

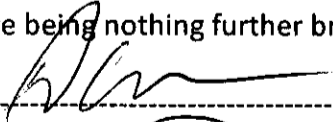


# MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

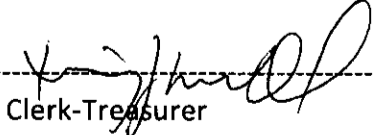
The Middletown Town Council held a meeting on January 16th 2024. Ryan Smith was absent.

The council approved the minutes from the January 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting  
The council approved claims 38999-39036 totaling 50,914.18

1. Drew Cooper led a discussion about current water rates and presented data showing that they should be increased. He proposed that they should be increased by 15% immediately, another 5 % in 2025 and another 5 % in 2026. The council directed Joel Harvey to prepare an ordinance.
2. Carl Spears showed the council a video of severe clogging of the sewer on west Locust street from tree roots. That section of sewer has been cleaned out.
3. An amended 2024 salary ordinance was presented. It gives the EMS EMT and driver a 1.00 pay raise. Dan Fountain motioned to approve and Drew Cooper seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
4. There was discussion about Park Board appointments. Dave Wagner reappointed Mark Ballenger and Tabitha Oliver for four more years.
5. There was discussion about downtown street lights. We will work on a plan to replace the current light poles with more decorative ones.
6. There was discussion about creating a downtown TIF district.
7. Ordinance 2024-1, which vacates 12<sup>th</sup> street north of High street was presented. Dan Fountain motioned and Teresa Dennis seconded approving on it's first reading. Motion carried 4-0.
8. Tad Greenlee of Tri County Christian Church offered the Town help with volunteers for projects if needed.
9. There was discussion about creating a planning and zoning commission.

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

  
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