

MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

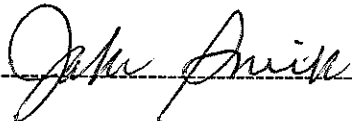
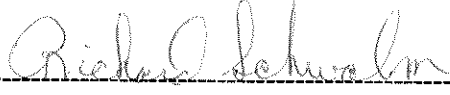
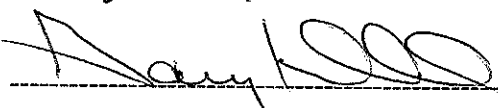
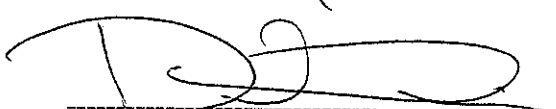
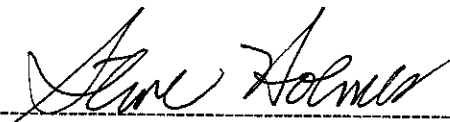
July 16, 2019

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, Dan Fountain and Jake Smith were present. Town Attorney Greg Crider was also present.

- 1 Carl Spears, Utility Superintendent, reported that he has not heard from E & B Pavement as to when work will begin on street paving. He said the radio read installations will be accelerated as the Clerk-Treasurer will be notifying residents to phone for a convenient appointment to have the work done.
- 2 Tim Mundell reported on correspondence from the Indiana Finance Authority regarding the remainder of funds borrowed for the new Water Plant in 2015. It provided three choices as to how to manage the \$74,298.00 remaining. 1) Provide invoices to be reimbursed for items already listed; 2) Find a new project with which to spend down the funds or, 3) Close out the loan. Carl Spears reported that there are two related invoices outstanding and that Scott Emswiler has yet to complete the security gate funded by the same loan. It was suggested that the remainder could be utilized for replacement of fire hydrants.
- 3 Steve Thompson reported that the sub-committees for the Town of Middletown/Fall Creek Township reorganization proposal are falling into place. The next meeting of the Reorganization Committee will be on August 13, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.
- 4 The Town has received the 2020 Service Agreement with the Henry County Humane Society. After some discussion, the item was tabled. The Council and the Chief of Police will review it for signature.
- 5 Dan Fountain reported on the Middletown Environmental Committee. The cat round-up is being organized and the single trash hauler proposal is nearing the bidding process. Dick Schwalm cited a problem with the Heagy property across the street from his business. The property is unkempt and inhabited by wild animals. He thinks it's time to do something about it. The Clerk-Treasurer and Chief of Police will collaborate on handling the matter.
- 6 Dan Fountain has drafted a protocol for dealing with the tampering with or theft of public utilities. He is working with Chief Kirby to create an ordinance handling such matters.
- 7 Chief Amanda Kirby approached the Council with whether or not a former Town Police Officer could be paid for a subpoenaed court appearance on July 11, 2019. The case dealt with matters that took place while he was employed. Dan Fountain moved to approve two hours pay as a private contractor at the rate he was being paid when he left our employment. Gary Kendall seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.
- 8 Chief Kirby has received several applications for the full-time dispatcher position in her department. She will be interviewing in the coming week and requests Council presence at the meetings.
- 9 Chief Kirby reported that the new Police Vehicle is still having lighting installed. It should be completed in a few days at which time Officer Cobb's vehicle will go into the shop for repair.

- 10 Carl Spears reported on several recent power outages and downed trees due to weather conditions. Steve Holmes mentioned an incident wherein heavier than normal sewer caused manhole covers in the area of the waste water plant to pop off. A resident ran over one of the opened manholes and damaged her car. The Town's insurance policy will cover the damage. Carl Spears will look into changing the manhole covers in question to a type that can be bolted down.
- 11 Patty Schwalm reported, again that local business Fab-A-Cab will be devoting their Community Service Day to the Civic Center and Gazebo Park on July 17, 2019 from 8:00 am until noon. She expressed some concern about the elevator in the Civic Center and asked if the Utility Supervisor could arrange an inspection by Hoosier Elevator, our contracted expert. Carl Spears explained that there is one sump-pump in the elevator shaft and one at the basement floor level to handle the rise to a level where the water can be expelled. He will schedule a check of the elevator pit monthly. Dick Schwalm suggested contracting Allen New HVAC to do scheduled checks on the heating and air conditioning in the Civic Center.
- 12 Dan Fountain asked the Council to approve waiving the Rummage Sale Fee for August 9th and 10th so that there can be a Town-wide Rummage Sale on the weekend of the Middletown Fall Creek Township Historical Society's Annual Car Show. Dick Schwalm seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

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