

MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MAY 21, 2019

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

1. The Town Council President presented a plaque to Jerry Manis to honor his 50 years of service to the Middletown Fire Department.
2. The Town Marshal introduced the recent graduates from the Reserve Deputy Training: Collin Casstevens, Jennifer Dorn, Anthony Biddle, Shaun Ball, Joseph Stephens, and Anthony Miranda. Jake Smith moved to approve the appointment of all six to the Middletown Police Reserves. Donita Chambless seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The Clerk-Treasurer performed the swearing in ceremony.
3. Donita Chambless moved to approve the second reading of ORDINANCE 2019-4 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR WIRING INSTALLATIONS AND ELECTRICAL IMPROVEMENTS by name and number only. Dick Schwalm seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Dick Schwalm moved to adopt the proposed 2020 Salary Ordinance which contains a 25 cent per hour increase for every pay grade. Donita Chambless seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The ordinance was adopted and will be effective January 1, 2020.
5. The Clerk-Treasurer reported that the tax cap credit analysis by Bakertilly of the proposed fire engine purchase/financing has been completed. The increase in tax rates would cause approximately \$43,000 in additional tax cap credits to be taken from Middletown's property tax levy, with 80% of this coming from the General Fund. The Clerk-Treasurer said the Fire Chief agreed to have \$25,000 transferred from the Fire LIT Public Safety fund to the General Fund each year to make up some of the burden. Also the Fire Chief would not object to the Town Council forgiving the \$124,000 debt to the Water Utility for past unpaid fire hydrant fees.
6. The Clerk-Treasurer present RESOLUTION 2019-05-21-01 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN, INDIANA FORGIVING THE TOWN'S HYDRANT FEE DEBT. The Town Council President tabled discussion on this resolution until the next meeting.
7. The Town Attorney presented ORDINANCE 2019-5 AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING PARKING IN CERTAIN AREAS IN THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN, INDIANA. The Town Council President tabled discussion on this ordinance until the next meeting.
8. The Town Attorney presented ORDINANCE 2019-6 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING STOP SIGNS AT THE INTERSECTION OF CONGRESS STREET AND SOUTH 14TH STREET IN THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN, INDIANA (AMENDMENT TO THE MIDDLETOWN TRAFFIC SCHEDULE, CHAPTER 74, SCHEDULE 1 OF THE MIDDLETOWN TOWN CODE). Donita Chambless moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2019-6 by name and number only. Dick Schwalm seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
9. The Town Council President requested that action on removing the recycling dumpsters be postponed until the entire Town Council can discuss the ramifications. The Town Council President tabled the discussion until the next meeting.

10. Donita Chambless moved to re-hire Ryan Surguy as a part-time utility worker grade 4. Dick Schwalm seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Clerk-Treasurer