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MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

June 1, 2010

The Middletown Town Council met for its regularly scheduled meeting on June 1, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in the meeting room at the town hall. Council President Jake Smith opened the meeting by asking those present to join him in the pledge to the American flag. Clerk-Treasurer Jim Hanson noted that members Dan Fountain, Lisa Hicks-Smith, Jim Mundell and Tim Mundell were present. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved. Jake asked for any good news or new business issues from the audience.

1. Dick Schwalm stated that the next Water Board meeting would be on Wednesday, June 2, 2010 at 12:15 P.M. in the meeting room at the town hall. All are invited to attend and participate.
2. Tracy Harrison informed those present that the Boy Scouts and various other volunteers would be cleaning along the banks of Fall Creek in the park on Saturday, June 19, 2010 starting at 10:00 A.M. Anyone wishing to help is invited to come on down to the park at the designated time.
3. Council member Jim Mundell announced that the Fire Department would be hosting a chicken barbecue dinner on parade night, Tuesday, at the fire station from 4:00 P.M. until they run out of chicken. Police Chief Randy Wray also reminded that the police department would be hosting a blood draw that same evening in memory of fallen officers. The event will be at the west end of the city building from 5:30-10:00 P.M. Everyone is encouraged to donate for this worthy cause.
4. Utility Superintendent David Real wanted to remind that the water department would be flushing hydrants the first week in June. Also, the ad has been placed in the newspaper offering the sale of surplus equipment from the utility department. Bids will be taken until 5:00 P.M. June 11, 2010.
5. Cable liaison Ron Koons again informed that the deadline for the cable changes was coming on June 6, 2010.
6. Clerk-Treasurer Jim Hanson reported to council that the billing for the Keystone Software maintenance agreement had arrived and is due August 1, 2010. The cost this next year is \$6640. In another note Hanson issued copies of a letter from DNR which defined the Middletown Commercial Historic District and the significance of the district. Jake Smith had received certificates from both the state and federal government denoting the district. These will be framed and hung in the council meeting room. A grant had been written to cover the cost of the application for the designation. The grant writer had deferred the final billing until the status was granted. Now that status is granted, Jake made a motion to pay the final billing in the amount of \$150 to Judy K. Cowling. Lisa seconded the motion. All voted aye. The Clerk-Treasurer will pay upon receipt of the invoice. Finally, he informed council that the tracker for the electric utility billing had been reduced .5 cents per kwh. Documents necessary for the implementation of this tracker were signed by council president Jake Smith.
7. Council member Tim Mundell brought to council files denoting problem properties. These are properties that are in violation of town codes and about which the office had received complaints. Letters have been sent to the owners of these properties.
8. Council member Dan Fountain presented council with copies of proposed changes to the town ordinances concerning property maintenance and also those dealing with traffic violations and how these are to be handled. Dan also stated that

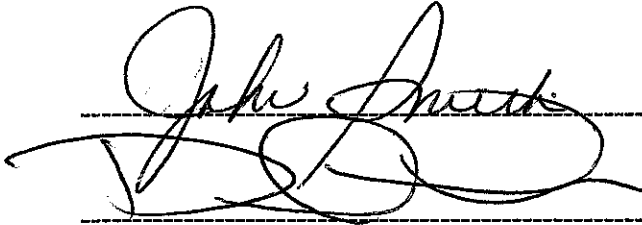


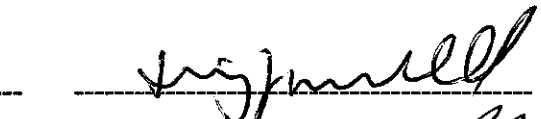
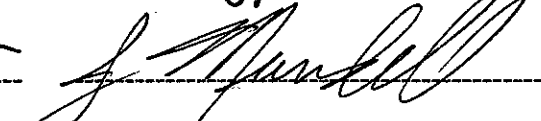
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due to conflicting schedules Kyle Metcalf and Nick Petty are no longer able to continue as code enforcement officers. He made a motion to appoint utility employees Tracy Harrison and Brenda McSherley as enforcement officers. Jake seconded the motion. After much discussion Jake called for the vote. Dan and Jake voted yea. Lisa, Jim and Tim voted nay. The motion died for lack of support. Next Dan addressed council about a mower he had looked at for the purpose of clearing problem properties. After discussion Jake tabled the issue.

9. Council President Jake Smith brought council up to date on the DR 2 grant issues. He and Lisa have been meeting on a continuing basis with Nancy Kinder from EIDD and Mark Chmeliwskyj of Butler Fairman to keep the process rolling due to the limited time frame for eligibility for the grant. To proceed with the process council will need to approve additional spending for engineering services and for an additional income survey. To get an extension of the current income survey would cost \$900 and would extend it for one year. To do a new survey using volunteers from the community where appropriate would cost \$2500 and would be valid for six years. Nancy recommends a new survey would probably reflect a higher percentage of low income residences. Jake made a motion to allow Nancy Kinder of EIDD to complete the DR 2 grant procedure. Lisa seconded the motion. All voted aye. Lisa made a motion to allow Kinder to do a new income survey for \$2500. Dan seconded. Again, all voted aye. Motion carried.

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





James E. Hanson
Clerk-Treasurer