

MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

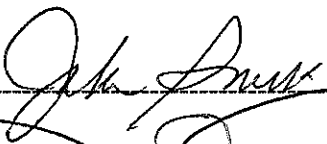
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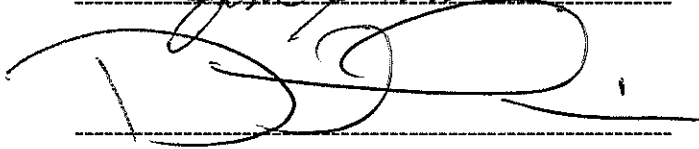
The Middletown Town Council met in the Public Meeting Room at 653 Locust Street, Middletown, Indiana at 7:00 P.M. Council Members Dick Schwalm, Gary Kendall, Donita Chambless, Dan Fountain and President Jake Smith were present. Town Attorney Joel Harvey was also in attendance.

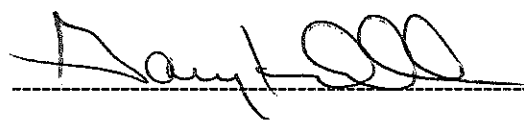
1. Police Chief, Amanda Kirby, asked if she could interview Benjamin Szubryt for a part time dispatcher position; to train in Grade 1 pay level and then move to Grade 3. Gary Kendall moved to approve her request. Donita Chambless seconded and the motion was carried unanimously. She also asked to start the process of hiring a new full time dispatcher. This was also approved.
2. Chief Kirby reported that the new vests for Reserve Officers will be fitted on July 14, 2019. Also the new police vehicle is nearly prepped and as soon as it is in service, the recently damaged truck will go to Riley and Son for repair.
3. Ryan Paschal reported on progress at the Waste Water Plant. His biggest concern is that his instructions to the crew are not being followed in a consistent manner. The Council asked that he take notes and report problems directly to them. He reported that Danny Pugsley has completed the ditch to divert water from his spring away from the Waste Water Plant.
4. Butler, Fairman and Seufert has presented a claim in the amount of \$10,500.00 for engineering during the recent sewer repair in downtown Middletown. Donita Chambless moved to approve payment; Dan Fountain seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.
5. Dan Fountain moved to approve the formation of a Town Election Board to oversee the fall election. Gary Kendall Seconded and the motion was passed in a vote of 4 to 1, Donita Chambless being the no vote.
6. BFS has forwarded the contract with E&B paving for paving in nine (9) different areas of the Town. The document was turned over to Town Attorney, Joel Harvey for review. Since it is due for return before the next Council Meeting, he suggested that the contract be approved at this session, contingent upon his report. Dan Fountain moved to approve the contract; Donita Chambless seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
7. Carl Spears reported that the Utility Department has recently installed a half a dozen radio-read meters.
8. A Public Meeting was announced for the purpose of appropriating \$25,000.00 in additional funds for the Park Fund's 2019 budget. There being no discussion, Donita Chambless moved to pass Resolution 2019-07-02-01 approving addition appropriations to certain funds. Gary Kendall seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.
9. Donita Chambless moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the Town and Fall Creek Township to equally share financial responsibility for exploration of the proposed merger of Town and Township, up to a limit of \$15,000.00 each. Gary Kendall seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.
10. Donita Chambless moved to reimburse Warren Melton for a plumbing bill for \$100.00 to have water service turned on at a rental property. Dick Schwalm seconded and motion passed 3 to 2; Gary Kendall and Dan Fountain voting against.

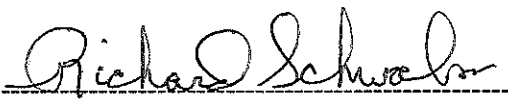
11. Donita Chambless moved to allow employee Brenda Real to work from home on a laptop computer. She's going to be an administrative assistant – other duties as assigned. Dan Fountain seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
12. Donita Chambless reported on meetings with the Fire Chief, the Trustee for Fall Creek Township and Drew Cooper, who was at that time Clerk Treasurer for the Town. The goal is to purchase a fire truck and the SBCA equipment all on one bond issue with a 6 year debt for the Town and a 6 year debt for the Township. And then, much like our Police Department, the goal would be to add to our fire department every 6 years. This in no way shape or form involves the merger of Town and Township. Gary Kendall asked if we could look at a different bond attorney. He considers Ice Miller to be the Cadillac in that field and, therefore, very expensive. Joel Harvey said we could ask for proposals. Donita said she could bring it up at the next Fire Truck Committee meeting.

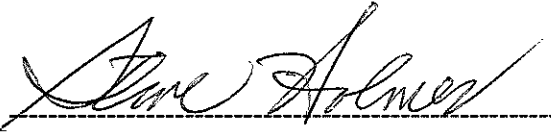
There being nothing else to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.











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