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MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 6, 2011

The Middletown Town Council met for its regularly scheduled meeting on August 16, 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. Clerk-Treasurer Jim Hanson noted that Council Members Lisa Hicks, Jim Mundell, Bill Harrison and Betty Riley were present. Also present was counsel for the council, Joel Harvey. Tim led those present in the recitation of the Pledge to the flag. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented.

1. Utility Superintendent Tracy Harrison informed that the water department would be flushing the hydrants starting next week. Also the electric department will be trimming limbs back from the power lines starting October 1, 2011. Anyone who wants to hire their own trimmer to clear the power lines must contact the utility office to make arrangements. In another matter Tracy reported to council that the fire alarms in the municipal building had sounded over the weekend. After everything was checked and found to be secure Sylvester Heating and Air Conditioning personnel recommended that the air ducts in the building's system needed to be cleaned. Tracy presented council with an estimate from Sylvester Heating and Air Conditioning to clean the air ducts. Council asked that more estimates be obtained before any further action is taken.

2. Cable liaison Ron Koons reported that the call center for Comcast located in Indianapolis is closing. Calls for service and/or billing will be handled at other call centers.

3. Council member Betty Riley stated that she had had calls relating to the alert siren in Honey Creek. Residents reported hearing strange transmissions from the siren. The Fall Creek Township Trustee is in charge of the siren. He will be notified.

4. Council member Lisa Hicks reminded council that the committee accepting requests for monies collected from the Food and Beverage Tax will be accepting applications until the last day of September. Any agency wishing to make a request should turn in the request at the next meeting of the town council which will be on September 20, 2011. The requests will be organized and presented to the county committee.

5. Council member Bill Harrison commented on the repair of the console in the dispatch room. The repair estimate is \$2500 and the console is being serviced at this time. The service will replace a bad circuit board. Bill then addressed the matter of the Ordinance Enforcement Officer. He had volunteered to look for a job description for the officer. There was no definitive description on record. He presented a proposal for a form that could be used to record and track violations. Since there was not a clear job description in place for the Ordinance Violations Officer at this time, Jim Mundell made a motion that council suspend the position until a job description is available. Tim seconded the motion. Jim, Bill and Tim voted yea. Lisa and Betty voted nay. Motion carried.

6. Clerk-Treasurer Jim Hanson informed of the electric utility rate increase due to the new tracker. The increase is for the 4th Quarter of 2011. The average consumer will see an increase of about \$3.07 per month. This amount is the difference between the amount billed to the consumer and the actual cost amount of the power. Due to the extreme demand of this past summer IMPA was forced to purchase part of its demand from the market causing the increase. Additionally Hanson inquired as to the council preference in the matter of the \$1500 software maintenance contract presented at the last meeting. The contract was from Utility Supply Company and was for the water utility meter reader software. Jim Mundell



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moved that council accept the contract. Tim Mundell seconded. All voted in favor of the proposal.

7. Patti Schwalm reminded everyone that the Utility Advisory Board would be meeting the following day, September 7, 2011 at 12:15 P.M. in the council meeting room at the Municipal Building. All are invited to attend and participate.

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

Tim Mundell

William Harrison

J. Hicks

J. Mundell

Betty Reley

James E. Hanson

Clerk-Treasurer