

MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 2, 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, Dick Schwalm, and Jake Smith were present. Donita Chambless and Gary Kendall were absent. Clerk-Treasurer Drew Cooper was present. Town Attorney Joel Harvey was present.

1. Dan Fountain moved to hire James Hunt as a full-time Deputy Marshal Grade 3. Dick Schwalm seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Deputy Hunt was immediately sworn in by the Clerk-Treasurer.
2. The Town Marshal announced that she has appointed Deputy Matt Thompson as Captain.
3. Scott Emswiler, of Scott's Computers, presented a quote for \$2,040.00 to provide Managed Virus Protection for the 22 computers in the Municipal Building. He suggested that this would be a better solution than paying for "data breach" insurance. No action was taken on this matter.
4. Matt Spidel, of Butler-Fairman-Seufert (BFS), reported that gas line relocation work is progressing on the Sewer Plant Update Project. Work on the Locust Street storm sewer and work at the sewer treatment plant will begin soon.
5. Dan Fountain moved to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to loan \$25,000 from the Electric Cash Reserve Fund to the Sewer and Storm Capital Reserve Funds to be paid back over the next 5 years. This money is to be used to pay for the 10th Street Sewer Rehabilitation Project base bid. Dick Schwalm seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Spidel said he will bring the paper work to the next meeting to formally award this work to Inland Waters Pollution Control.
6. The Clerk-Treasurer announced that INDOT has awarded Middletown a \$210,585.75 Communities Crossing Grant for 2019. This grant was applied for during the January 2019 grant phase. The grant will pay for repaving 10 streets this summer. Dick Schwalm moved to authorize the Town Council President to sign the agreement with INDOT to receive the grant. Dan Fountain seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
7. Dan Fountain moved to adopt updates to the 2019 Salary Ordinance to provide for salaries for the Sewer Plant Operator and the Water Plant Operator. Dick Schwalm seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
8. The Clerk-Treasurer read ORDINANCE 2019-3 AMENDING ORDINANCE 03-03-2009-2 AN ORDINANCE THAT INCREASES THE RATES AND CHARGES OF THE MIDDLETOWN MUNICIPAL SEWER WORKS. This ordinance will 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. Dan Fountain moved to approve the ordinance on its first reading. Dick Schwalm seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
9. The Clerk-Treasurer reported that former Utilities Superintendent Tracy Harrison has accepted the \$2,566 offer for two years worth of certification pay
10. Dick Schwalm reported that he is working with local electrician Dan Dunn to update the electrical wiring requirements the town has in the code book. He will report back at the next meeting.
11. Dan Fountain moved to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to pay \$220 to the Henry County Community Foundation for a dumpster to be placed at the Municipal Building during the spring clean-up week. Dick Schwalm seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

12. The Utilities Superintendent reported that illegal waste has been found in the sewer system, most likely coming from the new hot sauce bottling plant in town, Holic Foods. He said his workers are putting in extra time to skim off the illegal waste and they have called in outside contractors as well. Dick Schwalm said he is documenting the costs for reimbursement. The Utilities Superintendent said he is talking with IDEM about the matter.

13. Dick Schwalm moved to appoint Patty Schwalm to the Civic Center Board. Dan Fountain seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

14. The Town Council President announced he is scheduling a Redevelopment Commission Meeting for April 11, 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

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

Clerk-Treasurer