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MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 01, 2011

The Middletown Town Council met for its regularly scheduled meeting on March 01, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. in the council meeting room at 653 Locust Street, Middletown, Indiana. Roll call showed Council President Tim Mundell, and council members Jim Mundell, Lisa Hicks, Bill Harrison and Betty Riley present. 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. Council President Tim Mundell introduced Rod Humprey. Rod was selected as the officer to fill the vacancy on the Middletown Police force at a special meeting held on February 23, 2011. Welcome Rod.
2. Mark Chemeliwskyj, from Butler, Fairman & Siefert was present to address the town's CSO Long Term Control Plan (LTCP). This plan was formulated as required by law in the fall 2002. First submissions to IDEM were in February 2007 and were approved in March 2008. The plan called for the installation of a Rain Guage and Flow Meters 2008-2010. Mark recommended to council that they solicit quotations for Flow Meters and a Real Time Rain Guage. Bill Harrison made a motion to allow for the solicitation of quotations for the installation of Flow Meters and a Real Time Rain Guage. Jim Mundell seconded. All voted in favor.
3. Kent Russell, ordinance enforcement officer asked council for clarification of protocol for his method of operation. Council agreed the procedure would be that anyone with a complaint would file the complaint with the Clerk-Treasurer. The Clerk-Treasurer would then call the ordinance officer. The officer will verify the violation and write a letter to the alleged offender. If the issue is not resolved at this stage, the matter will be taken before council before any further action is taken. Joel Harvey will prepare a form letter for the officer to use when notifying violators.
4. Council President Tim Mundell brought to the table the request from Larry Walters for damages sustained to his auto when driving over a valve hole in the street. Council voted 5:0 to not pay for the damage. Joel advised Mr. Walters to file a claim with his insurance.
5. Angie Kendall from Ameriana Bank was present to thank the Middletown Police Department for their assistance during and after the robbery at their bank here in Middletown.
6. Dick Schwalm reminded that the next Utility Board Meeting would be tomorrow, March 2, 2011 at 12:15 P.M. in the training room. Toby Day from Rural Alliance will be there as WHP advisor. All are invited to attend.
7. Ordinance 01-18-2011 an Ordinance Establishing a Fire Hydrant Rental Fee was brought to the table for its second reading. Tim moved council approve Ordinance 01-18-2011-1 on its second reading. Bill seconded. Bill, Betty, Tim and Jim voted yea. Lisa voted no. Motion carried.
8. Next, Ordinance 01-18-2011-2 an Ordinance creating a Fire Hydrant Maintenance Fund was brought for its second reading. Tim made a motion to pass Ordinance 01-18-2011-2 on its second reading. Again Bill seconded. Jim, Tim, Betty and Bill voted yea. Lisa voted no. Motion carried.
9. New to the table was Ordinance 03-01-2011-1 an Ordinance Establishing Boundaries between the Town and Property Owners for Responsibility of Water



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Lines for first reading. Tim made a motion to approve Ordinance 03-01-2011-1 on its first reading. Jim seconded. Betty, Jim, Bill and Tim voted yea. Lisa voted nay. Motion carried.

10. Fire Chief Brian Rednour is concerned about the operation of the Fire Department if the state outlaws township governments. He is gathering information about the creation of a Fire Territory and will keep the council informed.

11. EMS Chief Phil Chandler read the run sheets for the month. He will present copies at the next meeting.

12. Police Chief Tony Robbins reported that the 2002 Crown Victoria police car has had all the special equipment removed and ready to be disposed of. He said the vehicle is estimated to be worth less than \$1000. Tim made a motion to accept bids for the purchase of the vehicle at the Clerk-Treasurer's office until April 1, 2011. Jim seconded the motion. All members voted yea. Motion carried.

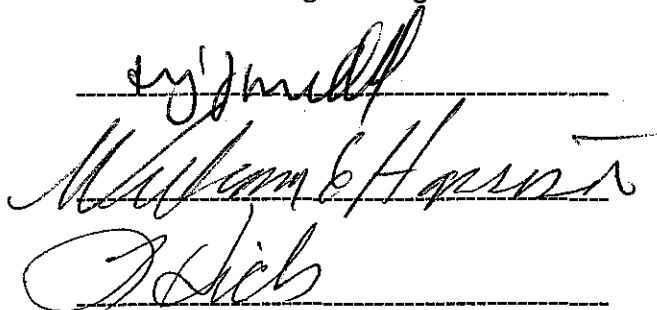
13. Utility Superintendent Tracy Harrison updated on several ongoing projects in her department. CPR training will be completed for all her department by the end of the month. The hydrant repair on Locust Street is scheduled to be completed on March 16, 2011. Also, the issue of all the ice in the eave troughs on the city building was discussed again. Jim made a motion to have heat tapes installed in the eave troughs to keep the ice from forming in them. Bill seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

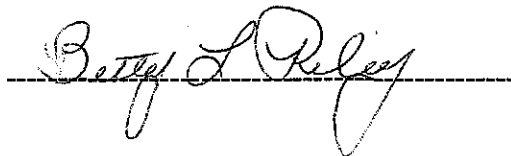
14. Cable liaison Ron Koons reported that franchise fees are going up this quarter. Also there have been some problems with large trucks knocking down cable and phone lines along 5th Street.

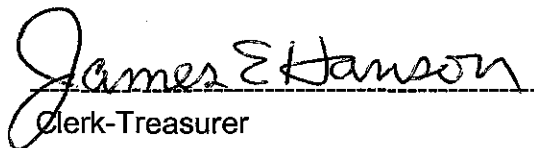
15. Clerk-Treasurer Jim Hanson informed that the IMPA Energy Cost Adjustment rate increased for the next quarter. The increase is approximately \$.005241 per kilowatt hour. This increase will amount to about \$3.67 per month for a typical residential monthly bill for approximately 700 kilowatt hours consumption. The council consented to the increase as per the contract with IMPA. Betty made the motion, Jim seconded. All voted in favor.

16. Council member Betty Riley thanked the town crews for the great job they did on the streets during the last round of winter storms. Also, she reported having complaints about trash trucks tearing up the alleys. Joel will write a letter to the trash companies informing them of our policies concerning this.

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






Clerk-Treasurer