

January 4, 2021

The Town Council of the Town of Middlebury met in regular session at the Town Hall, Middlebury, IN at 6:00 pm, January 4, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Council presiding officer, Miranda Cripe.

Upon the roll call, the following members of the Council were present:

Jeremy Yahwak, Miranda Cripe, Dan Shoup, Chuck Teall – Scott Miller was absent.

Also present were Mary Cripe, Town Manager, Craig Buche, Attorney and Peggy Hutchison, Clerk/Treasurer.

2021 Council Officers and Commissioners

Peggy Hutchison opened the election process with nominations for Council President. Chuck Teall nominated Miranda Cripe for Council President and Dan Shoup seconded. Miranda Cripe's nomination passed with a roll call vote – all yes.

Miranda Cripe then opened the nominations for Council Vice President. Chuck Teall nominated Dan Shoup and Jeremy Yahwak seconded the nomination. This also passed with a roll call vote – all yes.

Miranda Cripe then announced the following appointments for 2021.

Utilities Commissioner – Chuck Teall
Park Commissioner – Jeremy Yahwak
Public Works Commissioner – Dan Shoup
Police Commissioner – Scott Miller
Personnel Commissioner – Miranda Cripe

MINUTES:

Dan Shoup moved to approve the minutes from the December 31, 2020 meeting. Jeremy Yahwak seconded, and the motion carried with a roll call vote – all yes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jeremy Yahwak and Miranda Cripe thanked the Public Works, Water and Wastewater Departments for all their hard work during the snow and power outages.

Chuck Teall questioned the County Issues of Importance from County Councilman John Letherman. These issues are just from his perspective and not the entire County Council.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS:

The following Accounts Payable Vouchers were reviewed and approved on a motion by Jeremy Yahwak and seconded by Dan Shoup. The motion carried by roll call vote – all yes.

Accounts Payable Voucher – Dec. 31, 2020 – Trans to Rainy Day	\$150,500.00
Accounts Payable Voucher – Jan. 4, 2021	\$366,316.96

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mary Cripe has a draft of the plans for the US 20 improvement from County Road 35 to State Road 13. Plans will be shared at the next Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointment of Redevelopment Commission members – The current Redevelopment Commission members are willing to serve another year, if re-appointed by the Town Council. The current members are: Chuck Teall, Scott Miller, Gary Cripe, Don Schuler, and John Mansfield. Jeremy Yahwak motioned to re-appoint the Redevelopment Commission members and Dan Shoup seconded. This passed with a roll call vote – all yes.

John McKee has agreed to serve on the Park Board for another four-year term. Jeremy Yahwak motioned to approve John McKee and Dan Shoup seconded. This passed with a roll call vote – all yes. His term will expire January 1, 2025.

The Council following three (3) Tree Board members have agreed to serve for another three-year term: Phil Meister, Eric Risser and Mike Miller. Questions were asked about living within the Town limits. A certain percentage of the members need to live in town. Chuck Teall also questioned the funds the Tree board have in the bank. Jeremy Yahwak motioned to approve the three (3) members to the Tree Board and Dan Shoup seconded. This passed with a roll call vote – three (3) yes and Chuck Teall voted no.

Dan Frederick, Chuck Teall, and Steve Cripe have agreed to serve on the Middlebury Sign Board. This will be a two (2) year term. Jeremy Yahwak motioned to approve the three (3) members to the Sign Board and Dan Shoup seconded. This passed with a roll call vote – all yes.

The work session for the Five-Year Capital Plan has been rescheduled for after the Jan. 18th meeting.

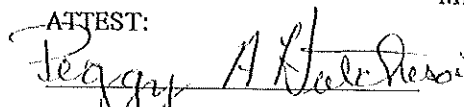
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Elkhart Cty Redev. Comm Mtg – January 7, 2021 at 2 pm – Elk Cty Public Services Bldg.
Tree Board Meeting – January 7, 2021 – 7 pm – Town Hall
Elkhart Cty Plan Comm. Mtg. – January 14, 2021 at 9 am – Elk Cty Public Services Bldg.
Next Council meeting - Monday, January 18, 2021 at 6:00 pm -Town Hall
Park Board Meeting – January 20, 2021 – 3 pm – Town Hall
Redevelopment Commission Meeting – January 28, 2021 – 7:30 am – Town Hall

Meeting was adjourned.


Miranda Cripe, President, Town Council

ATTEST:


Peggy A. Hutchison, Clerk-Treasurer

This meeting commenced pursuant to public notice under the Indiana open door law and Governor Holcomb's Executive Orders. This meeting was made available for the public and press to attend in person or engage in remote real-time electronic observation.