

# MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 4, 2018

The Middletown Town Council met in the Training 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, Dave Wagner, Steve Holmes, Donita Chambless, and Gary Kendall were present. Town Attorney Joel Harvey was present.

1. A member of the public complained about vehicles being parked on the north side of High Street just east of the intersection with 5<sup>th</sup> Street. The Town Council President asked the Town Marshal to investigate the situation and report back at the next meeting.

2. Matt Spidel, of Butler-Fairman-Seufert, reported he is still investigating the one bid received from Yardberry Landscape Excavating for \$281,333 on Contract B of the Sewer Plant Update Project. Spidel said he will meet with the grant writer from Kenna Consulting to see if gap funding is available. Spidel will report back at the next meeting.

3. Spidel also reported that BFS has reviewed the video in the sewer main under 10<sup>th</sup> Street south of the most recent repair. There are several cracks, leakage points, and structural failures. They consulted Inland Pipe Rehabilitation and they recommend Cured-In-Place-Pipe (CIPP) Segment Lining and open cut point repair. They estimate \$78,400 in cost for the CIPP work and do not have an estimate for the open cut point repair work. The Utilities Superintendent will have video of the sewer main north of the most recent repair completed and analyzed by BFS before the next meeting.

4. The Utilities Superintendent reported that the Crestwood Trailer Park had recently damaged the large water meters that service their property so that the touch-read system will not work. The Superintendent presented a quote for approximately \$12,000 to replace the three large water meters with radio-read meters. The Clerk-Treasurer will report at the next meeting on the financial impact of such a purchase. The Town Attorney will look into the legal steps required to re-coup the town's damages from Crestwood.

5. Dave Wagner moved to authorize the Town Council President to sign the documents required to use Astbury Water Technology Inc. to provide licensed operators for the water and sewer treatment plants for the next three months. Gary Kendall seconded. Jake Smith, Donita Chambless, Gary Kendall, and Dave Wagner voted yes. Steve Holmes voted no. The motion passed.

6. Gary Kendall moved to hire Jordan Keith as a part-time Utility Worker grade 3. Steve Holmes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Donita Chambless moved to hire Duane Crow and Jaron Ayres as part-time Utility Workers grade 3. Steve Holmes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

8. The Clerk-Treasurer read ORDINANCE 2018-4 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 55 OF THE MIDDLETOWN TOWN CODE. This ordinance discontinues the use of "red tags" to warn customers their utilities will be shut-off the next day. Dave Wagner moved to approve the ordinance on its first reading. Donita Chambless seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

9. The Town Marshal recommended that Deputy Mike Stephens be promoted to grade 5, effective January 1, 2019. Dave Wagner moved to execute this recommendation. Gary Kendall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

10. A representative of Burns Corporation presented a quote in competition with the current quote from IMPA Service Corp for providing maintenance of the town's electrical system. The Town Council President tabled discussion on this issue until the next meeting.

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

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