

TOWN OF MORRISTOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER

At 7PM President Dave Benefiel called the meeting to order. Pledge of allegiance. All members present. Council member Bill White moved to approve minutes. Council member Harry Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Dan Theobald with SCDC reported that Morristown has been listed with ASOURCE. Pictures of the Morristown Park have been taken. The TIFF Board has recommended for the Town to join membership with SCDC. Council member White moved to join membership with SCDC. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.
- B. Charles Kile stated that if the Town is interested in purchasing lots to prevent from having to extend road in the future then he will sell them for \$6,000 total. Each lot is appraised at \$5,700. If the Town purchases lots it's a possibility to close South St. Council member Justus moved to take thirty days to make sure everything works out then purchase lots if all is well. Council member White 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. The Planning Commission has passed a Resolution and recommends approval of Town of Morristown Planning and Development Standard's book made by the Planning Commission and Mary Atkins of M.D. Wessler. Town accepted the recommendation with a Town of Morristown Development Standard amendment of fees. A notice will be published for a hearing. Council member White moved to approve public hearing for next meeting. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.
- B. There has been an error with a mowing notice that the Town did not need to mow. A letter of apology will be written for the mowing notice. Council member Justus moved to write letter of apology. President Benefiel 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.
- C. A list will be compiled of all properties that need mowed. Not all properties are vacant that need mowed.

IV. CLERK TREASURER

- A. Clerk Treasurer Reber presented Payment # 5 to Mitchell & Stark for the new WasteWater Treatment Plant. Total pay amount is \$207,641.15. Escrow amount is \$20,764.12. Amount to go to contractor is \$186,877.03. Council member White moved to pay Payment #5 to Mitchell & Stark and Escrow Account. President Benefiel 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.
- B. FTM-13 recommends that two pipes be installed differently than the original drawing for the new plant. Moving the pipes will facilitate better spacing between pipes.
- C. A letter was received from Indiana Department of Environmental Management stating that BUNGE has been approved for one year on air quality.

- D. INDOT has contracted CSX to upgrade railroad crossings at Asbury Rd. Federal law requires the street to be painted approaching the tracks. This is the Town's responsibility.
 - E. The total estimate for work needed on the Dually truck from Couch's is \$4,808.98. Council member White moved to table decision until the next meeting and look into other options before then. President Benefiel 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.
 - F. Estimates for Dell refurbished computers for Clerk Treasurer and Town Secretary are at \$520 per computer and \$125 per monitor. Council member White moved to approve purchase. President Benefiel 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.
 - G. Clerk Treasurer Reber stated he would like to move his offices to the previous License Branch offices. There are still records at Dodd's Hall and the Plant that can be stored in the old plate room. The manager's office could be used by the Police Department as an interview room. Town Marshall Albrecht would like to use the Clerk's store room as an evidence room. Council was okay with this.
 - H. Windows and sills in the Municipal building need caulked and painted.
- V. POLICE
- A. The TV/DVD player has been purchased.
 - B. Deputy Marshall Trittipio attended a Homeland Security meeting and was approved for a \$4,000 grant. After a final vote from Homeland Security President Benefiel will sign document then grant will be received mid November.
 - C. There has been a report of a yard sale that has been set up for a few weeks continuously. There is a Town Ordinance to prevent constant garage sales. Marshall Albrecht will notify resident of Ordinance.
- VI. LEGAL
- A. The License Branch was officially closed Friday, September 4th. The State came and stayed into the evening and closed out all business properly and removed State property. The petty cash and office/miscellaneous items were returned to the Town.
- VII. WASTEWATER/WATER/STREETS
- A. Council member Justus asked why water minimums are at the price they are. Sewer minimums are required by USDA Rural Development Loans. Council member White stated minimums for water should not be lowered.
 - B. A list of streets that are in need of repair will be compiled so the Town can contract street pavers within the next few weeks.
 - C. There was a communication problem between the Town office and the Sewer Department this past week. It was stressed that all employees should notify the Town Office when they will not be working their normal work schedule.
 - D. Ryan Brauen with M.D. Wessler stated that construction is going well with the new plant. The sludge holding tank might cost less than estimated.
 - E. No estimate has been given yet for stop signs.
- VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. The Bio-Diesel plant was featured on the cover of the National Soybean Alliance magazine. Dallas Clark is trying to be contacted to see if he will attend the Chamber of Commerce Dinner in April.
- B. Integrity Metals will have an Open House September 24th. Tours will be given of the facility.
- C. Marshall Albrecht asked if the Police clothing allowance is yearly from January through December or from July through June. It currently is from July to June. To clear the confusion beginning in January the allowance will go from January 1st to December 31st.
- D. The Census Bureau has given the Town promotional items to encourage and remind residents to participate in the Census. The Town asked everyone to take items.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Council member Justus moved to adjourn meeting. Council member White 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.

David L. Benefiel
President

Thomas W. Reber
Clerk Treasurer