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MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

February 15, 2011

The Middletown Town Council met for their regularly scheduled meeting on February 15, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. in the council meeting room at 653 Locust Street, Middletown, Indiana. Roll call showed Jim Mundell, Lisa Hicks, Bill Harrison and Betty Riley present. Tim Mundell was on vacation. Jim chaired the meeting in the absence of Tim. Also present was Joel Harvey acting as legal counsel for the council. After the pledge to the flag, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented.

1. Dan Heddon from HJ Umbaugh was present to answer questions concerning the 1782 Notice and the changes that were requested by council. These changes were modified by the DGLF. Dan explained that the civil town would need to ask for an additional appropriation sometime near the middle of the year. He also stated that the park should not need any additional appropriation.

2. Police Chief Tony Robbins presented council with a letter from Officer Mike Vacarro informing them that Mike had applied for the position of Town Marshall at Kennard. Mike felt that he could perform his duties here and those duties at Kennard. The Council approved as long as Mike is able to perform his duties here without interference from the position at Kennard. In another matter, Robbins informed that the application period for the position for police department was closed. There were twenty applications received. He requested an Executive Session be called to discuss personnel so that he could hire someone effective March 1, 2011. An Executive Session was called for Wednesday, February 23, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. in the council meeting room. Robbins further stated that the Federal Government had been notified about the missing weapons and parts. Chief Robbins commended Officers Cobb and Vacarro for their part in solving a car theft incident and apprehending the thief. Robbins recommended Rusty Hudson, Dick Schwalm and Carl Spears as candidates for reserve officers. Bill Harrison made a motion to approve the recommendations and to start training as soon as possible. Jim Mundell seconded. Jim, Bill and Betty voted yea. Lisa voted nay. Motion carried.

3. EMS Chief Phil Chandler presented council with the run sheet summary for 2010.

4. Dispatcher Department Head Lavonna Robbins requested council approve hiring Danny Sims as a part time dispatcher. When one of the regular dispatchers is off it requires working someone overtime to fill the vacant shift. With another part time this overtime would not be necessary. Jim made a motion to hire Dan Sims as a part time dispatcher. Betty seconded. Betty, Jim and Bill voted yea. Lisa voted nay.

5. Utility Superintendent Tracy Harrison updated council on the installation of the new street lights. They are installing them as time and weather permits. The inventory at the utility plants is complete. The service at the property on Central Avenue has been removed until the connection is brought into compliance with the town specs. Also, Tracy presented a proposed purchase agreement from Johnson County REMC for the purchase of 1200 meters at a cost of \$25 per meter. After a few minor changes Jim Mundell moved to approve the agreement. Betty seconded. All four members voted yea. Motion carried. Additionally Tracy informed that the stop light at 5th and Locust Streets needed repaired or replaced. She will check on costs and report back to council. Potholes in town streets are being filled as soon as possible. The fire hydrant on East Locust Street is still leaking. The cost to fix will be \$6100-7600 depending on whether one or two stops are needed. After the new hydrant is installed the old one can be repaired and used elsewhere. Bill moved to proceed with the repair as soon as the weather permits. Lisa seconded. All four



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voted yea. Motion carried. Finally, Tracy reminded that Rural Alliance would be offering a training session open to the public on April 5, 2011 at 9:00 A.M.

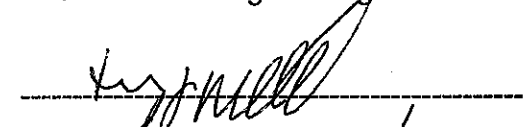
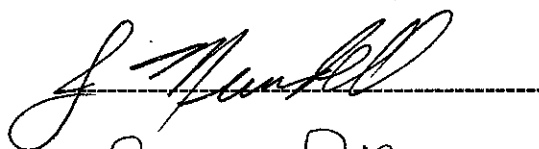

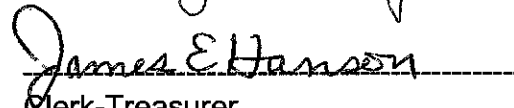
6. Phil Chandler noted that the proposal for the hydrant repair was to use 4" set up. He recommended council consider using 6" set up for future expansion. Bill made a motion to upgrade to 6" set up. Lisa seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

7. Council Member Bill Harrison reported on the gas savings made by the police department since the first of the year. Also, he reported that the 02 Crown Vic police car was not worth repairing and recommended that council move to get rid of it. In another matter Harrison wants a meeting with the Civic Center Board to discuss the finances of the Center.

8. Dick Schwalm reminded that the next meeting of the Utility Advisory Board would be on Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at 12:15 P.M. in the training room. Rural Alliance will be present to make a presentation. All are invited to attend.

9. Park Superintendent Rusty Conner was present and reported on the application process to date for the winter storm damage as required by FEMA. He also thanked Chief Robbins and Dispatcher Department Head Lavonna Robbins for their help with the emergency planning during the storm.

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

 ----- William E. Harrison	 ----- Betty Riley
 ----- James E. Hanson	 ----- James E. Hanson Clerk-Treasurer