

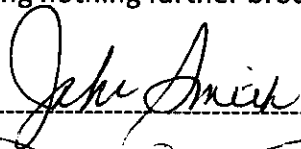
MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

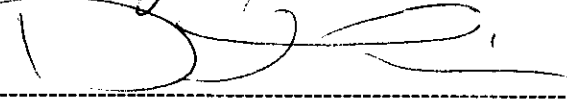
August 17th 2021

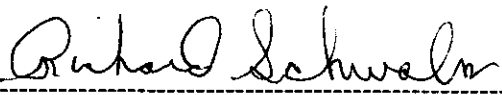
The Middletown Town Council held a meeting on August 17th, 2021. All members were present.

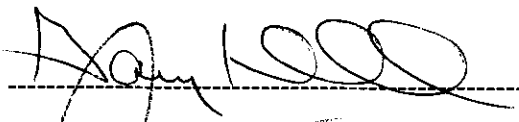
1. Josh Estelle from McGowan Insurance gave a presentation on services offered by his company.
2. Vic Eichorn discussed his property at 825 Locust Street and his planned actions to repair it .
3. Ordinance 2021-7, amending the salary ordinance was read. It amends the salary ordinance to add a police trainee at the Law Enforcement Academy to be paid at 15.48/hr. Dan Fountain motioned and Gary Kendall seconded passing the Ordinance on its' first reading. Motion carried. The rules were suspended and the ordinance was passed on its' second and third readings 5-0.
4. Ordinance 2021-8 which amends the parking schedule was introduced. The Ordinance as written, allows no parking on the North side of Locust Street from 6th street to a point 40' West of 6th. The council also wants to have no parking from the alley in front of the city building west to seventh street. Dave Wagner motioned and Gary Kendall seconded approving the ordinance with the proposed change added. Motion carried 5-0.
5. Dave Wagner motioned and Dick Schwalm seconded approving a new two year contract with Comcast for Internet and phones at the civic center and utility plants. Motion carried 5-0.
6. Amanda Riwitis reported it would cost 1090.00 to send Anthony Biddle to the police academy. Dan Fountain motioned and Gary Kendall seconded approving the expense. Motion carried 5-0.
7. Amanda Riwitis requested permission to buy the Red Dot system for the new weapons purchased. Dan Fountain motioned and Dick Schwalm seconded approving the purchase. Motion carried 5-0.
8. Carl Spears reported that the water leak at 7th and Maple has been repaired. The water plant is pumping about 20,000 less per day since it was fixed..
9. Carl Spears reported that the ABT for the Wastewater generator has quit working. It will cost about 6600 to replace. Dan Fountain motioned and Gary Kendall seconded approving the purchase. Motion carried 5-0
10. Carl Spears discussed tree trimming and possibly hiring part time employess to help with it.

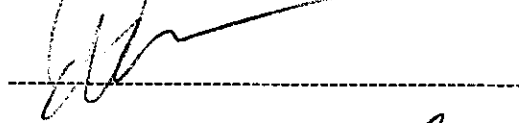
There being nothing further brought before the council, the meeting was adjourned.

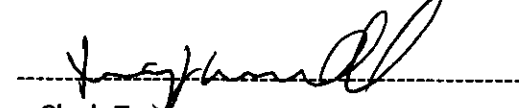












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A proposal for *Premium Pay for Essential Workers* during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Purpose

The purposes of the ARP monies granted to municipalities is laid out on the US Department of Treasury's website. One of the purposes for this money is to provide essential workers with premium pay. Some outlets of COVID-19 information even call this hazard pay. Due to the job functions these employees provide they are considered essential to the operation of society. Middletown has several paid employees that worked during the quarantine induced by the COVID-19 pandemic; these include the utility workers, parks department, dispatchers, and police officers. The purpose of this proposal is to provide a premium pay to the essential workers that worked during the timeframe of March 01, 2020 to June 01, 2021. By my research, this is the timeframe most logical for premium pay (hazard pay) to be provided to these paid employees.

Allocation Proposal

I would proposal that each paid employee within Middletown Utilities, Middletown Parks Department, Middletown Dispatch, and Middletown Police Department be paid this premium pay according to the following guidelines. Current town employees should be paid on a per hour rate for hours worked from March 01, 2020 through June 01, 2021. A report totaling the amount of hours each current employee worked during this time should be computed per the Middletown Town Clerk. The total hours worked by all employees should be divided into an amount set forth by the Middletown Town Counsel to determine the hourly rate each employee will receive. Once the hourly rate is determined, each current employee will receive this premium pay based on the individual hours worked. This will provide our current employees with premium pay for their efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic.

I would also like to propose that Middletown Fire Department and Middletown EMS each receive a separate amount determined by the Middletown Town Counsel to disperse to their volunteers. The dispersion of this money should be determined by Chief Brian Rednour and Chief Phil Chandler based on their assessment of volunteer efforts during the timeframe of March 01, 2020 to June 01, 2021.