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MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 19, 2011

The Middletown Town Council met for its regularly scheduled meeting on April 19, 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, Jim Mundell and Betty Riley were all present. Also present was counsel for the council, Joel Harvey. Tim led those present in the recitation of the Pledge to the flag.

1. Tim Dale, owner of Critter Control of Muncie, LLC, was present to answer questions about the services his firm performs. He does not take animals that are at the end of their life for disposal. He catches straying animals and holds them for 10-12 days to give the owners a chance to retrieve them. He charges \$169 for each animal he picks up and \$10 each per day to hold the animal. The cost of holding the animal must be paid by the person picking up the animal. When animals must be euthanized Dale uses guidelines set forth by AVMA standards. A certificate of liability insurance for Critter Control of Muncie, LLC is on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's office. After discussion Tim made a motion that the town use the services of Critter Control at \$169 per call and that all calls be initiated by the Middletown Police Department only. Jim seconded. Betty, Jim and Tim voted yea. Bill and Lisa voted nay. Motion carried. Joel Harvey will prepare a letter outlining the terms of the agreement.

2. Ordinance 04-05-2011-1 an ordinance restricting commercial trash haulers from using alleyways within the Town of Middletown was brought the table for its second reading. There being no further discussion on the issue Tim moved the council pass the ordinance on its second reading. Betty seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

3. Tim called attention to a worksheet he had prepared showing general fund revenues and expenditures for the past three years. Tim said this was for information only and that council needs to start preparing for the 2012 Budget process that will be starting soon.

4. Clerk-Treasurer Jim Hanson presented corrected copies of the 2010/2011 Salary Ordinance, Ordinance 11-16-2010. The language concerning the personal leave days of the employees was corrected to read "Each full time employee shall be granted three (3) days per calendar year." Tim made a motion to approve the correction. Bill seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

5. Fire Chief Brian Rednour again raised questions to town attorney Joel Harvey concerning fire districts versus fire territories. Joel gave a broad description of the two types of organization. The main distinction is that a territory is an arrangement between two or more fire departments and a district is an arrangement between a county and a locality. Brian stated that he preferred the territory arrangement. Council president Tim Mundell made a motion to allow Brian to explore setting up a fire territory for our department. Betty seconded. Betty, Jim and Tim voted yea. Bill and Lisa abstained. Motion carried.

6. Police Chief Tony Robbins thanked Ron Huffman of Henry County EMA for taking ID Photos for our police and utility departments.



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7. Utility Superintendent Tracy Harrison thanked Chief Robbins for his assistance in clearing debris from in front of a property on 8th Street. Tracy reminded that the utility crew would be picking up yard waste April 25 thru April 28. The town crew will be flushing fire hydrants on May 10 and May 11. The retrofit streetlight project is half completed. She also informed that the utility department had lost another employee bringing the total number of employees needed to two. She is conducting interviews to fill the positions. Tracy recommended hiring an employee but not at the starting rate stated in the Salary Ordinance. After discussion council was advised that the stated rate was the minimum rate at which an employee could be hired. With council approval a prospective employee could be started a higher rate. Bill them made a motion to allow Tracy to hire one employee at a starting rate of \$9.19. Tim seconded. All five members voted in favor. Motion carried.

8. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved with corrections of typing errors. A corrected copy will be signed at the next meeting.

9. Lisa Hicks presented handouts to council listing some possible grants available thru OCRA, USDA and DNR. In particular she would like for council to vote to start the process immediately to apply for a grant for the "5th Street Storm Water Separation." June 15, 2011 is the deadline for submission for this \$5-600,000 grant. The council consented to have Mark Chmeliwskyj of Butler Fairman & Seufert to attend the next public meeting to address their questions concerning this grant application.

10. Bill Harrison informed council that he had done further checking on the security lights in the Crestwood Park and had found that the lights there were being billed to the utility bill on the lot where the light is positioned. He apologized for the misunderstanding.

11. Kent Russell questioned whether or not the letter concerning ordinance violations had been written. Joel will forward the letter to the clerk-treasurer.

12. Dick Schwalm reminded that the Utility Advisory Board would be meeting Wednesday, May 4, 2011 in the council meeting room at the Municipal Building at 12:15 P.M.

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

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Betty Puley

James E. Hanson
Clerk-Treasurer