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## MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 2, 2011

The Middletown Town Council met for its regularly scheduled meeting on August 2, 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. President Tim Mundell informed council that the Civic Center Board President Jerry Manis and he had discussed the 2012 budget for the Civic Center. Based on current balances, the civic center will need an additional \$3000 to fund its normal operating expenses. If money is to be budgeted from tax dollars it will need to be decided before the budget is finalized. The issue was tabled.

2. Tim reported that the 02 Explorer that is driven by Chief Robert Robbins is in need of some major repairs. Instead of putting money into repairs Tim recommended that the town purchase a new vehicle for the police department. Several quotes for vehicles were presented for council consideration. When asked for his preference, Chief Robbins stated that he thought the Ford F150 was roomier and better handling. After discussion among those present, Jim Mundell made a motion for the town to purchase the Ford F150 from McCrocklin Ford. Betty Riley seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of four to one.

3. Utility Superintendent Tracy Harrison gave the council a report on the damage to the Water Utility Plant from the lightning strike on Sunday, July 31, 2011. All three pumps were destroyed by the strike. There was also damage at the wells and to the low pressure pumps. The roof to the main part of the building was also damaged. Estimates for the repairs are due by the end of the week. Peerless Midwest did emergency repairs and got one of the wells up and pumping early Monday morning. The insurance company has been notified and an adjuster has been assigned. In another related issue, Tracy informed council that an altitude valve needed to be installed in the old water tower so that the newer tower could operate at full capacity. The cost for the valve is estimated to be about \$10,000. More information will be brought to the next meeting.

4. President Mundell brought the street repair proposals to the table again. The price quotes had been presented at earlier meetings. After discussion Tim made a motion to hire Muncie Paving for \$50,294. Betty Riley seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of four for and one against.

5. Clerk-Treasurer Jim Hanson reminded council that the IACT Roundtable was being hosted by Middletown at the American Legion on Wednesday, August 10, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. Also he reminded those who are planning to attend the fall IACT Conference to let him know so reservations could be made.

6. Town Attorney Joel Harvey answered questions concerning a legal matter about a property that had been foreclosed and the town was named as a defendant in the procedure due to a housing rehabilitation grant that had previously been awarded to the owner of the property. An appearance date has been scheduled.



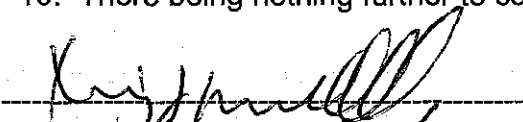
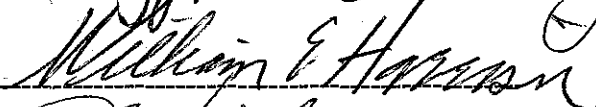
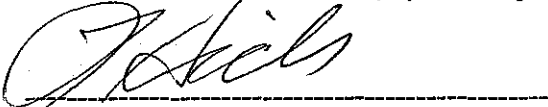
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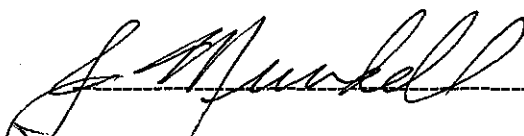
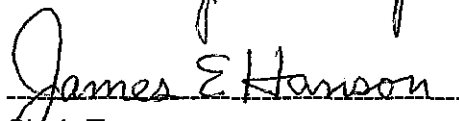
7. Council member Lisa Hicks inquired about the 6<sup>th</sup> Street alert siren. Tracy will follow up on this. Also she asked about the security light billings and was informed that the bills had been sent and about half of the customers have already paid.

8. Council member Bill Harrison asked if anything could be done to get the old bank building at the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> and Locust repaired. Joel will send a letter to the owners. In a similar matter, a letter will be sent to the property owner 109 N 8<sup>th</sup> Street concerning rank growth of vegetation at that address.

9. Dick Schwalm informed that the Utility Advisory Board would meet again on August 3, 2011 at 12:15 P.M. in the training room. He also stated that the board was taking on a new member at the next meeting. His name is Charles Truitt.

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

  
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