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MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

September 7, 2010

The Middletown Town Council met for its regularly scheduled meeting on September 7, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in the training room in the municipal building at 653 Locust Street, Middletown, Indiana. Clerk-Treasurer Jim Hanson recorded that Council President Jake Smith and Council members Lisa Hicks, Dan Fountain, Jim Mundell and Tim Mundell were all present.. Greg Crider was present as legal counsel 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. Tracy Harrison announced that the Scouts and utility employees were conducting a river clean in the park area of Fall Creek on Saturday morning, September 11, 2010. Anyone interested in helping should show up at the park. Also she reminded that the Water Board would be meeting Wednesday, September 8, 2010 at 12:15 P.M. in the training room at the Municipal Building.

2. Jake Smith announced that Haye's Pro Hardware had sold. It was scheduled to close on September 4, 2010. The new owner is James Glover from Greenfield, In. Katie Hayes will stay as manager of the store.

3. The Public Hearing for the matter of Additional Appropriations for Middletown Civil Town taxing unit-fund name Local Road & Street was held. Citizen Steve Holmes asked if the crack and seal project had run over estimate. He was informed that the project did not run over estimate. It was explained that the town had the money in the fund, but had not appropriated to spend enough to cover the project. There being no further public comment, Dan Fountain made a motion to pass Resolution 09-07-2010 to ask the DLGF to approve the additional \$4936.00 spending from the LR & S Fund. Jim Mundell seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays.

4. Police Chief Randy Wray reported to council that Heather Couch had resigned from the dispatch crew. He recommended moving part time dispatcher Brenda McSherley to full time status. Tim Mundell stated that if they made the position a part time position the town would not have to pay benefits. Dan Fountain made a motion to promote Brenda to full time status at a pay rate of \$9.19 per hour. This motion was later withdrawn due to the lack of a second. Dan next made a motion to hire Brenda as a full time dispatcher at her current rate of pay (\$9.55) per hour. Lisa seconded the motion. Lisa, Jake and Dan voted yea. Jim and Tim voted nay. Motion carried.

5. EMS Chief Phil Chandler asked council about key fobs for the volunteers. He wanted to know who assigned them and wondered if the department heads could not be in charge of issuing them. He was informed that Scott Emswiler is working on this and that when it is resolved the department heads will have access to the system.

6. Acting Utility Superintendent Rick Hines thanked Tracy Harrison and Treva Pugsley for hauling away junk and tires from the utility plant. These employees volunteered their time last Saturday to get this job done. He also thanked Rob Hayes of Lightning Signs for the new sign at the utility garage. In another matter, Rick asked council to reconsider the issue of a raise for Tim Whitten. Jim Mundell made a motion to give Tim an increase of 3% in pay. This motion died for lack of a second. Dan Fountain then made a motion to move Tim Whitten to level 3 on the salary ordinance (\$14.25 per hour). Lisa Hicks seconded the motion. Dan, Jake and Lisa voted yea. Jim and Tim voted nay. Motion carried. Rick also recommended that Sam Hershberger be changed from part time status to full time



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status at the same rate of pay (\$9.19). Dan so motioned. Lisa seconded. All council members voted in favor. Motion carried. And finally, Rick asked council to consider hiring Carl Spears as a full time utility employee. Carl has many useful qualifications that would be beneficial to a utility employee. Tim made a motion to hire Carl as a full time employee at a starting rate of \$10.03 per hour. Dan seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

7. Council President Jake Smith made a motion to change the status of Rick Hines from acting superintendent to superintendent. He will remain at his present level of pay. This motion was seconded by Lisa Hicks. Jake, Dan and Lisa voted aye. Tim and Jim voted nay. The motion carried.

8. Clerk-Treasurer Jim Hanson informed council that the audit by SBOA was still ongoing. Also he gave those members attending the IACT Fall Conference their reservation documents. In another matter, Hanson related a call he had received concerning a residence at 229 High Street that was in violation of the weed and mowing ordinances. Jim Mundell made a motion to have the town crew mow & remove junk around the property and send the bill for the services to the last known owner of the property. Dan Fountain seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

9. Jake announced he had a call from a citizen who expressed interest in becoming the code enforcement officer for the town. The citizen was Kent Russell. Jake proposed making Kent Russell the code enforcement officer for the town. It is a volunteer position. Dan seconded the motion. Jake, Dan and Lisa voted in favor, Jim and Tim voted against. Motion carried.

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

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*Lisa Hicks*  
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*Tim*  
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*Jim Mundell*  
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*Jim Hanson*  
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*James E. Hanson*  
Clerk-Treasurer