

**MORRISTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES
April 8, 2020
VIRTUAL MEETING USING ZOOM**

President David Benefiel called the meeting to order, others present were Ralph Henderson, Tammy Davis, Kristi Langkabel and Larry Tracy. Also present was: Town Attorney Mark McNeely and Clerk-Treasurer Don Roberts.

Other participants and viewers: Elaine Goble-Carlton, Don Smith, Henry Albrecht, Brad Trittipo, Kristian Rawling and Linda Sanders.

Minutes of the March 11, 2020, Council Member Larry Tracy made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Council Member Tammy Davis seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

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

NEW BUSINESS:

COMPLAINT 146 W. BROADWAY STREET:

Neighbors complaining about residence rubbish and cats. After discussion among Council Members and Legal Council Mark McNeely. First step to send Marshall Albrecht to the residence to talk with owners and to have legal council send a letter. All council members gave a virtual yes.

Morristown Municipal Park:

People using park not following COVID-19 directives ordered by the Governor of Indiana. After discussion council members decided to close the park to everyone. Signs and barriers will be placed at the park with law enforcement to enforce.

Clerk-Treasurer:

PLANT ONE AND BROADWAY PUMP HOUSE DEMOLITION:

Clerk-Treasurer presented a quote from Graves Construction Services for the Pump House Demolition, Well Abandonment and Water Treatment Plant Modifications. Quote \$63,369.00. Wessler Engineering thought this was a fair price. After discussion Council Member Larry Tracy made a motion to accept the quote from Graves. Council Member Ralph Henderson seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0
Clerk-Treasurer stated that electricity and natural gas service to the old pump house would be disconnected.

FLIP-FOR-FUN renter of the old fire station asked to have rent suspended during the COVID-19 crisis. With the no contact order she has suspended operations. Council Members agreed to suspend rent.

IT Person:

Clerk-Treasurer stated that Brad Trittipo had been doing extra work in setting up the ZOOM

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meeting application and earlier this year taking care of the purchase of laptops for each council member and various other technical issues and should be recognized for this work. Clerk-Treasurer recommended an IT category in the salary ordinance for \$1.25 per hour similar to other categories for certifications. After discussion council members agreed. Virtual vote: 5/0

Water Loss Audit Report:

Clerk-Treasurer informed council members of a Water Loss Audit report due by August 1, 2020 to the Indiana Finance Authority. Wessler Engineering did this report back in 2016 and has offered to do the new report. Clerk-Treasurer asked if the council wanted a quote from Wessler? Virtual vote was 5/0 to request a quote.

CASH FLOW:

Clerk-Treasurer informed council members because of COVID-19 Virus tax income will be reduced considerably and we will need to watch expenditures. Currently in good shape.

Town Marshall:

Marshall Albrecht stated that all security cameras at the park were now installed on the poles.

Street, Water and Wastewater:

Nothing.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Elaine Goble-Carlton stated that the annual POG Run was still on for the end of July and wanted to know if the Morristown Town Council was still a supporter of this event?. After discussion Council Member Larry Tracy made a motion to continue support of the POG run. Council Member David Benefiel seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

COVID- 19 VIRUS: STAY SAFE:

ADJOURN:

Council Member Larry Tracy made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Ralph Henderson Seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

David Benefiel, President

Don Roberts – Clerk-Treasurer
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