

MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 6, 2018

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

1. Frank Smardo, of IMPA Service Corps., gave a presentation on the review his company had done on Middletown's electrical system. He presented a quote to perform a six-month Capital Improvement Plan for \$200,000 and a five-year contract Maintenance Agreement for a \$194,400 annual fee (along with \$36,000 annual materials fund payment). The Clerk-Treasurer will report at the next meeting on the budget impact of agreeing to this arrangement.
2. Marty Dulworth, of Fresh Cut Tree Service, gave a short presentation on the work his company could perform to clear vegetation from the town's power lines. The council invited Fresh Cut Tree Service, with Burns Corporation, to submit a joint proposal of a comprehensive plan to improve the Middletown electrical system at the next town council meeting.
3. Discussion on the voluntary annexation of three parcels on the west end of town was tabled until the next meeting.
4. The Acting Utilities Superintendent reported that two of his full-time employees have resigned. This leaves three employees in the Utility Department.
5. The Dispatch Supervisor reported that Dispatcher Debra Sexton has resigned and that Robert Griggs, a former dispatcher, has returned to work part-time.
6. The Dispatch Supervisor Lavonna Robbins announced her retirement as of January 29, 2019. She recommended that Dispatcher Brenda Real be promoted to become the new Dispatch Supervisor. The Council postponed this vote until the next meeting so that the full council may be present.
7. The Clerk-Treasurer recommended that Utility Office Worker Tim Mundell be promoted from Grade 4 to Grade 5. Steve Holmes moved to execute this recommendation. Dave Wagner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
8. The Clerk-Treasurer handed out copies of the Billing and Collection policy contained in the town code book. He asked the council to consider adding wording to the effect that "reconnection after being disconnected for non-payment may not occur for up to 72 hours after proper payment is made." He also asked the council to consider adding a \$25 fee for the placing of a warning red-tag on the customer's door a day before disconnection.

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

Clerk-Treasurer