

## Daleville names marshall

by Nancy Searfoss

By a 3-2 margin, Middletown Deputy Marshall James A. Orr was appointed Daleville town marshall at a special town board meeting Sunday.

The appointment followed an executive session. Board member Bruce Bailey and board president Norm Levell requested the special meeting last week. A special panel recommended Orr's appointment from three applicants at last week's meeting. Levell and Bailey were the dissenting voters at Sunday's meeting.

Levell said he voted no for several reasons. "I have reservations about him (Orr) being a home town boy. I want to be sure everybody in town will get a fair shake. We should not have to carry over anything from Middletown."

Levell's reference to Middletown concerned Orr's being named in lawsuits filed by three Middletown residents.

In April of last year the three residents accused Orr and Town Marshall John Higgins of harassment and unnecessary use of force.

In July, Orr and Higgins filed countersuits charging the three with conspiracy to unlawfully seek the removal of the town marshall and his deputy from office.

In the countersuits, Higgins and Orr claim they acted legally and did what was necessary to enforce the law.

The three civil suits and countersuits are still pending.

Bailey said he objected to Orr's appointment "for the same reasons Levell gave and more." He refused to elaborate on those reasons.

At last week's meeting, Bailey objected to the board not interviewing the candidates.

A special panel of two Delaware County policemen and a state police officer,

along with three town residents, interviewed the three applicants. No town board members were involved in the screening.

Orr served four years in the Marine Corps where he received MP training. He is also a graduate of the Indiana State Law Enforcement Academy. A Daleville native, Orr graduated from Daleville High School. He and his wife, Elizabeth, have a 13-month old daughter.

In other board business, action was tabled once again on ordering a police car.



MARSHAL JAMES A. ORR

## Middletown Deputy Is Hired as Daleville Town Marshal

STAR STATE REPORT

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Town board member Bruce Bailey and board President Norman Levell last week asked for the special meeting after a panel recommended Orr for the position. Orr was one of three applicants for the job.

Board members voted 3-2 for the appointment. Levell and Bailey voted against the measure.

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Orr has been a Middletown patrolman for nearly three years.

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He is married and has a 13-month-old daughter.

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Daleville High School band members recently performed on the Capitol steps in Washington D.C. Pictured with the band are director, Karen Grady and Representative Phil Sharp. In addition to the Capitol performance, the band brought home second place honors from Heritage Days at Shenandoah College, Winchester, Virginia. The band included a tour of the national capitol and a day at Busch Gardens on their trip.