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MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 21, 2017

The Middletown Town Council met on November 21, 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, and Gary Kendall were present. Council Member Donita Chambless was absent. Town Attorney Joel Harvey was present.

- 1. A public hearing was held on the proposed Sewer Treatment Plant Update Project. Donna Anderson and Kent Anderson, of Kenna Consulting, administered the public hearing. Matt Spidel, of Butler-Fairman-Seufert, reported that the project scope includes new flow meters, grinders, pumps, and stormwater sewer separation in the downtown area.
2. Dave Wagner moved to authorize the Town Council President to sign the close-out document for the Water Treatment Plant Replacement Project OCRA grant and the 8th Street Stormsewer Project OCRA grant. Steve Holmes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Josh Estelle, of Pfenninger Insurance Agency, reported on a Middletown employee meeting that was held to discuss the health insurance renewal. He explained that several options were discussed to try and alleviate the proposed 38% increase in premiums. The Clerk-Treasurer reported that a survey of the employees was unanimous that they would prefer Legacy Alternative 3, with a smaller 8% increase in premiums, higher deductible, and an extra \$50 per month contributed from the town to each employee's HSA account. The Clerk-Treasurer reported this plan would cost the town approximately 13.9% more than the current year, which is less than the 15% anticipated in the 2018 budget.
4. Dave Wagner moved to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to change the employee health insurance plan to Legacy Alternative 3, along with the increase in HSA contribution, effective with the Anthem renewal on January 1, 2018. Gary Kendall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
5. The Town Attorney reported that he had found an un-signed copy of an agreement between the New Castle Court and Middletown to handle police tickets, including loose dog tickets. The Clerk-Treasurer and Town Attorney will check their respective office files to try and find a signed copy. If not found, the Town Attorney suggests such an agreement be signed by the current town council and procedures be put in place to use the New Castle Court for such police tickets. The Town Attorney said he would report back at the next meeting on progress.
6. The Utilities Superintendent recommended that the no parking zones at the intersection of 5th and Locust Streets be increased to 40 feet. The Town Council President directed her to do so.

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

Clerk-Treasurer