

MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 11, 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, Gary Kendall, Donita Chambless, Dan Fountain, and Jake Smith were Present. Town Attorney Joel Harvey was present.

1. Donita Chambless moved to approve resolution 2019-5-21-1 to forgive the fire hydrant debt of \$103,212 due the utility department. Dan Fountain seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
2. Matt Spidel of BFS gave an update on sewer plant work and the Locust Street sewer repair.
3. Tim Mundell presented 2 claims; 1) an invoice from BFS for engineering services related to Waste Water Plant improvements in the amount of \$17,800, and 2) a first request for payment from Yarberry Landscape Excavating Co., for work related to sewer improvements on Locust Street in the amount of 240,821.94.
4. Single bid was received for INDOT Community Crossings Grant 2019 from E & B Paving in the amount of \$257,672.15. Bid was turned over to BFS.
5. Donita Chambless moved to approve Electric Wiring Code 2019-4 in second reading. Gary Kendall seconded. Donita moved to approve same code in third reading; Dan Fountain seconded. Donita moved to approve the ordinance, Gary seconded and the motion was approved unanimously. The ordinance will be signed at the June 18 Council meeting.
6. On the question as to whether or not to keep the recycling dumpsters behind the Municipal Building, Dan Fountain moved to keep them; Donita seconded. 4 ayes and one nay cast by Dick Schwalm. A discussion followed concerning going to a one company trash pickup service.
7. Police Chief, Amanda Kirby, asked if the Dispatch Department could revert to control by the Police Department. Brenda Real, Dispatch Supervisor agreed with the suggestion. The entities would continue with 2 budgets for the remainder of the year with one Department Head and one Dispatch Supervisor. Donita moved to approve. Gary seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.
8. Chief Kirby asked to have Shea Kirk moved from part time to full time dispatcher at pay grade 5. Dan Fountain moved to approve and Gary Kendall seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
9. Chief Kirby asked if, like police officers, dispatchers could choose either one and one half hours of Comp Time or Over Time pay for hours worked over 80 hours in one pay period. After discussion, this was approved by the Council.
10. Chief Kirby brought to the attention of the Council that Officer Cobb had been involved in a vehicle vs. pole accident recently. She presented estimates of repair costs to the truck for filing with the insurance company.
11. Town Supervisor, Carl Spears, has hired two new employees: Robert Barker at Grade 4 and Rick Hollingsworth at Grade 5. These employees were interviewed by Dick Schwalm. Dan Fountain moved to approve these hires; Gary Kendall seconded and the vote was unanimous.

12. Supervisor Spears said the paving done in downtown recently was premature due to decision by BFS engineers and now some of it needs to be removed to place new curbs 12" below the surface. He also cited the need for two replacement light poles downtown because of a rust problem. He further noted that the traditional downtown Christmas lights cannot be replaced due to the lack of availability of incandescent light bulbs.

13. Civic Center Board President, Patty Schwalm, Came bearing good news. The Civic Center has received its first annuity dividend from the Henry County Community Foundation in the amount of \$1000.00. She also announced that Josh Anderson of FAB-A-CAB has offered his services to paint the downstairs of the Civic Center, replace the ceiling fans, remodel the elevator interior, and replace the two arm chairs in the office lobby. All donated. The work will be done on Wednesday, July 17. Mrs. Schwalm is replacing the front curtains downstairs. Donita asked that an Ordinance for management of the Civic Center be created to be effective Jan 1, 2020.

14. Tim Mundell reminded the Council that the Sewer Fund is down \$-4,000.00 and suggested that we remove the Summer Sprinkling discount effective July 15 to increase sewer revenue. Dick Schwalm moved to approve; Dan Fountain seconded and the motion was carried unanimously. The Clerk Treasurer will create a handout for exceptions (pool owners), who will pay for water, but will have sewer charges adjusted for pool fills.

15. Donita Chambless asked for the names of members of the Redevelopment Commission, and how they are appointed. Jake Smith answered that 2 are appointed by the President and 3 by the council.

16. Dick Schwalm revealed that there was considerable damage done to electrical equipment in Dietrich Park by an unlicensed electrician during the Lion's Club Fair. The Council decided to notify the Lion's Club that, in future, all electrical work having to do with the Fair must be done by a licensed electrician.

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

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