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MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 17, 2012

The Middletown Town Council met for its regularly scheduled meeting on January 17, 2012 in the Public Meeting Room at 653 Locust Street, Middletown, Indiana at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was opened by Town Council President Betty Riley leading those present in the pledge to the flag. Clerk-Treasurer Drew Cooper noted that Council Members Betty Riley, Bill Harrison, Shelly Kimmerling, Norm Purdue, and Danny Justice were present. Counsel for the town council Joel Harvey was present.

1. Town Council President Betty Riley announced the appointments of Paul Weir, David Wagner and Shelly Kimmerling to the Civic Center Board.
2. Attorney Steve Skyler was introduced as a speaker by Fire Chief Brian Rednour. Skyler gave a presentation on the steps that need to be taken in order to form a "fire territory." He said the deadline for forming a fire territory in 2012 is March 31, with the territory taking effect on July 1.
3. Danny Justice moved that the electric utility begin charging \$10 per month for security lights. Shelly Kimmerling seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Joel Harvey said he would prepare the town rates ordinance for this update.
4. Betty Riley requested that each board submit to the town council a list of members and when their terms are up.
5. Police Chief Tony Robbins requested that MPD officers be permitted to use town vehicles for personal use during severe weather in the winter. Betty Riley advised this would be allowed, but no other changes to policy on officer use of vehicles.
6. Norm Purdue advised that an inventory needs to be taken of fobs and keys for the Municipal Building. Dispatch Supervisor Lavonna Robbins said this had already been done for the Police, EMS, and Fire Departments by Scott Emswiler.
7. Norm Purdue thanked Lightning Signs for supplying the framed mission statement for the town council meeting room.
8. Police Chief Tony Robbins said one of the MPD squad cars was in disrepair and repairs would cost \$4000 to \$5000. Robbins recommended that the town not put any more money into repairs of this vehicle. He asked if it should be stripped for parts or sold as-is. After some discussion, Betty Riley advised Robbins to look into the costs of purchasing a used vehicle before deciding on the repairs.
9. Utilities Superintendent Tracy Harrison reported that meter reading dates for 2012 will be gradually moved closer to the billing dates for utility customers. She presented a list of dates when meters will be read in 2012.
10. Civic Center Board Member Dave Nichols informed the Council that the civic center had taken in \$460 in income so far in January. The Civic Center Board will meeting on February 6 for an organizational meeting.
11. Cable TV Liaison Ron Koons informed the Council that the computer that runs the local access channel was damaged during a recent power surge. He said that the town's insurance will cover replacement with a \$500 deductible. Clerk-Treasurer Drew Cooper was instructed to turn in a claim with the insurance company.



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12. Clerk-Treasurer Drew Cooper advised the Council of the new procedures that would be followed to enforce the shut-off ordinance for delinquent utility customers.
13. Norm Purdue moved that the ordinance be changed to say that a delinquent customer must pay at least 10% of the outstanding balance before making a payment agreement. Bill Harrison seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Joel Harvey said he would prepare the ordinance for updating.
14. Bill Harrison moved that the rates ordinance also be changed to charge a reconnect fee of \$50 instead of the current \$25. The motion was seconded by Danny Justice and passed unanimously. Joel Harvey advised that he would prepare the ordinance for updating.
15. There being nothing further to come before council, the meeting was adjourned.

Betty Riley
William E. Harrison
Shelley Ann O'Neil

Dan M. Justice
Norman V. Purdue
Joel Harvey
Clerk-Treasurer