

MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 19, 2019

The Middletown Town Council met in the Public Meeting Room at 653 Locust Street, Middletown, Indiana at 7:00 P.M. Council Members Dan Fountain, Donita Chambless, Dick Schwalm, Jake Smith, and Gary Kendall were present. Clerk-Treasurer Drew Cooper was present. Town Attorney Joel Harvey was present.

1. Dan Fountain moved to authorize the Town Council President to sign a one-year preventative maintenance agreement for \$2,665 with Evapar to provide service for to the three back-up generators the town owns. Gary Kendall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Betsy Mills gave an update on the State Legislature's pending bill to terminate the extraterritorial 4-mile radius towns may regulate for health and safety reasons. She said if the bill passes, Ordinance 2019-1, which bans wind turbines within 4 miles of Middletown, would be voided. She said it appears the bill will be adopted. Action on appointing Mills to the EIRPC was tabled until residence requirements can be determined.
3. Matt Spidel, of Butler-Fairman-Seufert (BFS), reported that work has begun on the Sewer Plant Update Project.
4. Spidel recommended that a tentative notice of award be issued to Inland Waters Pollution Control to provide the Base Bid on the 10th Street Sewer Rehabilitation Project for \$32,830. Dan Fountain moved to authorize the tentative award to Inland. Gary Kendall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
5. The Clerk-Treasurer recommended that the council begin actions required to increase the average utility customer sewer fee approximately \$4 per month in order to put the sewer operating fund on a positive cash flow basis. The Clerk-Treasurer estimated the increase in fees would generate approximately \$44,000 per year for the sewer operating fund. Donita Chambless moved to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer and Town Attorney to begin the actions required. Gary Kendall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Donita Chambless moved to authorize the Town Council President to sign an updated letter to IDEM reporting the shut off of the Controlled Sewage Overflow (CSO) 002, this being made possible because of the 5th Street Sewer Separation Project of 2014. Gary Kendall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
7. The Clerk-Treasurer reported that the bids opened at the March 5 meeting for the INDOT Community Crossings grant of 2018 were not valid because the specifications given to the vendors did not accurately match the specifications written in the grant application. Dick Schwalm moved to reject all the bids from the March 5 meeting and authorize BFS to re-advertise for bids to be opened at a special public meeting to be held on April 9. Dan Fountain seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
8. The Clerk-Treasurer reported that former Utilities Superintendent Tracy Harrison has made a counter offer that she would accept \$5,000 for back certification pay, rather than the \$2,566 offered by the town council. Donita Chambless moved to re-offer the original \$2,566 to Harrison for two years worth of certification pay. Dan Fountain seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Donita Chambless moved to authorize the signing by the town council of an Indemnification Letter to the Anderson Police Department in regards to employment of Deputy Marty Dulworth. Dan Fountain seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Dick Schwalm volunteered to meet with the Clerk-Treasurer to discuss the possible purchase of a tool box truck bed for the Utility Department.

11. The Clerk-Treasurer introduced an update to the 2019 Salary Ordinance to add the salaries for Sewer Plant Operator and Water Plant Operator.

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

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