

MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

October 1, 2019

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

1. Matt Spidel, our engineer from Butler, Fairman & Seufert, reported that the OCRA Grant project at the waste water treatment plant. They did the final inspection today. The work is substantially complete except for a few clean up items. I have Progress Estimate # 2 for pay application for your consideration here tonight. It is for \$64,101.25 be authorized for Robert E. Crosby, Inc. Dick Schwalm moved to pay the Pay Application for \$64,101.25 and Dan Fountain seconded. The motion passed unanimously, and Jake Smith signed the order.
2. Next, Mr. Spidel talked about the INDOT Community Crossings Grant. Baumgardener is planning to mobilize tomorrow on the paving of 8th and 10th Streets from 236 to Locust St. They plan to be finished by October 5, 2019.
3. The third item Mr. Spidel addressed is the Town's Drinking Water Grant through SRF loan. The Town still has an outstanding balance that can be used. We've identified needs as a mini-excavator and updated meter reading equipment. In order to move the process along with SRF we need to publish a public notice in the newspaper. We are requesting that Council make a motion that BFS be authorized to put that public notice in the paper. The Town would get three quotes and then we can send that off to SRF and go ahead and make the purchase. Tim Mundell asked how much is being spent because there have been additional claims against the available funds. Mr. Spidel cited the cost of the excavator at approximately \$40,000.00 and the meter reading equipment at \$7,500.00 for software and up to 1,500.00 for the computer. The balance to work from is \$59,791.09. Mr. Mundell cited a SRF approved project, the security gate at the water plant, for which we have not received an invoice, but which is expected to cost about \$17,000.00. This, in addition to the added expenditures would put us over the amount available. Carl Spears, Town Superintendent said that there is very little left to do on the security gate and he has spoken to Scott Emswiler about getting us an invoice. Mr. Spidel opined that he feels that we should go ahead and publish a public notice stating that the Town intends to spend the remainder of the proceeds. Dan Fountain moved to allow BFS to publish the Town's intention to use the remainder of the SRF grant. Gary seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.
4. Carl Spears asked if we need three quotes on the meter reading equipment and software. That equipment comes from Utility Supply who provides our software. Mr. Spidel stated that since we already have that system in use, SRF would allow the Town to continue that relationship.
5. The Clerk Treasurer read Town Council Resolution 2019-10-1-10, *a resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Middletown, Indiana, approving a lease between the Middletown Redevelopment Authority and Middletown Redevelopment Commission and Approving the issuance of lease rental bonds by the Redevelopment Authority and other matters related thereto*. Dan Fountain brought up the fact that a meeting 14 days ago was the first time that the Council actually talked about actually buying

a fire truck. Prior to that time, the Council as a whole, just knew that there was a fire truck Committee and that the Town would need a new truck in the near future. There was no discussion by the Town Council about costs or ways of financing until 14 days ago. Suddenly the Council was blindsided by all this heretofore unheard of documentation in the works. The Redevelopment Commission was also at that meeting and knew nothing about the purchase of a new fire truck, nor their apparent involvement in that process. So this is the second meeting about this truck without any substantial facts. Mr. Fountain has reached out to Brian Rednour and Phil Chambless to get supporting information so that he could understand some of what is going on. It is apparent that the Town needs a truck. There is no question that we need a truck. Our truck is 25 years old and if a "standard" truck is older than 20 years it needs to be replaced. A custom truck is 25 years. We need a replacement. Justification of that need isn't a question. It is something we need to be talking about. Same thing with the air packs. They need to be replaced because they expire in December of 2021. There's no reason to question the justification. It's all about the money and raising property taxes. He added that the cost of the project went from \$930,000.00 down to \$757,000.00 in 14 days. That was done, he supposed, by the "committee." Brian Rednour explained that he has been working with Hoosier Fire since last year. He gave them the specifications for the truck with the equipment list, the inventory list of what we have on the truck; plus a list of air packs. This is where we have Bakertilly tell us yes you can or no you can't, and how many years you can do it in. I've been telling this Town Board for the last five years that this day was coming. Jake has been here longer than anyone. Every year I tell them these air packs are going out. We've got a truck that's 25 years old. We gotta be doing something. Dan Fountain interjected that he thought this was what the Truck Committee was doing. Brian Rednour responded that the Truck Committee is responsible for putting together the specifications. The Town Council and the Trustee are responsible for the financing. Dan Fountain reiterated that the Town Council learned about an already in place financing deal 14 days ago. Brian Rednour contended that the cost has not been a secret. Dan Fountain asked the Council if anyone else knew about it, then continued. There are four of us on the Council who knew nothing about the cost and the financing arrangements. This, he continued, is the only part of this he does not understand; why it was rushed so fast up to 14 days ago. Colin Rednour cited an "ad" in the paper in 2017 that the Town was trying to buy a fire truck. He continued that it is not like "we" just threw this at you. Donita Chambless, the only Council member on the Fire Truck Committee, defended the Committee by stating that until the bids come in, there is no way of knowing what the actual cost of the truck will be. Dan Fountain expressed his dismay that the Town Council was not kept in the "loop" as decisions and actions were being made. Gary Kendall interjected that he had no idea that the truck would cost that much. He gave his blessing, thinking that the truck would cost in the area of \$200,000.00. Brian Rednour defended the estimates and said that the company is a reliable one with whom they've done business for over 30 years. Dan talked about his efforts to locate grant monies for a fire truck. It's a very competitive grant field, but he feels that it should have been an option to pursue 5 years ago. Brian stated that he uses a very good grant writer who is good about judging up front whether or not Middletown would have a chance at succeeding with a grant. For the past 5 years, they've shut off trucks. In 2005 Middletown got a grant for the air packs that are now expiring plus a thermal imager. 2006 Middletown got a grant for a tanker. No equipment acquisition has affected tax rates for the past 13 years. Middletown got a grant for turn out gear in 2010 and about 2013 received a grant for 30 radios. Dan

Fountain said we should be able to apply for a grant for air packs, because the ones purchased with past grant monies are expiring. Jon Ashton said that it is hard to get repeating grants for the same equipment. The grants are not to be considered a revenue stream. He continued with an explanation of the differences in quoted prices. The reason that happened was that the Fire Department initially had to "ball-park" the figure. Because "you guys" requested information to take to Bakertilly. And we did that through Hoosier Fire, who said let's do this much for the packs, this much for the truck, this much for the equipment. And so we came up with a ball park figure. We got down to a more accurate number now, so that's why the figure dropped. We have also eliminated as much as we possibly can from the truck. Brian Rednour said that advice from the grant writer is that the Town needs to show that we can do something to support ourselves. Don't think, he continued, that we are not doing our due diligence on our end. We do all our own maintenance. We hit the grant cycles pretty hard. Dan Fountain said that the Town absolutely needs a new truck. He contacted a company that does refurbishing of fire trucks and our truck is too old to even think about that. He suggested separating the fire truck from the air packs to lower the cost. Jake Smith interjected that it's easier to pay for the entire package than to buy the truck now and then hope for a grant to cover air packs in the next two years. And if you don't get one, the Town will need to come up with \$157,000.00 to replace air packs. Dan Fountain said that once the air packs expire, that means no one can go into a burning structure to save lives. It is essential that they get their equipment. Dick Schwalm said that he agrees with Dan. The Council was all blindsided. You say it was in the newspaper. Was it a public notice? Dan Fountain said regardless of whether or not it was in the newspaper, you have to bring everyone's heads together to try to come up with a plan and a solution. And that did not happen. Dick Schwalm said it would have been a logical path to get ready to go buy a new car, you don't go ahead and sign on the bottom line and then worry about financing later. And it was said that we are the authority to arrange the financing. Another thing is according to Bakertilly, property taxes will go up. Residential taxes increases won't be terrible, but, still, nobody likes to see tax increases. Businesses will take the brunt of the tax increase. How do you expect to attract new businesses to town when they see that they're going to have to pay for a new fire truck? Jim Castevens said well when one of their businesses is on fire and we don't have a fire truck we'll just have to wait till someone else gets here. Jon Ashton said that's the way it is. Taxes are going to go up. Businesses expect to pay for fire protection and they factor that expense into their costs. New businesses in town usually get a tax abatement which gives them several years of tax free operation.

6. Marty Ballard: May I ask a couple of dumb questions? My taxes are going to go up quite considerably if the Middletown News is correct. Commercial property tax is going to be changed dramatically. It's not \$20.00. It's quite a bit more if you do what the Middletown News says. A lot more. And the small businesses are going to get hit. And I don't want anybody coming into my funeral home and not turning on the hose. I love you all. Some of the greatest times of my life were with this fire department. When we took Kenny Perry to the cemetery, I was never more proud of my town. I had Indianapolis people telling me, "God, I'd love to live in that town with the pride and joy that these people have." And look at the pride in the firemen. There was nothing greater. In their white shirts, they were awesome. So we're all in this thing together. I just want to ask you a few questions, okay? Are you replacing a truck, or are you adding a truck? Brian Rednour: I'm open to either one. Marty Ballard: My only thing with that is: Can the equipment on the old truck be

transferred to the new truck? Brian Rednour: That's a good question, Marty. One day last week we went through this list. What can we use off this old truck? What can we not? The hose and the nozzles are the only thing we're getting rid of. All the other hand tools are coming. Marty: So there's some savings there, right? It didn't make a lot of sense for me that you would get a new truck and keep the old one and have maintenance issues on two trucks. That is going to happen or do you just not know? Brian Rednour: I really don't know. Marty Ballard: Is there any way that we as a town can take more ownership for this truck. I'm not saying bake-sale or anything like that, but there are a lot of people who would drop 20 grand rather than having their taxes go up. That gives the sense that we as the people of Middletown own the truck. I love you all, but I'm telling you, the machine of government is such that when you add a tax for a project such as this, that tax never goes away. I remember the holding company, Jake, when we started to build this building. We just keep renewing the bonds. The tax never went away. I know you mean well and this may be the only avenue and if it is the only avenue, so be it. But like Dan said, I'm not convinced that everything has been done to investigate the funding of this vehicle. Another thing is, this happens all the time. And we never fix it. There's got to be some kind of capital improvement program where we are putting something back every year so that when we get to that point, there are funds there. You talk to other communities and they have something like this. I know we're struggling to have enough funding to keep our roads and sewers fixed. If this goes forward and we do that, it doesn't solve anything. In 30 years we're still in the same boat. There is no way that anyone in this room or in this town is against the fire truck. Some of you guys said some pretty harsh things of Face Book and I'm going to tell you flat out that my family has been involved since 1949 in this community. Has given blood and guts and I love this community. There were the George Ballards and the Les Days who were volunteer firemen when we had only one engine. Don't ever question our dedication to this fire department. We are in it together. Okay? But we just gotta figure out this funding mechanism. I do not think we have explored everything at hand for the financing of the truck. Do that, and then come back and if this is the only way to do it, then so be it. But you must come to the commercial taxpayers and show them that refurbishment is not possible; that grants are not available. We need to support our businesses, too. This tax is a major thing. It really is and I think that everyone would go along if it is the last resort. I don't think it is. Ryan Ballard: I have a question. Dad sort of took my entire issue, but I want to know how the tax caps deal with businesses. Does the tax cap change tax rates? Secondly, I would like to know why there are not bids. Bids would give us options. Then we could say this is it. This is what we are going to do. We did our due diligence. We were good stewards of the tax payer's dollars. I am not against this, but I want options. If my taxes are going to go up that high, it is not unreasonable to ask questions and to ask for options. Jon Ashton said that the problem with the bid process is that you are not bidding on the same truck. Each company will present different options. It is like apples to oranges. Each specification sheet is up to 120 pages. If you get 10 bidders, someone is going to have to spend a lot of time reading and comparing spec sheets. The truck committee got together and made a list of what we need on our truck. Things like x amount of water capacity; a six man cab; rollup doors on this side; we need ladders back here; we're doing basics. We're not doing specs. The truck in question is a stock truck. It is not a custom. Joel Harvey: described the bidding process for the truck as opposed to a bid on goods. He has a call for bids ready to be published

- now. It includes a description of what needs to be in the proposal. Then bidders can come back and say they couldn't meet this spec, but here is its functional equivalent.
7. Kent Fletcher asked for an explanation of how the Redevelopment Commission fits into this scenario. He went online and found many similar sized communities with Redevelopment Commissions whose function primarily had to do with land development, infrastructure, building businesses, parks, and similar things. How we function as an avenue to purchasing a fire truck, I do not understand. Joel Harvey replied that the reason it is being structured this way is the Town has a maximum tax cap. If you do it this way with the Redevelopment Commission you don't impact the maximum debt levy the Town has. The Redevelopment Commission can purchase things that will benefit the Redevelopment Area. And so you can allow it to purchase goods, property and other things that will be of benefit to the Redevelopment area. And so because this fire truck will be used to service the Norfleet TIF area, then it's justified statutorily. It is a mechanism to get around the maximum debt levy. It's a similar situation that was used for the building of the Municipal Building. The Township doesn't have this problem. It has a bigger property tax base. Therefore, it can do a straight bond issue without having to create the diversion. Kent Fletcher: So this is the only way you could see to be able to finance this fire truck? Joel Harvey: Well, I guess I could answer it this way. Bond Council, Ice Miller, came up with this structure so I'm speaking as to my understanding of it. My understanding is to finance it this way and have a truck by June 2020. This is probably the only way you could do it. I'd be comfortable with saying that. Kent Fletcher: These are really elementary questions so forgive me. But I don't think anybody has an idea about what all this means. And why I think it's important that we have these meetings to talk about what it is. I know it it's frustrating for the firemen because they see it and they need it done. But when you're part of the community on a daily basis paying these taxes. I just need to know. We all need to know.
 8. David Wagner asked if it might be possible to refinance the Municipal Building and use the proceeds to pay for the fire truck. Joel Harvey said that he wasn't sure, but was fairly certain that that would not be possible.
 9. The question was asked as to the significance of the June 2020 delivery date. Joel Harvey explained that that is the date of the first lease payment for the truck. The truck must be in place by the time the first lease payment is due. Joel and Emma Adlam of Bakertilly, concurred that it might be possible to make the delivery date in December 2020, just to be safe and give the process a little more leeway. It could give time for a little extra due diligence. Steve Holmes asked if that would delay the selling of the bonds. Emma Adlam responded that no, the bonds could be sold now to get the debt levy in place for next year.
 10. Marty Ballard: Brian, is it possible in any way whatsoever; this is a huge amount of money; I've never even thought about anything..... But is it feasible in a small town like this to put the need out there and to see if we could raise half of the cost? Just on donations and work. If you could get half of it raise, there would be a big difference in your tax structure. Does that seem possible at all? Probably not, huh? Brian Rednour replied that their checking account is always open, but he wasn't sure how to go about that.
 11. Jake Smith reported that he and Donita had gone to First Merchant's bank and asked them if they were interested in financing the project and they were. There was a pretty large amount of savings if we go to a financial institution rather than the Bond Bank. We also talked to Chris Allen and suggested that a good time for the first payment was in December 2020. He said that he thought First Merchants would be

- very agreeable to doing the financing, which I think, in all the years Farmer's State and First United.....they've always bought all of our bonds with, possibly, one exception. We didn't have to shop bonds around to anybody. So finding that money is not going to be a problem. Donita said the savings would be about \$40,000.00.
12. Dick Schwalm backed up to Marty Ballard's question about raising the money locally. He said he thought the businesses would be willing to make a contribution. He said he'd much rather make a contribution and take it off his taxes instead of having my taxes permanently increased. Marty Ballard reiterated that it was just a thought. If this were publicized, every philanthropic organization, including the Lion's Club Fair, and for the next year every one of the community activities would be making money for the fire truck. He cited the run during the Fall Fun Fest grossed \$1,700.00. It's not \$700,000.00, but if half could be raised by December 2000. Jon Ashton interjected that Hoosier Fire has already projected that on January 1, 2000 the cost of the truck goes up \$17,000.00. It's like everything else, every year there's a price increase.
 13. Dan Fountain asked if it were possible to raise \$78,000.00 in two years for the air packs. Tim Mundell allowed that the Town budget will not have that kind of surplus unless there is a large cut in spending somewhere. Dick Schwalm asked for the cost of the air packs and Brian Rednour said \$157,000.00. Mr. Schwalm continued that he like Marty Ballard's idea of fund raising for the air packs. Brian Rednour said whatever we want to do, we need a plan. Mary Ballard agreed, stating that we need to proceed with a plan, as a community. Mr. Schwalm said he liked the idea and he thinks that we could get a lot of support from the community. Colin Castevens said that we have until December 2021 to acquire new air packs. If we don't have the air packs, the fire department cannot do anything. Dan Fountain asked how long it would take from order to delivery for the air packs. Brian Rednour said it's hard to guess that far in advance. Right now all the air pack manufacturers are on hold right now waiting for approval of a Federal regulation that has not been approved yet. Dick Schwalm asked if they had compared prices with the manufacturers. Brian Rednour said he's always used Scott brand and "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."
 14. Jake Smith asked if Emma Adlam if she knew how shifting the air packs would impact the figures for the financing. Ms. Adlam said she could easily run the numbers but would rather not quote off the top of her head. She said there would be significant savings if the \$78,500.00 for the air packs was removed from the loan amount. It would reduce the annual payment. Bakertilly could get you updated numbers pretty quickly. Jake asked if this would affect the time line. She replied that the revised numbers could be available by the RDC meeting on October 7, 2019. She went on to say that the Town has until November to finalize the dollar amount for the project. Steve Holmes asked if moving the delivery date from June to December 2020 would loosen up the project so that there is not so much pressure to expedite. Ms. Adlam said that all the numbers must be in place this year in order to lock in the bond levy. Dan Fountain asked when the fire department would have its truck if the Town waits until after the 1st of the year to proceed. Ms. Adlam said the truck would be delivered 180 days after the issuance of the bonds.
 15. Dick Schwalm addressed the firemen in the room with the question: What do you think about that option? Brian Rednour said that as long as there is a plan that can keep moving forward, that's fine. He added that he would like to see the bond issue roll over every 6 years so that the fire department can continue to have insurance of financing future needs. Another fireman voiced concern that asking the citizenry for donations would cut into the fire department's traditional event income, which is

used for personal gear by the firemen. Mr. Schwalm said there are a lot of people in the town who are anonymous donors who donate more money than you can imagine. That's the kind I'm talking about. He continued that businesses would donate so that they could take it off their taxes as a charitable contribution so that instead of taxes going up, they get a deduction. Marty Ballard reiterated that the businesses are going to be affected more than anyone else by the tax increase. Everyone in the township will be affected by the increase, but it's the small businesses that really have to pay. It's okay if we have to do it.

16. Dan Fountain stated that we have two years to raise money for the air packs. Brian Rednour asked that the Town not forget after this meeting that we have two years. He asked that we don't shelve it until time to buy the air packs and then discover that we don't have funds for them. Mr. Fountain said that we need to start that process immediately after we resolve the issues of the fire truck. Dick Schwalm said that this town has always been very supportive of its volunteers.
17. Jake offered a re-cap: The choices are to postpone the truck until next year. But as Jon Ashton said, if we do that, the price of the truck will increase \$17,000.00. Would it behoove us to try to get the specs and the bid this year and save that money? At the same time pulling the air packs out of the process. Can we proceed with the resolution with the understanding that we are not buying or financing air packs; just the truck? We can advertise for bids on the truck. Gary Kendall said he doesn't see a way around it. We're asking people to "donate" (be taxed) for the fire truck for years and years. I'm not a fan of it at all, but I don't see any other options. Marty Ballard asked if the rollover of the bond issue in 6 years would be dedicated to the fire department and nothing else. Tim Mundell explained that when this truck is paid off in 6 years, the bond issue rolls over and another truck is purchased. Marty Ballard asked for clarification: taxes will remain the same or go up, no matter what? It was concluded that the answer is yes; until all the trucks have been replaced. Marty reiterated that "It will never go away. That's just the way government works."
18. Tim Mundell explained that the \$50,000.00 shortfall caused by tax caps has to be paid somehow. This year it was covered by \$25,000.00 from the fire department Public Safety LIT fund and forgiving the payment of hydrant fees by the fire department to the utility department. Eventually, there will be a \$25,000 shortfall that will need to come out of the Town's annual budget to cover these tax cap circuit breakers.
19. David Wagner said he would like to see the air packs left in the equation so that the continuance of the fire department would be assured beyond 2 years. Jon Ashton agreed, saying that when the bond issue rolls over for the next truck there would be a little extra money to cover any increases in price. Dan Fountain said he'd like to see the numbers for just the truck. Jake pointed out that the next meeting is October 15, 2019. Tim Mundell said that the budget hearing was supposed to be tonight and we are at a critical point in getting final figures to the State by deadline. If we postpone a decision on the bond issue, we won't meet the deadline. We would have to advertise the budget by October 8, 2019 to start the process.
20. Dan Fountain asked if we needed to know right away whether or not we are separating the truck and the air packs. How late could we decide to split them. Emma Adlam replied that the town can make changes until sometime in early November as to how much they want to finance. Dan Fountain stated that he is ready to move forward with this since the cost is no longer \$930,000.00 and we are not locked in to combining truck and air packs. So now we can get bids and see exactly how much this truck is going to cost. Dan Fountain moved to approve

Resolution 2019-10 and Dick Schwalm seconded. Jake Smith called for a roll call vote which passed unanimously. Jake called for a five minute recess.

21. Tim Mundell pointed out that if more than 10 tax payers object before October 15, 2019, then something else will have to be done.
22. Jake announced that there was nothing new on the Town/Township merger and that the scheduled monthly meeting for October 8, 2019 has been cancelled.
23. Steve Holmes asked for clarification of how holiday pay is figured for the police department. After reviewing the Personnel Manual, the Council agreed that the Manual is correct.
24. Ryan Paschal reported on the Waste Water Laboratory Training for all utility personnel. The Procedure Manual is completed, but as far as he knows there is no date set for the 2 four hour training sessions for the crew.
25. Dan Fountain reported on the Single Trash Hauler Project. He has packets to be mailed to carriers, which he turned over to the Clerk-Treasurer. He stated that the haulers are receiving an e-mail and a hard copy at the same time. He also reported that he found a device which could be put at the top of our radio tower which is frequently struck by lightning. The device disseminates the charge in such a way that there can be little or no damage to radio equipment. He contacted the insurance carrier to see if they would compensate us for the \$1000.00 purchase against future claims for lightning strikes. He was told that the insurance carrier cannot pay for anything preventative; only for damages post strike.
26. Marshall Amanda Kirby stated that Alex Millis has resigned from his position as a full time dispatcher and would like to stay on in a part time position. I would like to fill his full time position with Leslie Bertram, one of our part time dispatchers, at Grade 3. Gary Kendall moved to allow moving Leslie Bertram from part time to full time at Grade 3. Dick Schwalm seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Marshall Kirby stated that many if not most of her part time dispatchers have other employment and have limited availability. There are issues in getting shifts covered. Shannon, the supervisor, is picking up many shifts. I want to point out that during the last three months we've had 183 hours of overtime for dispatch. The full time employees are needing to cover the shifts because we cannot get the availability we need from the part time employees. Marshall Kirby would like the Council to consider putting dispatchers on the same 12 hour shifts that the Police Officers work and hiring a 4th full time dispatcher. She cited that the Central Dispatch uses 12 hour shifts for dispatchers and that our dispatchers are very much in favor of doing the same. Daytime dispatchers would all be trained to do gun permits and other functions requiring interaction with the Utility Office. Dan Fountain asked if other expenses involved with hiring a new employee could be calculated for an overall picture of what the cost is to the town. Tim Mundell explained that it would depend on whether or not the employee opted for insurance coverage for self or family. There are too many variables to pin down exact cost.
27. Marshall Kirby started a second wave of tagging abandoned vehicles. She tagged 7 more vehicles today.
28. Marshall Kirby announced that her department received a grant from the Henry County Community Foundation for \$3,100 to assist in purchasing communication equipment. That would be a mobile radio for a vehicle. She expressed pride in her department for the work they did to achieve the grant.
29. Marshall Kirby reported that ERS will be here within a week to repair the lightning strike damage to the radio system. There was some delay for a part that they had to order.

30. Carl Spears, Town Superintendent distributed photographs of Holic Foods to the Council Members. The cost so far for dealing with Holic waste is about \$13,500.00. It wasn't necessary to do a dye test, because Fluid Waste videoed the entire line. The lids on both grease traps were removed and they were both full. We've done as much as we can do and we continue to escalate the cost of keeping Holic Food's waste flowing. Jake said the Town needs to meet with the company and see what they can do to solve the problem. We have done our part. We know what's happening and we know where it has to be coming from. No one else processes anything out there. There's only one source. Dan Fountain volunteered to approach them again. He asked about the best way to try to recoup the \$13,500.00 already expended on the problem. Joel Harvey advised that a discussion with them directly would probably be the best place to start. The ordinance imposes some pretty hefty fines, but a conversation to start would be best. Dan Fountain said he thinks we should plug their line and stop the flow to our plant. Carl Spears said that an official at the Anderson plant told him that we have the right to shut them off immediately if they are interfering with proper operation of our plant. Jake Smith said that secondary to recouping the cost, is the necessity of finding a solution which has to come from their end. There's nothing we can do to solve their problem. Dan Fountain said he would get with Ryan and with Carl and go out and talk to them again. If we can't resolve the problem IDEM will have to be involved.
31. Mr. Spears pointed to one of the photographs of a flooding problem at 935 High Street. When it rains, water accumulates in the front yard and the street. There is nowhere for the water to drain.
32. Mr. Spears has another flooded property in the 600 block of N. 6th Street. Water gathers in back of his house and flows to his neighbor. He wants to have a contractor direct the water to 6th Street where there are drains. Mr. Spears told him that he could not direct the water to the street. An alternative plan would be to direct the water to a storm drain catch basin. The Council authorized that solution.
33. Mr. Spears needs guidance about what to do about signage for parking north of Locust Street on the west side of 5th Street. Marshall Kirby suggested that painting stripes on the street will be more effective. She recommends one sign at the corner and one at the alley and painting stripes on the street.
34. Mr. Spears announced that the bucket truck was repaired for \$4,000.00. He was offered \$500.00 for an 8' pickup truck bed. Should he take it. Gary Kendall looked on line for that truck bed and found it to be worth \$1,435 to \$1,695.
35. Patty Schwalm announced that the Civic Center received a grant from the Henry County Community Foundation for a commercial sump pump in the elevator pit.

There being no further business to come before the Town Council the meeting was adjourned.

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John Amis

Harry Kendall

Richard Schwalm

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Steve Adams

Clerk Treasurer