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MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 6, 2011

The Middletown Town Council met for its regularly scheduled meeting on December 6, 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 leading those present in the pledge to the flag. Clerk-Treasurer Jim Hanson noted that Council Members Betty Riley, Jim Mundell and Bill Harrison were also present. Counsel for the council Joel Harvey was present. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented.

1. Council President Tim Mundell thanked the American Legion Post 216 for the new American Flag at the Municipal Building. The old flag had become worn and needed replaced. Thanks again to our local chapter of the American Legion.
2. The next item was to approve the 2012 Salary Ordinance for the Town of Middletown employees. Tim made a motion to adopt the salary ordinance as presented. Jim seconded. All four council members present voted aye. Motion carried. The council then voted to suspend the rules and pass the salary ordinance on its second and third readings by name only. All four members voted aye on each step of the process.
3. Fire Chief Brian Rednour reported that the shopping for those requesting Christmas assistance would be next Saturday, December 10. Brian presented council with the run sheet for 2011, to date. Also he stated that he had received prices on new pagers for the Fire Department. He feels he will have enough money left in his budget to purchase 7 new units. Council-Member Jim Mundell made a motion to allow Brian to purchase as many units as his budget could support at the end of the year. Betty Riley seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.
4. Police Chief Tony Robbins requested permission to add another reserve officer to his force. The candidate, Allen White, is currently a reserve officer on the Daleville Police Department. After reviewing the application Jim Mundell made a motion to allow Chief Robbins to add another reserve to his force. Bill Harrison seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
5. Council President Mundell brought Ordinance 11-15-2011-1, the Employee Handbook, to the council for its second reading. Tim made the motion to pass Ordinance 11-15-2011-1 on its second reading. Bill Harrison seconded. All voted in favor. Tim motioned to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 11-15-2011-1 on its third reading. All supported the suspension of the rules and the passing of the ordinance.
6. Utility Superintendent Tracy Harrison reported that the new roof had been installed at the Water Plant. This was part of the insurance settlement resulting from last summer's storm damage. Also, there was a balance of about \$3000 remaining in the street-light grant funds. This money was used to purchase additional street lights. In a final matter Tracy asked about her department's responsibility at the Civic Center. Specifically, she wondered if her department was responsible for keeping the walks clear in winter, the trash removal etc. at the premises. After discussion, council decided to invite the Civic Center board to come to council and discuss these issues. Council Member Bill Harrison made a motion to require all invoices due from the Civic Center to not be paid until council talks to the Civic Center Board. Jim Mundell seconded. All voted in favor.



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7. Clerk-Treasurer Jim Hanson presented the tracker for the first quarter 2012 electric bills. The new tracker will give customers a decrease in rates for the first quarter of the year. Tim moved to accept. Betty seconded. All voted in favor.

8. Attorney Joel Harvey updated council on a utility customer bankruptcy procedure and the utility departments interest in the proceedings.

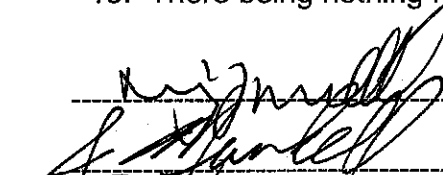
9. Council Member Jim Mundell asked council to consider adopting legislation to allow golf carts on the streets in Middletown. A consensus of the council allowed Attorney Joel Harvey to recommend regulations necessary for the town to proceed with allowing golf carts on town streets. Council Member elect Danny Justice, citizen Gary Kendall and Jim Mundell will make recommendations to Joel to assist him in the preparation.

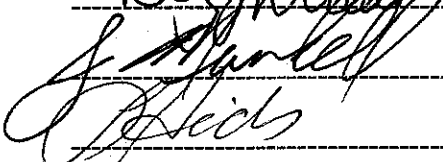
10. Council Member Bill Harrison questioned whose responsibility it is to maintain the lift station at the Crestwood Park. The town has replaced 5 pumps this year at that lift station at a cost of \$2000 plus per pump. Superintendent Tracy Harrison stated that the Park has private contractors to jet out sewage lines when they become clogged by foreign items being flushed down the sewers. These items then are jetted into the lift stations pumps causing the pumps to fail. The minutes from past years will be checked for references as to with whom the responsibility lies.


11. EMS Chief Phil Chandler presented run sheet for his department for the month of November, 2011.

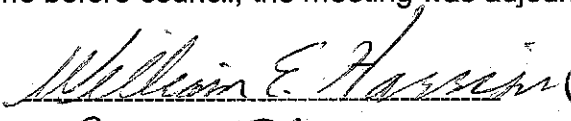
12. Dick Schwalm informed that the Utility Advisory Board would meet the next day at 12:15 P.M.

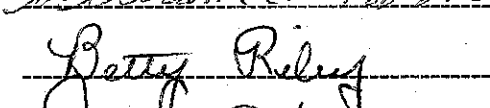
13. There being nothing further to come before council, the meeting was adjourned.

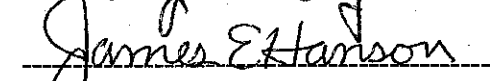












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