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MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 21, 2012

The Middletown Town Council met for its regularly scheduled meeting on February 21, 2012 in the Training 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. Lisa Hicks, President of Historic Middletown, Inc. gave a presentation on the street banners they are selling to raise funds. She asked permission from the town to hang the banners from electrical poles in the Historic Downtown area on Locust Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Street. She said there are 22 poles that banners could be hung from. Norm Purdue moved that the town grant permission. Betty Riley seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Norm Purdue gave a presentation on early retirement of the Sewer Bond Debt.

3. Council President Betty Riley said a committee is being formed to look more closely into legalizing golf carts within town limits. Riley said She and Gary Kendall have volunteered for the committee so far.

4. Norm Purdue showed the council the newly framed "How Middletown Works" diagram. He said it will be displayed in the utility office.

5. Middletown Fire Chief Brian Rednour reported that the plumbing project in the fire truck bay was completed and the electrical work would be looked at soon. He also said the amount the town will have to match for the FEMA radio grant would be \$2017. He said this and the \$4200 needed for radios ordered at the end of 2011 could come from the Cumulative Fire Fighting Equipment Fund.

6. Cable TV Liaison Ron Koons reported that the insurance company is dragging it's feet on paying for the replacement of the local access channel computer.

7. Norm Purdue reported that he has found a good supplier of rain barrels for the May clinic to be held.

8. Utilities Superintendent Tracy Harrison reported to the council on several subjects, including an estimate of \$11,200 from Waste Management to clean the interceptor for the treatment plant. She also presented several bids on providing maintenance for the Municipal Building generator. She asked permission to apply for a grant to hire youth for the summer. Norm Purdue moved to match up to \$3000 for a youth summer hiring grant. Danny Justice seconded. The motion passed unanimously. She also requested that the town take bids on other medical insurance for employees.



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9. Utility Advisory Board President Dick Schwalm gave a presentation on the "A Leak A Week" program that will soon be rolled out to the public.
10. Dispatch Supervisor Lavonna Robbins asked for authority from the council to hire 3 more part-time dispatchers. Betty Riley moved to authorize this. Danny Justice seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
11. Clerk-Treasurer Drew Cooper reported that Jenny Sanders, the person who cleans the Municipal Building, has given 2-week's notice that she will no longer do so. Norm Purdue moved that Cooper be given permission to seek a new cleaning service. Shelly Kimmerling seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
12. Cooper also reported that one of the two computers that run the entire network for Police, Dispatch, Fire, EMS, and utilities at the Municipal Building was down due to a hardware failure. He said that the town's computer tech, Scott Emswiler, advised that the hardware was under warrantee, but it would take \$1000 to \$1500 in programming time to get the computer back up and running. Norm Purdue moved that this work begin as soon as possible and that Cooper be authorized up to \$2000 from the Cum Capital Improvement Fund to pay for it. Danny Justice seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
13. Cooper advised the council that Ameriana Bank of Middletown had offered to pay .30 percent interest on the stormwater utility account. Cooper said this is six times the .05 rate the town was currently receiving from First Merchants Bank of Middletown. Danny Justice moved that the stormwater funds be transferred to Ameriana Bank. Norm Purdue seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
14. Bill Harrison asked attorney Joel Harvey if he had any findings on the idea to hire a current dispatch employee as a contractor. Harvey said his findings indicated the employee would most likely still be considered an employee under the Federal Labor Standards Act.
15. There being nothing further to come before council, the meeting was adjourned.

Betty Riley  
Scott Emswiler  
Drew Cooper

William E. Harrison  
Norman V. Purdue  
Drew Cooper  
Clerk-Treasurer