

MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MAY 7, 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, Donita Chambless, Gary Kendall and Jake Smith were present. Clerk-Treasurer Drew Cooper was present. Town Attorney Joel Harvey was present.

1. Resident Teresa Riggs complained that utility workers have left ruts in her yard. Dick Schwalm said he would investigate the matter.
2. Jim Richey, of the Middletown Lions Club, requested permission to use the town streets for the annual Fair Parade on June 4. The council granted permission by consensus.
3. Fall Creek Township Trustee Steve Thompson gave a presentation on a proposed merger of the town government and the township government. Dan Fountain moved to accept the resolution that the township board had adopted forming a committee to investigate the government merger. Dick Schwalm seconded. By roll-call vote, the motion passed unanimously.
4. Donita Chambless moved to authorize the Town Council President to sign a 10-year contract with Leary Construction for \$28,700 per year for maintenance of the two water towers. Because this is a \$11,700 increase over the budgeted amount, the motion includes transferring that amount from Water Cash Reserves to the Water Operating Fund. Dan Fountain seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
5. The Clerk-Treasurer read RESOLUTION 2019-05-07-01 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN, INDIANA AUTHORIZING A CERTAIN VEHICLE LOAN AGREEMENT. This resolution authorizes a loan of \$23,324 from Star Financial Bank to be used in the purchase of a new 2019 Ford F-150 Police Truck. Dan Fountain moved to approve the resolution. Gary Kendall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Dan Fountain moved to authorize the Town Council President to sign an agreement and a Notice-to-Proceed with Inland Waters to do the sewer main lining on 10th Street north of Locust Street. Donita Chambless seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
7. Dan Fountain moved to authorize the Town Council President to sign an agreement and a Notice-to-Proceed with Baumgartner & Co. to execute the 2018 INDOT CCMG grant, which repaves 8th Street and 10th Street. Donita Chambless seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
8. A public hearing was held on the proposed ordinance to increase the rates and charges of the municipal sewer works. There were no comments from the public. Donita Chambless moved to close the public hearing. Dick Schwalm seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
9. Dan Fountain moved to approve the third reading of ORDINANCE 2019-3 AMENDING ORDINANCE 03-03-2009-2 AN ORDINANCE THAT INCREASES THE RATES AND CHARGES OF THE MIDDLETOWN MUNICIPAL SEWER WORKS by name and number only. 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. Donita Chambless seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The ordinance was adopted.
7. Dick Schwalm presented an ordinance to add new electrical wiring requirements to the town's code book. Donita Chambless moved to approve the first reading of ORDINANCE 2019-4 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR WIRING INSTALLATIONS AND ELECTRICAL IMPROVEMENTS by name and number only. Gary Kendall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

8. The Town Marshal reported that the video security cameras servicing the Municipal Building are not functioning. She is working with Scott Emswiler to obtain a quote for a new system.
9. The Town Marshal requested that the intersection of 14th and Congress be changed to a 4-way stop. The Town Council President instructed the Town Attorney to draw up an ordinance before the next meeting to change the intersection.
10. The Town Marshal requested that both sides of 5th Street north of Locust be made a no-parking area and that signs be posted on both sides of the street. The Town Council President instructed the Town Attorney to draw up an ordinance before the next meeting to make both sides of 5th Street north of Locust a no-parking area.
11. Donita Chambless moved to hire Kira Smith as a part-time Dispatcher Grade 1. Dan Fountain seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
12. Dan Fountain moved to authorize the Fire Chief to purchase a used air compressor and make the necessary repairs to the compressor, not to exceed \$5000 in total cost. Donita Chambless seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
13. Dan Fountain moved to have the recycling dumpsters in the Municipal Building parking lot removed. Dick Schwalm seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
14. The Sewer Plant Operator reported that he has prepared a letter in response to IDEM for the violations they discovered during a recent inspection.
15. The Town Council President instructed the Town Attorney to write a letter to the owner of the flowing well on South 8th Street explaining that he must repair the drain from that well to the creek so that it does not use the sewer system.
16. Dick Schwalm moved to authorize the Utilities Superintendent to rent two flow meters for 90 days at a price of \$8621.00. Gary Kendall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
17. Jake Smith moved to appoint Dan Fountain to the EIRPC Board. Donita Chambless seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
18. Dan Fountain moved to authorize the Utilities Superintendent to purchase a utility truck bed tool box from Clark Truck Equipment for \$7266.00. The purchase to be paid from the Water Operating Fund equipment budget. The \$7266 to first be transferred from the Water Cash Reserves. Dick Schwalm seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
19. The Clerk-Treasurer introduced the proposed 2020 Salary Ordinance. The proposed ordinance increases all employee pay for 25 cents per hour.

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

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