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MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

July 20, 2010

The Middletown Town Council met for its regularly scheduled meeting on July 20, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in the council meeting room in the municipal building at 653 Locust Street, Middletown, Indiana. Penny Lohrey was acting clerk for Jim Hanson who was unable to attend due to illness. It was noted that Council President Jake Smith and Council members Dan Fountain, Lisa Hicks-Smith, Jim Mundell and Tim Mundell were all present. Greg Crider was present as legal council for the town. After the pledge to the flag, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Jake then asked for good news announcements.

1. Dick Schwalm from the water board announced that Channel WIPB would be airing a special on rural water on July 22, 2010 at 7:30 P.M.

2. Dan Fountain announced that the annual car show would be held at Dietrich Park on August 14, 2010 from 5:00-9:00 P.M. Registration will be from 3:00-5:00 P.M. at the park.

3. Acting Utility Superintendent Rick Hines has received complaints about trash trucks in the alleys. The alleys are not designed for the heavy traffic.

4. It was noted that Dan Pugsley has built a nice gazebo over his flowing well on South 8^{th} Street.

5. Jake Smith informed council that there were unnamed volunteers interested in cleaning the grass from the cracks in the sidewalks in town. There were many details discussed as to how this process should be administered. Jake will work out the details to make this work and proceed with the project.

6. Rick Hines brought the issue of Christmas Lights to the table. The old lights are in need of repair. He asked if donations could be taken from individuals to repair the lights. He estimates about \$3000 will be needed to make the necessary repairs. Arrangements to make contributions may be made at the clerk-treasurer's office.

7. Dan Fountain addressed the issue of hiring utility department personnel to replace those who have retired or resigned. After discussion a motion was made by Dan to advertise for three part time employees. Advertisements are to be run in the Courier-Times and in the Middletown News for a couple of weeks. Lisa seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

8. Lisa reported that the town did not qualify for the DR 2 grant process because the public hearing notice did not get into the newspaper in a timely manner. Other grants will be available later this year and early next year. New applications would need to be made as well as updates on Income Survey and town approvals to qualify for these additional grants.

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

adjourned. TING LYCE