

Town of Morristown

May 24, 2017

Regular Meeting

- I. President David Benefiel opened the meeting with the Pledge to the Flag. Others present were William White, Ralph Henderson, Larry Tracy and Kristi Langkabel. Mark McNeely, Town Attorney and Sue Keaton, Clerk-Treasurer were also present. Minutes of the Executive Session on May 10, 2017 were approved as written on a motion by Larry Tracy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by William White. Minutes of the regular meeting on May 10, 2017 were approved on a motion by William White and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Tracy. William White moved the Claims be approved as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ralph Henderson and the motion passed.
- II. Old Business: Joe Raver was introduced to the Council. Mr. Raver hopes to install a cement batch mixing plant on property north of the railroad in the industrial park. Wessler Engineering is working with him to prepare appropriate studies and reports to IDEM. Mark McNeely informed him the town planned to add a new TIF district that will include his property in the near future. Mr. Raver said he does not plan to request an abatement for his improvements. Ralph Henderson moved the Town encourage continued development of his property, if IDEM finds the plans in compliance, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Tracy and the motion passed.

Kristy Southerland spoke to the Council. She is a representative of a grant writing, management company and would like to work with the Town on any funding needs she might be able to assist in finding. The company does utilize a flat fee and a retainer system with payment up front and a percentage of any grant/funding secured.

The Council next set June 7, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. for an Executive Session to discuss grant possibilities.

William White moved the process proceed to remove the structures and debris on the 373 North Morrison Street property. Letters will be sent to demolition contractors to obtain Quotes to perform the work. Seconded by Larry Tracy and the motion passed.

- III. New Business: Jason Redd of Morristown Matters requested permission to use the Municipal Park to have the Derby Day Fireworks show. The fireworks would be set off in the far north area. William White moved permission be granted, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Tracy and the motion passed.

Ralph Henderson mentioned the new benches in front of the Municipal Building and in front of the Library downtown. They were donated by the County Recycling board and made of plastic bottle caps. Nice addition.

William White moved the town proceed with replacing the roof on the shop and on the Municipal Building. Metal would be preferred if the price is the same as quoted for asphalt. Ralph Henderson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed. Cody will contact the roofer to see about the metal and when to proceed.

Larry Tracy moved a donation of \$5,000.00 be given to the Boys and Girls Club in 2 installments, half now half later, 2<sup>nd</sup> by William White and the motion passed.

Mark McNeely read Ordinance 2017-3 for a salary adjustment to the Part-time Deputy Marshal position. The salary may go from the current \$13.79 to a maximum of \$15.00 per hour once training is complete. The Ordinance was pass on 1<sup>st</sup> reading on May 10, 2017 and on a motion by Larry Tracy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ralph Henderson the Ordinance passed on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

David Benefiel read a letter of resignation submitted by Patty Diefenderfer and she recommended her husband, Rick take her place on the Planning Commission. After a brief discussion President Benefiel appointed Rick Diefenderfer to the Commission.

William White moved the meeting be adjourned, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Tracy and the motion passed.

\_\_\_\_\_ David Benefiel, President

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\_\_\_\_\_ Sue Keaton, Clerk-Treasurer

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