

MORRISTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES
August 28, 2019

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

Minutes of the August 14, 2019 meeting were approved as written on a motion by Council Member David Benefiel, seconded by Council Member Ralph Henderson. The motion passed. Vote 4/0

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Chad Cowan from Monroe Custom Bodies gave a presentation on his company and the plans to move their manufacturing facility to Morristown. Mr. Cowan stated that it was a family business started in Mt. Comfort, Indiana. Monroe Custom Bodies makes various types of bodies for trucks. Council Members stated they were willing to work with Monroe Custom Bodies on this venture in Morristown.

Morristown Community Fall Festival:

Don Smith went over plans for the first Morristown Community Fall Festival. Mr. Smith went over the planed agenda for the festival. Chili and Soup Cook Off, Booths for Business's to show what they do, Morristown Resident Talent and Entertainment. Come celebrate THE MORRISTOWN COMMUNITY. Mr. Smith explained that there would be expenses involved and asked the Morristown Town Council for financial assistance. Council Members thought it was a great idea. Council Member David Benefiel made a motion to commit \$2,500 for the Community Fall Festival. Council Member Ralph Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed. Vote 5/0

CLERK-TREASURER:

Morrison Street Water Filtration plant construction moving forward. Informed the council that an additional 18 feet of property would be obtained from Bunge. Working on survey description.

Jeff Heck full time status date. August 29, 2019

Discussed an invoice that was given to Deputy Clerk-Treasurer from Morristown Fire Board treasurer. Invoice is not related to fire station and should be paid by Morristown Fire Board.

Discussion concerning the fire alarm system in the fire station and what to do? Council Member Ralph Henderson made a motion to check with Nine Star. Council Member William White seconded the motion. Motion passed. Vote 5/0

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer handed out copies of the proposed 2020 Budget for the Town of Morristown.

Informed the Morristown Town Council that a public hearing would take place on September 11, 2019 at the Morristown Municipal Building at 7 p.m.. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer stated that in the 2020 budget was pay increases and plans for the Clerk-Treasurers office for 2020. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer position and Clerk-Treasurer and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer eligible for benefits equal to other employees.

State Board of Accounts currently auditing years 2017 and 2018 for all entities of the Town of Morristown.

Asked the council if they had any objections to getting a quote for a new pole barn for storage? Council Members had no objections.

LEGAL:

Vacation

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Marshall Albrecht stated that the dog kennel that we use for keeping dogs was in very bad shape and needed to be replaced. Marshall Albrecht presented pictures of a prebuilt kennel that could be purchased for \$3,100.00. Council Member William White made a motion to purchase the kennel. Council Member Ralph Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed. Vote 5/0

Marshall Albrecht informed the council about prices of new police cars and problems with getting one if you plan on ordering in 2020. The current car will have close to 100,000 miles in 2020. Marshall Albrecht to get more information.

WATER, WASTEWATER AND STREETS:

Supervisor Don Smith presented a quote from Hall Signs for new stop signs. After discussion Council Member William White made a motion to purchase signs for \$502.66 plus freight. Council Member David Benefiel seconded the motion. Motion passed. Vote 5/0

Geese:

Problems with geese. Council member Ralph Henderson made a motion to purchase wolf decoys to scare away the geese. Council Member William White seconded the motion. Motion passed. Vote 5/0

Board of Zoning Appeals:

Discussion among council members concerning need for a BZA meeting for Monroe Custom Bodies. Check on members and when to have meeting.

LAND PURCHASE:

Council Member William White stated that he had talked with the two land owners concerning the purchase of land.

Miscellaneous Business:

Park camera's should be installed shortly.

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

Larry Tracy, President

Don Roberts, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

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