

MINUTES OF THE MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL

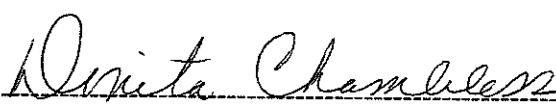

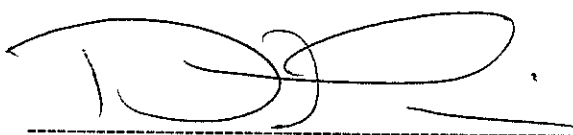

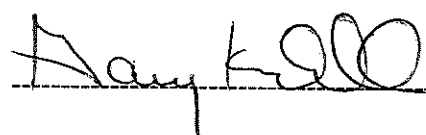
November 19, 2019

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

1. Matt Spidel of Butler, Fairman and Seufert presented a First Request for payment from Baumgarten for paving 8th Street and 10th Street in the amount of \$204,477.75. There is a retainage of \$22,000.00. Donita Chambless moved to pay the request for \$204,377.75 and Dan Fountain seconded. The motion was carried unanimously. Jake Smith added that the engineering fees incurred by Bob Tyler for this project were donated.
2. Jeff Sanders of Valley View Golf Course came before the Council to request that his deposit for Middletown Utilities be reduced. After some discussion Dan Fountain moved to reduce the deposit for Valley View utilities by 50%. Dick Schwalm seconded and the motion passed with one abstention; Jake Smith.
3. There will be a meeting of the Middletown Redevelopment Authority with the Fall Creek Township Trustees on November 25, 2019 to accept bids and authorize the sale of bonds for the Fire Truck.
4. Steve Thompson announced that Bakertilly will have information regarding the financial aspects of a Reorganization of the Town and Township governments at the Reorganization meeting December 10, 2019.
5. In reporting for the Middletown Environmental Committee, Dan Fountain expressed confusion as what to dispose of when enforcing codes. If a good deal of violation should happen to be children's toys, so they get pitched? Deciding the issue will take some discretion. The Single Trash Hauler bids are in. 2 haulers declined to bid and 2 did bid. There is a possibility that Crestwood Mobile Home Park may join the Town in this venture, adding another 68 residents for pick-up.
6. Marshall Amanda Kirby reported that since institution of vehicle removals, 28 have been moved or towed. While cleaning her office, she found enough ammunition that she can shift part of her budget to equipment for vehicles. Donita Chambless moved to allow the shift of funds and Gary Kendall seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Marshall Kirby also announced that dispatcher, Brian Reed has secured a position as a police officer and will be leaving his employment with Middletown on December 3, 2019. She also announced that the Reserve Officers now have their bullet proof vests.
7. Town Superintendent, Carl Spears, announced that the West End water tower is back in operation. The leaf-vac is down again and the crew is picking up leaves by hand. The Christmas lights are being hung this week, starting on 5th Street. Mr. Spears would like re-hire Duane Crow part time, and hire a second part timer to be a meter reader at grade 4. Donita Chambless moved to approve the hiring and Gary Kendall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
8. Dick Schwalm called for an audit of the Municipal Building, citing some alarming breakdowns in condition.

9. Tim Mundell cited an error in electricity rates during the Summer months causing a nearly \$200,000.00 shortage in revenues. Bakertilly is working on a solution for recouping the loss.
10. Dan Fountain would like to initiate an annual "Chauncy Burr Distinguished Service Award." Chauncy Burr was an early settler of Middletown. He traded with the Native Americans and had a tannery near the East entrance to Dietrich Park 200 years ago. Some of his descendents still reside locally.
11. Donita suggested initiating an annual increase in utility fees by ordinance. The increase could be tied to other indicators. Dick Schwalm agreed that a small increase periodically is much better than none for a while then a big one.
12. Jake Smith read a letter from Brenda Real thanking the Town for all that has been done to see her through a rough time.

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

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