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MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

The Middletown Town Council met on September 6, 2016 in the Public Meeting Room at 653 Locust Street, Middletown, Indiana at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was opened by Town Council President Jake Smith leading those present in the pledge to the flag. Clerk-Treasurer Drew Cooper noted that Council Members Jake Smith, Donita Chambless, Gary Kendall, Dave Wagner, and Betty Riley were present. Town Attorney Joel Harvey was present.

1. The Town Marshal reported that a representative from the Marathon Oil Company will attend the next town council meeting to present a check for \$2400 to the K9 Fund.
2. Dave Wagner moved to authorize the Town Marshal to purchase a K9 vehicle cage for the second police dog for \$2,190.12 from the K9 Fund. Donita Chambless seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Dispatch Supervisor Lavonna Robbins recommended that the town hire Cora Betteridge as a Dispatcher Grade 1. Gary Kendal moved to hire Cora Betteridge. Dave Wagner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Dave Wagner moved to hire Doug Carpenter as a Utility Worker Grade 3. Gary Kendall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Dave Wanger moved to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to pay Graves Plumbing \$500,042.11 as per pay estimate #6 of the Water Treatment Plant Replacement Project. Donita Chambless seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Dave Wagner moved to present the Notice to Proceed to Brackney Inc., the contractor for the 8th Street Stormsewer Project. Gary Kendall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
7. The quotes were opened and read for the 2016 Paving Project. E&B Paving and Paving Solutions Inc. were the low quotes. Donita Chambless moved to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to sign contracts with both vendors for the project, and to move \$15,000 from the Local Road & Street Fund to the Rainy Day Fund to help fund the match with INDOT. Gary Kendall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
8. The Concerned Citizens of Henry County presented petitions signed by local residents in opposition to wind farms. After much discussion, the council tabled the issue until the next meeting.
9. The Clerk-Treasurer presented a report on the budget impact of joining a co-op with IMPA Service Corporation (ISC) and 8 other IMPA towns (Frankton, Knightstown, Spiceland, Dunreith, Lewisville, Straughn, Dublin, and Centerville). He estimated that the gross cost would be \$244,200 per year, but with a budget savings of \$209,650 per year, resulting in a net cost of \$34,550 per year. The Town Council President requested that a representative from ISC come to the next meeting to answer more questions about the proposal.



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10. Dave Wagner moved to change the sewer charge for the Park Department's water park from the variable metered charge to the standard flat rate, due to the fact that little of the water the splash pad uses ever goes into the sewer system. Donita Chambless seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Dave Wagner moved to freeze any additional hiring for the utility department until a decision is made on the ISC co-op. Donita Chambless seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Clerk-Treasurer