food Pantry.

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









James E. Hanson
Clerk-Treasurer