

MINUTES OF THE MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL

January 7th 2020

The Middletown Town Council met in the Public Room at 653 Locust Street, Middletown, Indiana at 7:00 P.M. Present were Council Members Dick Schwalm, Jake Smith, Gary Kendall, Dave Wagner and Dan Fountain. Also present were Town Attorney Joel Harvey and Clerk-Treasurer Tim Mundell.

This being the first meeting of the year, Clerk-Treasurer Tim Mundell opened the meeting and took nominations for Council President for 2020. Jake Smith was the only nomination and was affirmed as Council President by a 5-0 vote.

1. Resident Vickie Alspaugh questioned having trash service at a property in town that she owns. She claims that there is no one living at the residence. She was advised to write a letter to the Middletown Environmental Committee to explain the situation.
2. Utility Superintendent Carl Spears requested that Rick Hollingsworth be signed up Wastewater Operator exam training from Alliance of Indiana at a cost of 400.00 Dan Fountain motioned and Gary Kendall seconded to approve the training. All voted in favor.
3. Spears also presented a quote from Electric Today to replace lights in the fire barn for 9400.00 The council took the quote under advisement
4. Discussion was had about Pugsley's well and how the water from it drains. The town will consider putting in a proper drain if Mr. Pugsley would pay for the materials.
5. Gary Kendall opened discussion about allowing "Gators" on town streets. The council will have Attorney Joel Harvey research the situation and work on an ordinance.
6. Police Chief Amanda Riwitis discussed reducing the fee to renew Golf Cart registrations. Dave Wagner motioned and Gary Kendall seconded to suspend the renewal fee for sixty days while the issue is researched. All Voted yes.
7. The council approved the Clerk-Treasurer bond for 2020.
8. Dan Fountain discussed vehicles setting at auto repair shops. He suggested a ninety day limit. The council will have Attorney Joel Harvey research an ordinance on the matter.
9. The council approved the following personnel moves:
 - Hired Joe Garrett as Deputy Marshall Grade 4
 - Dispatcher Courtney Winkle to Grade 3
 - Police Captain Matt Thompson to be paid 18.88/hr
 - Deputy Guy Cobb to Grade 5 effective Jan 22nd 2020
 - Deputy James Hunt to Grade 5
 - Deputy Marty Dulworth to Grade 4
 - Utility Worker Dean Fites to Grade 5
 - Dispatcher Joshua Grizzell to Grade 3All moves were effective January 1st 2020 except for Cobb.

10. Chief Riwitis requested dispatchers be moved to an eighty four hour pay period. Mr. Harvey will research the legality of doing that.
11. Chief Riwitis also presented quotes for a new police vehicle to be purchased in 2020. The council took the quotes under advisement.
12. Chief Riwitis also discussed moving the Police Department from a Town Marshall to a Police Department under Indiana Law. She is researching the requirements to do this.

There being no other business to be brought before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.

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Clerk Treasurer