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## MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

### October 19, 2010

The Middletown Town Council met for its regularly scheduled meeting on October 19, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in the council meeting 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, Jim Mundell, Tim Mundell and Dan Fountain were all present. Dave Copenhaver was present as legal counsel for the town. After the pledge to the flag, Jake immediately opened the Public Hearing for the 2011 Budget that was tabled from the meeting before, due to a lack of a quorum.

1. When there was no comment or question from the public, President Smith closed the hearing. Dan Fountain made a motion to approve the Budget as presented. Lisa Hicks seconded. Jake asked for further questions or discussions. Tim Mundell questioned the amount of user fee that would be needed to pay the fire hydrant rental being removed from the budget. Lisa stated that Dan Heddon from HJ Umbaugh thought it would be around $3 per household. A roll-call vote showed Lisa, Jake and Dan voting yea and Tim and Jim voting nay. The motion carried and the 2011 Budget was approved by council.

2. Steve Holmes reminded everyone that the Historical Society was hosting another pre-election potato bake. The luncheon will be from 11 A.M. to 2 P.M. on Saturday, October 30, 2010. Many of the candidates for the upcoming election will be there to greet the public. Everyone is invited.

3. EMT Chief Phil Chandler reported that he still does not have the needed key fobs that he requested at the last meeting. Lisa will follow up with Randy Wray to see if she can resolve the issue.

4. Utility Superintendent Rick Hines addressed council concerning hiring two part time employees for the utility department. These part time employees would be used to read meters and also would serve as offender watchers when the town is using offenders to perform work. He gave council two applications he had received for the position. The applicants were Patricia Emmons and Shirley Hagerman. Dan Fountain made a motion to hire the two applicants and pay them the part time rate according to the salary schedule. Jim Mundell seconded the motion. Jim, Jake, Lisa and Dan voted yea. Tim Mundell voted nay. Motion carried.

5. In another matter, Rick requested permission to hire Fluid-Waste to clean the digester at the sewage disposal plant. The quote for this service was $3297.50. Lisa made a motion to approve the request. Jake seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Rick's next request was for a salt spreader for the street department. The preferred model cost $5575. Dan Fountain made a motion to allow purchase of the salt spreader. Lisa seconded. All voted in favor. Rick also announced that the leaf pick up had begun. The hydrants have been flushed. The retrofits for the street lights will be in soon. The Christmas lights are still in need of repair. The clerk-treasurer's office will accept donations for this purpose. Jake and Lisa each pledged $50 to get the campaign rolling. Tim Mundell made a motion to borrow the money for the repair out of the CCD Fund so that the repairs can be made in time for this holiday season. The fund can be repaid with the donations received. Dan seconded Tim's motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

6. Clerk-Treasurer Jim Hanson presented the latest tracker from IMPA for council approval. Jim Mundell made the motion to approve. Lisa seconded. All voted aye. Next Hanson requested council approve the paperwork from the Bond Bank to get the refund of $11,827.10 on its bond interest as stated in Resolution 10-19-2010.
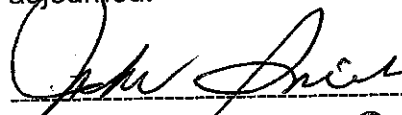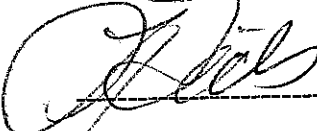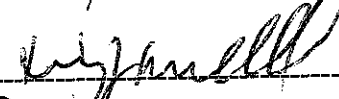
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Dan made a motion to approve Resolution 10-19-2010. Lisa seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Dan made a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution at its second and third reading by name and number only. Tim Mundell seconded. All voted yea. The resolution was approved. Finally, Dan made a motion to allow Council President Jake Smith and Clerk-Treasurer Jim Hanson to sign all the necessary documents related to Resolution 10-19-2010. Tim seconded. All voted in favor. In another matter Hanson questioned council about how he was supposed to pay a claim from Jon Ashton Contracting for the repair of the Civic Center floor. The amount due is $15480. Dan made a motion to allow the Civic Center to borrow the money from the town's CCD Fund and pay it back to the town at the rate of $1500 per year until the debt is paid. Jake seconded. Four voted in favor of the motion. One voted against. The motion carried. In a final matter Hanson presented a letter from Pavement Solutions Inc. offering to apply the liquid asphalt emulsion material left over from a previous project to several streets here in Middletown for the cost of the material only. There would be no labor costs added. Pavement Solutions estimated that there would be about $8000 worth of emulsion with an installed value of $24,750. This would be a great money savings for the town. Consent was given from council to allow Pavement Solutions to apply the emulsion.

7. Dick Schwalm reminded that the next Water Board meeting would be November 3, 2010 at 12:15 P.M. in the training room at the Municipal Building. Kent Russell also brought the issue of re-creating the Water Board and making it a Utility Board which would serve all utilities in an advisory capacity. This had been discussed at the last gathering when there was not a quorum of the council present. Tim Mundell made a motion to change the name from the Water Board to the Utility Board and that the board would serve in an advisory capacity only. Jim Mundell seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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