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## MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 18, 2011

The Middletown Town Council met for its regularly scheduled meeting on October 18, 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. Dennis A. Burns of Burns Corporation was present to propose imporvements to our electrical supply system. The utility poles and power lines on 8<sup>th</sup> Street from the utility plant north to High Street are considered in the proposal. Many of the poles are rotted with age and the power lines are too small to handle the loads required to efficiently service the needs of the customers. Phase 1 of the proposal would rebuild the lines from the plant to Locust Street with a proposed labor cost of \$45,600 and a material cost of approximately \$26,500. Phase 2 of the proposal would rebuild the lines from Locust Street north to High Street with a proposed cost of \$33,950 and a material cost of approximately \$16,000. After discussion, no action was taken on the proposal at this time.

2. Council President Tim Mundell brought the proposed 2012 Budget to the council for its adoption. After a brief recap of the contents of the proposed budget, Tim made a motion that council adopts the 2012 Budget as proposed. Jim Mundell seconded the motion. The council voted unanimously to adopt the budget as proposed.

3. Police Chief Tony Robbins reported that the new Ford F 150 truck is now on the street. The decals, lights and sirens have been installed.

4. Fire Chief Brian Rednour informed council that it will cost about \$15000 to ready the Fire Department for the narrow band communications. This will include 10 pagers and 4 radios.

5. EMS Chief Phil Chandler reported further on the re-licensing of the emergency radio systems. Tim made a motion to allow Phil to modify the licenses with the FCC for all the entities. Betty seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

6. Utility Superintendent Tracy Harrison asked permission to send one or two of her department to Competent Person Training sponsored by Rural Water. The cost is \$110 per person. Bill Harrison made a motion to allow Tracy to send two people to the training. Jim Mundell seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. In another matter Tracy informed that the town crew would start putting up the Christmas Lights beginning during the week of November 7. 2011.

7. Council Member Bill Harrison asked about collections of past due utility accounts. Utility clerk Tim Mundell and Clerk Treasurer updated on how the policy works.

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