

MORRISTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES
June 11, 2025
FIRE STATION TRAINING ROOM

President David Benefiel called the meeting to order, present were Kristi Langkabel, Larry Tracy, Ralph Henderson, and Tammy Davis. Also present was the Town Attorney.

Minutes of May 28, 2025, meeting presented, and Council Member Larry Tracy made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Council Member Kristi Langkabel seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

Claims presented were approved on a motion by Council Member Larry Tracy and second by Council Member Ralph Henderson. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

OLD BUSINESS

Craney Building- One bid was received for the purchase of the property in the amount of \$550,000 from Fountaintown Gas to use the property as a Regional Operating Center. Council Member Larry Tracy made a motion to accept the bid and Council Member Ralph Henderson seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

NEW BUSINESS

President Dave Benefiel presented to the Town Council a watermain issue that Shelby Eastern Schools- Morristown is having in their parking lot. A new line to be ran and ½ paid from Redevelopment Commission and ½ paid by Town funds. Once the line is fixed correctly, Dr. Todd Hitchcock will sign an agreement stating that the new line will be the school's responsibility to maintain here forward. Council Member Larry Tracy made a motion to approve, and Council Member Tammy Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote 5/0

CLERK-TREASURER

Nothing to update.

LEGAL

Attorney Briane House presented a Tree Ordinance. The Ordinance contains two parts. Part 1 Damaged and Dead Tree Control. Part 2 Guidelines for Town Tree Planting Regulations. The Town Council is responsible for determining the penalty enforced and who is responsible for administering the ordinance.

Council Member Larry Tracy made a motion to introduce the Tree Ordinance subject to further review from the Town Council. Council Member Tammy Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote 5/0

Attorney Briane House has sent a letter to the homeowner concerning the tree that has fallen and damaged the fence at our Treatment Plant.

STREET, WATER & WASTEWATER

Dead cables that are hanging from poles around the town to be removed from the Town of Morristown employees.

President Dave Benfiel informed the Town Council that there is a state project lined up to work on drainage and curbing down 52. Unsure of exact date of project to start.

Council Member Larry Tracy made a motion to make the old wastewater equipment surplus. Council Member Tammy Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote 5/0

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Marshal Trittipo discussed the vandalized basketball backboard at the Town of Morristown Park. Backboard cost:\$1,100 Installation: \$400. Town Council tabled discussion on who is responsible for the cost of replacement. Review insurance costs and reconvene at the next Town Council meeting.

Damage to the basketball court due to vandalizing the benches. A quote for the basketball court damage to be brought to the Council and decide further actions to be placed on the teenagers.
Attendance of to be requested for the next Council Meeting on June 25, 2025.

Marshal Trittipo to purchase new hearing protection.

Marshal Trittipo to get into contact with an agency to offer Mental Health services as needed for our employees.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Council Member Ralph Henderson made a motion to purchase an ambulance (2012 Dodge Ram 4500 ST) in the amount of \$45,000 from Steven E Davis. Council Member Kristi Langkabel seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote 4. Abstain 1.

Attorney Briane House has been unable to reach Hanover Trustee Charles Kile for the Fire Service Contract.

MISCELLANEOUS

Asphalt at pickleball courts completed. The fence and painting of court to be completed next.

ADJOURN

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

David Benefiel, President

Morgan Stratton- Clerk Treasurer
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