

MORRISTOWN TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
July 10, 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 June 26, 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

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**217 E. Fletcher Street:**

Still having issues with this property. Council Members instructed town employees to put plywood over the doors.

Continue to work on cat issue.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

POG Run 2019: Council Member gave verbal approval to place a yard sign for the POG Run in the Municipal Buildings front yard.

Council Member William White brought up a proposal to have a fall festival in the park. Date would be October 19, 2019. Council Member White wants to get the Morristown Community involved. Updates on progress will be given at council meetings.

**Derby Days:**

Morristown Matters representative was in attendance wanting a donation for fireworks. Council Member David Benefiel made a motion to donate \$750.00 for fireworks. Council Member William White seconded the motion. Motion passed. Vote 5/0

**CLERK-TREASURER:**

Morrison Street Water Filtration plant construction moving forward.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer presented a copy of the plaque for the Water Filtration Building. Local names that will be on the plaque. Council Members, Clerk-Treasurer, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer and Town Attorney.

Deputy Clerk Treasurer brought up the issue of outdated personnel policy. Council Members agreed to have a outside source make a presentation at the next council meeting concerning personnel policies.

**ORIGINAL**

**COMMUNITY CROSSING STREET GRANT:**

Final approval was given to Mid-States Paving for the street work. Paper work will be presented at the next council meeting.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer brought up the issue with Randal Wilsons drive. Council Member Ralph Henderson made a motion to have town employees fix the drop off. Council Member William White seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer gave a update on David Koehls injury. No issues.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer handed out ending fund statement for May 2019.

**LEGAL:**

Nothing to report.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

Marshall Albrecht informed Council Members that the police car radios were getting outdated and parts will be hard to find. Council Members asked for new radio quotes.

Deputy Marshall Trittipio working on updates to Windows 10.

**WATER, WASTEWATER AND STREETS:**

Employee Brian Cain has not been at work for several days and does not answer his phone.

Council Members decided to ask for his resignation.

David Koehl informed the Council that he has accepted a job offer from his previous employer and asked the council to accept his resignation. Last day of work will be July 17, 2019. Council Member Dave Benefiel made a motion to accept the resignation. Council Member White second. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

David Koehl recommended to the council that Don Smith be given a chance to replace him.

David Koehl informed the council that new safety procedures and equipment needs to be in place after his eye injury. Safety equipment has been ordered.

**Miscellaneous Business:****ORDINANCE 2019-01:****AN ORDINANCE ENACTING AND ADOPTING A SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE TOWN OF MORRISTOWN INDIANA AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Council Member Ralph Henderson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-01 on first reading.

Council Member David Benefiel seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

Council Member Ralph Henderson made a motion to suspend rules for second and final reading.

Council Member David Benefiel seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

Council Member Ralph Henderson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-01 on final reading.

Council Member David Benefiel seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

**MORRISTOWN-HANOVER TOWNSHIP FIRE BOARD:**

Council Member William White presented his concerns about requested changes to the fire board and the lack of no progress for the past 6 months. Council Member White made a motion to have the Town

of Morristown sever all ties with the Morristown-Hanover Township Fire Board but to continue paying the monetary commitment for 2019.

Considerable discussion took place among council members.

Council Member Ralph Henderson seconded the motion.

Council President asked for a verbal vote.

Council Member David Benefiel - No

Council Member Ralph Henderson - Yea

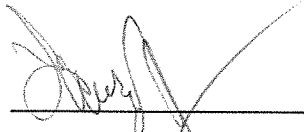
Council Member Kristi Langkabel - No

Council Member Larry Tracy - Yea

Council Member William White - Yea

By a vote of 3 yeas and 2 no's the Town of Morristown has severed all ties with the Morristown-Hanover Township Fire Board except to continue the Town of Morristown's monetary contract for 2019.

Council Member William White made a motion to adjourn. Council Member David Benefiel seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

 \_\_\_\_\_ Larry Tracy, President

\_\_\_\_\_ Don Roberts, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

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