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MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 05, 2011

The Middletown Town Council met for its regularly scheduled meeting on April 5, 2011 in the Council Meeting Room at 653 Locust Street, Middletown, Indiana at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was opened by Council President Tim Mundell. Roll call showed that Council Members Bill Harrison, Lisa Hicks and Betty Riley were present and Jim Mundell was absent. Also present was counsel for the council, Joel Harvey. After the pledge to the flag, the minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

1. Tim Mundell informed that there is an on-call patrol service that will come to town and pick up stray animals for a fee per call basis. The service is called Critter Control and is located in Delaware County. A representative from the service will be present at the next meeting to answer questions.

2. The next item was in reference to the Salary Ordinance passed on 12/14/2010, employees of the Town of Middletown. The ordinance stated that each full time employee shall be granted two (2) days per calendar year. It should have stated that each full time employee shall be granted three (3) days per calendar year. Consent was given to amend the existing ordinance to reflect the correct number of days granted at the next meeting.

3. Ordinance 03-01-2011-1, an ordinance establishing boundaries between the town and property owners for responsibility of water lines, was brought to the table for its third reading. Tim made a motion that council pass Ordinance 03-01-2011-1 on its third and final reading. Bill seconded. Betty, Bill and Tim voted yea. Lisa voted nay. Motion carried.

4. Clerk-Treasurer Jim Hanson informed council that Steve Pfenninger, of The Pfenninger Agency, Inc. had notified him that the insurance premiums for the Town of Middletown for the upcoming year were reduced due to the town's excellent experience and loyalty. The savings to the town will amount to \$5237 for the Town of Middletown, \$1239 for Middletown VFD and \$831 for Middletown EMS. Tim made a motion to approve the rates as presented. Betty seconded. All voted yea. Motion carried.

5. The issue of the waste removal trucks using the alleys in the Town of Middletown during their pickups. Bill had contacted the carriers who operate in the Town of Middletown and they all were agreeable to staying out of the alleys. After discussion of this issue Tim proposed to council Ordinance 04-05-2011-1 restricting commercial trash haulers from using alleyways within the town of Middletown. Betty Riley seconded. All voted in favor. Ordinance 04-05-2011-1 passed on its first reading.

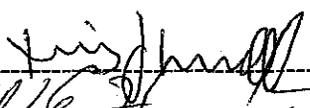
6. Two bids were received on the 2002 Ford Crown Victoria Police Car that had been advertised for sale by the Town of Middletown. The first bid was for \$300. The second bid was for \$1010. Bill Harrison moved to award the sale to the highest bidder; Mark May for the amount of \$1010. Betty Riley seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

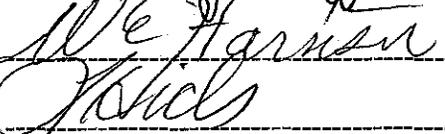
7. Fire Chief Brian Rednour again asked Attorney Joel Harvey some questions in regards to formation of fire districts and/or fire territories. Joel briefly described the process involved. Joel and Brian will continue to gather information and report back.

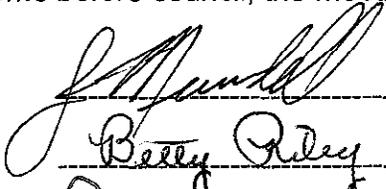


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8. EMS Chief Phil Chandler reported to council on the runs made by his department during the month of February 2011.
9. Police Chief Robert Robbins announced that training for prospective reserve officers began Saturday, April 2, 2011.
10. Utility Superintendent Tracy Harrison informed council that all the aerial trucks have passed inspections. Also the hydrant on East Locust Street has been repaired. Work on the severe weather alert sirens is continuing. The flow meters and the rain gauge for the required IDEM monitoring have been ordered from B L Anderson. Mark Chmeliwskyj of Butler Fairman Seufert has notified IDEM so that the town remains in compliance. In another matter, Tracy announced that the town will be picking up leaves and small twigs that were missed last fall on April 25 thru April 28. No limbs or trash are to be placed curb side for pick up. Tracy also informed council that the utility department had another resignation effective April 6, 2011 and she wanted to know how to proceed with hiring another employee to fill the vacancy. After discussion council decided to advertise for applications on MLAC and in the Middletown News. Applications are to be accepted until Monday, April 18, 2011 @ 12:00 noon.
11. Ron Koons reported that Comcast was upgrading to digital effective in August, and reminded those who did not yet have the upgraded equipment from the cable company that they would lose all of their channels.
12. Clerk-Treasurer Jim Hanson brought the employee health insurance rates for the upcoming year to council. The rates were up about 6% over last year's rates. Advantage Health is still the least expensive of all the companies quoted. Tim made a motion to continue coverage with Advantage Health for employee healthcare. Bill seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.
13. Council member Lisa Hicks presented a certified copy of the Income Survey she had received from Bob Bennett of OCRA. She stated the survey would be valid for 4 years. There will be a meeting on April 7, 2011 explaining all the details of the importance of the survey. The meeting will be at 2:00 P.M. at the Historical Society.
14. Council member Bill Harrison informed that there were security lights in town that were not being billed on monthly bills or on annual billings. He and Tracy counted eighty (80) such lights. There were eleven (11) in Crestwood Park. Also there are about thirty-two (32) unbilled lights on utility barns and garages in town. They will investigate further and report back next meeting.
15. Dick Schwalm reminded that the Utility Advisory Board would be meeting on Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at 12:15 P.M. in the meeting room at the Municipal Building. All are invited to attend.
16. Angie Kendall from Ameriana Bank reported that there is a debit card scam being worked in this area. She advised everyone not to answer questions about account numbers or balances over the telephone.
17. There being nothing further to come before council, the meeting was adjourned.







Betty Riley


James E. Hanson
Clerk-Treasurer