

MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

August 18th 2020

The Middletown Town Council met at 7:00 P.M. All members were present. Town Attorney Joel Harvey was present

1. A local resident questioned the town electric code requiring an overhead connection be 2 ½ to 3 ½ above roof of a building. Dave Wagner motioned and Dan Fountain seconded allowing a variance pending the approval of Dan Dunn. Motion carried 5-0
2. E&B paving pay request #1 for 248,339.67 was presented for approval. Included with it were documents for substantial completion of the paving project. Dave Wagner motioned and Dick Schwalm seconded approving the pay request and the substantial completion document. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Mary Pritchard of 803 High Street expressed concerns about people burning around her..
4. Ordinance 2020-03 was presented for its' third reading. This ordinance creates a loading zone in front of 105 N 5th. Dan Fountain motioned and Dick Schwalm seconded passing the ordinance. During discussion, the owner of 105 N 5th stated that if a new sign had to be placed in the sidewalk, then he did not want the ordinance passed. After more discussion, Dan Fountain withdrew his motion. Dave Wagner then made a motion to pass the ordinance without requiring a sign be placed in the sidewalk. Gary Kendall seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-1 with Dan Fountain voting no.
5. A quote from IMPA to test 30 residential electric meters for 2500.00 was presented. Dan Fountain motioned and Dick Schwalm seconded accepting the quote. Motion carried 5-0
6. Dan Fountain motioned and Dave Wagner seconded purchasing equipment to allow the Town to test water meters..
7. The agreement between the Town and EMS Corporation for the On-Call EMT position was presented. Dave Wagner motioned and Dan Fountain seconded approving the agreement pending a rewording of some language on how the position is funded. Motion carried 5-0.
8. An agreement with EVAPAR for annual maintenance on our generators was presented. The cost would be 2665.00. Gary Kendall motioned and Dick Schwalm seconded approving the contract. Motion carried 5-0.
9. By consensus, the council approved the plan for the utility office resuming disconnects and recovering past due balances due to COVID-19.
10. Dan Fountain reported that the town cleanup went well. Residents filled six roll off dumpsters during the week.
11. Amanda Riwitis presented the council with a new form to be completed for incidents involving town employees. She will work on a written policy on when the form will be required to be used.
12. Amanda Riwitis presented the council with a new patch to be worn on their uniforms. Dan Fountain motioned and Gary Kendall seconded retiring the old patch. Motion carried 5-0
13. Amanda Riwitis was given permission for officers to paint the police station on volunteer time. The town will buy the paint.

14. Brian Rednour reported that two firemen will be travelling to see the new fire truck next week.
15. Phil Chandler discussed the new ALS procedures that the ambulance will have to employ in the future.
16. Carl Spears presented a quote to replace the gate at the water plant that was damaged by a semi.
17. Carl Spears reported that the 6th street sewer problem appears to be caused by tree roots, not a collapsed main.
18. Carl Spears reported that IDEM did a recent inspection on our water operations. They will require that we clean up the area near our wells that we use for storing different materials.

There being nothing further brought before the council, the meeting was adjourned.

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