

MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

September 15th 2020

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

1. Samuel Mauller was hired as a part time police officer. He will be paid at Grade 4. He was sworn in by Clerk-Treasurer Tim Mundell
2. Patty Schwalm presented a 500.00 check to Park Superintendent Rusty Conner from the farmers' market vendors.
3. Dan Fountain motioned and Gary Kendall seconded moving forward with IAMGIS to digitally map services in the town. Motion carried 5-0.
4. Water plant operator Daniel Wooten discussed results from a recent inspection by IDEM.
 - A. They want wells 5 and 6 to be properly abandoned. Carl Spears had quotes from Peerless Midwest and Layne company to perform this. Layne Company price was 29,885.00 to abandon both wells. Peerless Midwest quote was 5906.00 for well #5 and 7160.00 for well #6. Dan Fountain motioned and Gary Kendall seconded approving the Peerless Midwest quote. Motion carried 5-0
 - B. IDEM also wants the leaf piles and debris removed from around the well area. There was discussion on how to remove the existing piles, and how to handle leaf pickup this fall.
 - C. IDEM also suggested coming up with a long term plan for replacing existing water mains.
 - D. Backflow assemblies should be required in businesses and any new construction. IDEM would like to see an ordinance on this.
5. President Jake Smith had a letter from IDEM on issues at the sewer plant. Ryan Paschal will work on addressing them.
6. Jake Smith opened the public hearing on the proposed 2021 budget. President Smith closed the hearing with no comments from the public.
7. Dan Fountain motioned and Dave Wagner seconded moving forward with Revize software updating the current town website. Motion carried 5-0.
8. By consensus, the council agreed to use the services of BFS and move forward on exploring a CCMG grant from INDOT.
9. Dan Fountain motioned and Dick Schwalm seconded to approve the agreement with Bruce Berg for lineman services. Motion carried 5-0
10. Amanda Riwitis suggested selecting the next full time officer from our reserves rather than advertising for it. The council agreed to the suggestion.
11. Amanda Riwitis also reported that the full time officers will need their protective vests replaced in January of 2021.
12. Carl Spears reported that Simmons Roofing had repaired a leak in the flat rubber roof for 600.00
13. Carl Spears reported that the new gate at the water plant should be delivered next week.

14. The recent electric meter testing by IMPA went well. All meters tested were well within the accepted range of variance.
15. After discussion, Dave Wagner motioned and Jake Smith seconded moving utility worker Kevin Miller to Grade 6 at 15.42/hr. Motion carried 5-0
16. Ron Koons presented a report from IMPA comparing Middletown electric rates to other members of IMPA and some other electric providers.

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

Jake Smith

Richard Schwalbe

Ray Koons

Dave Wagner

Tracy Mull

Clerk-Treasurer