

MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JULY 31, 2018

The Middletown Town Council met for a special public meeting in the Public Meeting Room at 653 Locust Street, Middletown, Indiana at 7:00 P.M. Clerk-Treasurer Drew Cooper was present. Council Members Jake Smith, Steve Holmes, and Gary Kendall were present. Donita Chambless and Dave Wagner were absent. Town Attorney Joel Harvey was absent.

1. Matt Spidel, of Butler-Fairman-Seufert, gave a presentation on the sewer main break on 10th Street between Locust and Cottage Streets. He said a twelve inch clay sewer main has collapsed causing a blockage. Rocks have penetrated the pipe with sand entering and working its way to the treatment plant causing damage. He had no firm cost figures yet, but estimated up to \$500,000 for the repair. He said Bowan, a contractor from Indianapolis, would be willing to contract for the repairs on an emergency basis. It will be 1 or 2 months before the contractor is available and take approximately 30 days to perform the repairs. He said that due to the poor soil under that section of road, which includes quick-sand, the contractor is planning on driving piles deep into the ground before excavating and using the piles as rails for sliding a safety box down into the hole. Spidel said he is working with the Indiana Finance Authority to try and acquire a 10-year emergency loan of \$250,000. Other possible sources of funding include left-over funds from the Water Treatment Plant Replacement Project, redirecting funds from the Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrade Project, and internal loans from cash reserves. Spidel said better estimates for the repair will be presented at the August 7 Town Council meeting.

2. Jake Smith moved to appoint Carl Spears as Acting Utilities Superintendent while interviews are being conducted for a new superintendent. Gary Kendall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Clerk-Treasurer