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MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 3, 2011

The Middletown Town Council met for its regularly scheduled meeting on May 3, 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. Proposed ordinance, Ordinance 04-05-2011-1 an ordinance restricting commercial trash haulers from using alleyways within the Town of Middletown was brought back to the table for its third reading. There being no further discussion, Tim made a motion to pass Ordinance 04-05-2011-1 on its third reading. Jim seconded the motion. All voted yea. Motion carried. The effective date of the ordinance is June 1, 2011.

2. Next, Tim read a proposed ordinance, Ordinance 05-03-2011-1 an ordinance establishing a procedure for the pick-up of dogs running loose within the Town of Middletown. Much discussion followed. When the discussion ended Tim made a motion to pass Ordinance 05-03-2011-1 on its first reading. Betty seconded the motion. Betty, Jim and Tim voted yea. Lisa and Bill voted nay. Motion carried.

3. Council President Tim Mundell informed council that the town currently has \$519,802 appropriated to spend out of the General Fund and the state only approved spending of \$456,633 out of the General Fund. The town currently has \$26,823 in the Rainy Day Fund and \$36,597 in the Riverboat Fund. Paying the town's Liability Insurances in the amount of \$46,240 out of these two funds (Rainy Day and Riverboat) will eliminate \$46,000 in spending from the General Fund. In addition the amount appropriated for Police Salaries was \$166,000. This could be reduced to \$140,000 since we now have four officers instead of five. These two changes would result in a reduction of General Fund spending by about \$72,000. These shifts in spending were indicated when Dan Heddon of HJ Umbaugh made the budget presentations prior to the council's adoption of the budget. These additional appropriations would have to be approved by the DLGF. Jim Mundell made a motion to allow Council President Tim Mundell and Clerk-Treasurer Jim Hanson to proceed with the additional appropriations process and to decide how the appropriations would be broken down between the two funds. Bill Harrison seconded. Betty, Jim, Bill and Tim voted yea. Lisa voted nay. Motion carried.

4. In another cost cutting measure Council President Tim Mundell recommended that the town do its grant writing administration in house. Tim is OCRA certified as a grant administrator. Jim Mundell asked Clerk-Treasurer Jim Hanson if his office would need additional help if Tim were working on grants. Hanson stated that at this time he did not anticipate needing any further assistance. Tim made a motion to have the town do its grant administration in house. Jim seconded. Bill, Jim, Betty and Tim voted yea. Lisa voted nay. Motion carried.

5. Mark Chmeliwskyj from Butler, Fairman & Seufert was present to discuss options for the 5th Street Storm/Sanitary Separation Project. The next deadline for grant applications is July 22, 2011. Before the town can apply for a grant, the Environmental Survey must be completed. The maximum available at this time for a grant is \$600,000 with 10% match. Taking all these things into consideration,



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council decided not to take any further action on a grant at this time. Mark will report back in a letter with further future options when they are available.

6. EMS Chief Phil Chandler is still exploring options for upgrading the EMS Radio System to make it compliant by the January 1, 2013 deadline. Phil feels the Congress will extend the deadline due to the economy at this time.

7. Police Chief Tony Robbins reported that the reserve officer candidates have completed their 40 hour pre-basic training course.

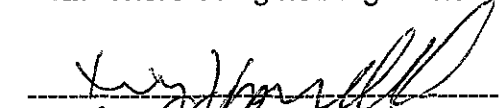
8. Lavonna Robbins reminded all that a Blood Drive scheduled for June 2, 2011 from 2:30-4:45 is now scheduling appointments. Walk-Ins are also welcome. The drive is to honor fallen officers. Also, in recognition of Fallen Officers, blue ribbons are available at the police station for display on auto antennas during the week of May 15 thru May 21.

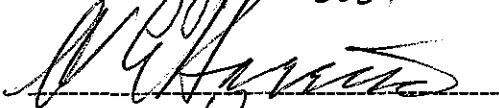
9. Utility Superintendent Tracy Harrison gave council updates on several issues the department has been dealing with. One issue was parking on Columbia Street between 7th and 8th Street. Tracy recommended parking be allowed on the South side instead of the North side. Joel will prepare an ordinance for council consideration on this matter. The issue of a mower for the utility department was brought to council. Tracy recommended purchasing Bobcat mower from Norfleet Enterprises for \$8900. This was not the lowest quote, but was felt to be the best mower for the job. Tim moved that the town purchase the Bobcat mower for \$8900 which includes the warranty. Betty seconded. Bill, Lisa, Betty and Tim voted yea. Jim voted nay. Motion carried. In another matter, Tracy recommended merit raises for two of the utility employees. After discussion Jim made a motion to leave all employees at the current level. Betty seconded. Betty, Jim and Tim voted yea. Bill voted nay. Lisa abstained. Motion carried. Finally, Tracy asked to hire another employee to replace Treva Pugsley who resigned. Lisa made a motion to table the request. Tim seconded. Betty, Jim, Lisa and Tim voted yea. Bill voted nay. Motion carried.


10. Clerk-Treasurer Jim Hanson reminded council that the first scheduled meeting for June falls on Tuesday, June 7, 2011, the same date as the Middletown Fair Parade. Tim made a motion to move the meeting date to June 14, 2011. Jim seconded. Betty, Jim, Lisa and Tim voted yea. Bill voted nay. Motion carried. In a different matter, the clerk-treasurer informed council that money would need to be taken from the Rainy Day Fund or from the Riverboat Fund to pay the \$1000 Deductable on the Civic Center storm damage repair. Jim Mundell moved to allow the clerk to use his discretion and use either fund to pay the deductible amount from the Fund most accessible.


11. Dick Schwalm reminded those present that the Utility Advisory Board would be meeting the next day, May 4, 2011 at 12:15 P.M. in the meeting room at the Municipal Building.

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









Betty Riley

James E. Hanson
Clerk-Treasurer