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MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 7, 2017

The Middletown Town Council met on November 7, 2017 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 was present. Council Members Jake Smith, Steve Holmes, Dave Wagner, Donita Chambless and Gary Kendall were present. Town Attorney Joel Harvey was present.

1. Dave Wagner moved to authorize the Utilities Superintendent to hire Burns Corporation to install Three 140A trip reclosers and Three 150A fuses for a cost of \$8,892.78, to be paid out of the Electric Capital Reserve Fund. Steve Holmes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
2. The Clerk-Treasurer reported that Holic Foods has taken possession of the property at 710 Norfleet Drive and is beginning renovations.
3. Matt Spidel, of Butler-Fairman-Seufert, reported that the new quotes for the Columbia Drive Fire Hydrant Project are scheduled to be opened at the next meeting on November 21.
4. Spidel requested that the council authorize the Town Council President to sign an agreement for BFS to provide the engineering work required to apply for an OCRA grant to update the sewage treatment plant, not to exceed \$10,000. Gary Kendall moved to approve the recommendation. Donita Chambless seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
5. The Town Attorney presented a draft version of an ordinance to require dog owners to implant microchips in their pets for identification. After discussion, the council asked the Town Attorney to research using the New Castle Court to handle all loose dog tickets instead of the Middletown Clerk-Treasurer. The Town Attorney said he would report back at the next meeting.
6. The Utilities Superintendent reported she plans on meeting with the Town Marshal about parking restrictions on 5th Street and will report back at the next meeting.
7. A public hearing was held on RESOLUTION 2017-11-07-01 A RESOLUTION APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS TO CERTAIN FUNDS. The resolution authorized the following additional appropriations:

CUM FIRE SPEC FUND	\$ 5,000.00
MVH FUND	\$10,000.00
8. Christmas Parade Committee Member Steve Thompson requested that the Middletown Police Department provide additional security during the event. The Council instructed the Town Marshal to present a security plan at the next meeting.



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9. The Clerk-Treasurer reported that the employee health insurance renewal with Anthem BC/BS would require a 38% increase in premiums for 2018 if the town stays with the current coverage. He said that a slightly different plan under the Affordable Care Act would be slightly less costly, with a 22% increase. Another option would be to change the coverage more drastically to cut costs. He said the town's insurance agent Josh Estelle, of Pfenninger-Claxton-Estelle, will be at the next meeting to answer questions. In the mean time, the Clerk-Treasurer will schedule a meeting with the employees and Estelle to discuss the situation and survey the employees on their preferences.

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

Clerk-Treasurer