

MORRISTOWN TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

May 22, 2019

President Lawrence Tracy called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag, others present were William White, Kristi Langkabel, David Benefiel and Ralph Henderson. Also present was: Town Attorney Mark McNeely and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Don Roberts.

Minutes of the May 15, 2019 meeting were approved as written on a motion by Council Member David Benefiel, seconded by Council Member William White. The motion passed. Vote 5/0

Minutes of the May 22, 2019 Executives Session were approved as written on a motion by Council member William White. Seconded by Council Member Ralph Henderson. Motion passed. Vote 5/0

Claims presented were approved on a motion by Council Member David Benefiel seconded by Council Member William White. The motion passed. Vote 5/0

**INDUSTRIAL PARK DRAINAGE:**

Town Council President Larry Tracy presented the Industrial Park Stormwater Master Plan for the Town of Morristown. Council members decided to have a joint meeting with the industries. Council Member William White made a motion to invite all industries in the Morristown Industrial Park to a joint meeting with the Morristown Town Council and Morristown Redevelopment Commission on June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.. Council Member David Benefiel seconded the motion. Motion passed. Vote 5/0  
Mary Atkins from Wessler Engineering will be asked to attend to explain the Master Plan.

**NEW EMPLOYEES:**

New employee Mr. John George turned down the job offer.

Mr. Orvel J. Heagy who turned in his application and was well qualified for the job was recommended by Mr. David Koehl. After discussion Council Member William White made a motion to offer employment to Mr. Orvel J. Heagy. Council Member David Benefiel seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Roberts stated that the last new hires started out at \$16.00 per hour. Council Member David Benefiel made a motion to amend the Salary Ordinance and pay the new hires \$16.00 per hour. Council Member William White seconded the motion. Motion passed. Vote 5/0

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Tort Claim:** Town Attorney asked if we had heard from the insurance carrier concerning the tort claim. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Roberts stated that the insurance adjuster had not made contact with him. After discussion Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Roberts will contact the insurance agent to find out the status.

**Park Security System:** Installation of camera's on poles to take place the week-end of June 1. Town employees are installing cameras. Additional funds will be needed to finish the installation of the security system. Council Member David Benefiel made a motion to spend an additional \$899.00 plus \$21.00 for filaments. Council Member Ralph Henderson seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0.

**TREES:** Waiting on approval from INDOT concerning the tree on US 52 hill before removal. Two trees across from Dodds Hall on South Harper will be \$900.00 each for removal.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Freudenberg NOK – Statement Of Benefits (Tax Abatement)**

Town Attorney Mark McNeely reviewed the required documents from Freudenberg NOK and found them to be in order. Council Member David Benefiel made a motion to continue the tax abatement for Freudenberg NOK. Council Member Ralph Henderson seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

Board of Health inspected the house at 217 E. Fletcher. Morristown has agreed to help with the cleaning of the outside area only. No cleaning on the interior of the house.

Marshall Henry Albrecht asked if he could purchase new uniforms. Council Member David Benefiel made a motion to approve the request for new uniforms. Council Member Kristi Langkabel seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

**Bus Parking On Oak Street:**

No issue.

**FIRE ALARM FIRE STATION:**

Marshall Albrecht asked about the fire alarm in the new fire station. No one seems to know. Marshall Albrecht to inquire.

**MORRISON STREET WATER FILTRATION PROJECT:**

Construction on schedule.

**WATER, WASTEWATER AND STREETS:**

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Roberts stated that Don Smith passed his water certification test back in February but did not get notified until April. Should we go back to when he passed his test for the \$1.00 per hour increase? Council Member David Benefiel made a motion to increase salary based on when Mr. Smith took the test. Council member William White seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

Mr. Larry Loyal from INDOT checking on status of US 52 in Morristown.

**SOUTH STREET PAVING REQUEST:**

Quote from Floyd Crim and Sons for East South Street. Council Member David Benefiel made a motion to approve the quote from Floyd Crim and Sons for the South Street paving. Council Member Ralph Henderson seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

**CLERK-TREASURER:**

Presented a claim from Midwest Paving for \$44,326.54. Council Member David Benefiel made a motion to approve the claim from Midwest Paving. Council Member William White seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Roberts presented fund and bank statements to the council for review. All Bank Accounts have been reconciled.

**CONDEMNATION:**

Council Member David Benefiel made a motion to start condemnation procedures on the property at 217 East Fletcher Street. Council Member Ralph Henderson seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

Council Member William White made a motion to adjourn. Council member Ralph Henderson seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

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Larry Tracy, President

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Don Roberts, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

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