

MORRISTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES
May 27, 2020
VIRTUAL MEETING USING ZOOM

President David Benefiel called the meeting to order, 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, Adam Sitka, Anna Tungate and Linda Sanders.

Minutes of the May 13, 2020. Council Member Larry Tracy made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Council Member Ralph Henderson seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

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

OLD BUSINESS:

WATER FILTRATION PROJECT:

Adam Sitka from Wessler Engineering was in attendance to explain the issue with the Broadway Street land issue. Shelby County GIS shows that the B & O Railroad owns the property. First check at the Shelby County Records office turned up no new information. Mr. Sitka stated to keep the project moving he would recommend the Broadway Street portion be removed from the project. After further discussion among Council Members and Legal Council it was decided to follow Adam Sitka's advice. Council Member Larry Tracy made a motion to proceed without the Broadway Street portion of the project. Council Member Ralph Henderson seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

Council Member Larry Tracy made a motion to have Mark McNeely proceed with the necessary legal steps to have the property ownership corrected to the Town of Morristown. Council Member Tammy Davis seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

FLETCHER STREET HOUSE:

Several questions but no answers.

2015 Chevrolet Tahoe:

Council Member Ralph Henderson made a motion to give the Tahoe to the Morristown Volunteer Fire Department. Council Member Larry Tracy seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0
Fix trim around door.

SHELBY COUNTY ROAD 500E(RANGELINE ROAD):

Council President presented a MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN SHELBY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE TOWN OF MORRISTOWN CONCERNING A PORTION OF RANGELINE ROAD.

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After considerable discussion Council Member Kristi Langkable made a motion to accept the Memorandum of Agreement with Shelby County Commissioners. Council President David Benefiel seconded the motion. Vote: David Benefiel – Yea, Kristi Langkabel – Yea, Tammy Davis – Yea Larry Tracy – Nay, Ralph Henderson – Abstain. Vote 3 yeas, 1 no and 1 abstain. Motion approved.

WILLEY PROPERTY:

Clean up started. Weather slowing down the project.

NEW BUSINESS:

Concerns about a trailer on the Craney property. Marshall Albrecht to check it out.

Derby Days 2020:

Considerable amount of discussion took place concerning Derby Days. Special Town Council meeting on June 3, 2020, at the fire station training room for a decision.

Clerk-Treasurer:

Presented copies of the Bank Reconciliations and Fund Report for April, 2020. Finances still okay.

LEGAL:

Town of Morristown being sued by Rose Coates. Civil Lawsuit. Requesting a jury trial. Mark McNeely explained to the council the lawsuit. Mr. McNeely asked to be the Appearance on behalf of the Town of Morristown for the lawsuit. Council Member Larry Tracy made a motion to approve Mark McNeely's request. Council Member Ralph Henderson seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

Town Marshall:

Railroad Spur crossings for Bunge. Terrible shape and no cooperation on getting them fixed. Council Member Kristi Langkable made a motion to have Marshall Albrecht take the necessary steps to get the crossings fixed. Council Member Ralph Henderson seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

Street, Water and Wastewater:

Old Dump Site:

Concerns that unauthorized individuals have keys to the old dump site. Unauthorized dumping. Council Members stated that no one outside of the Town of Morristown can use the site.

ADJOURN:

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

David Benefiel, President

Don Roberts – Clerk-Treasurer

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