

MORRISTOWN TOWN COUNCIL

February 22, 2017

Regular Meeting

- I. President David Benefiel opened the meeting with the Pledge to the Flag. Other members present were William White, Ralph Henderson, Larry Tracy, and Kristi Langkabel. Also present were Attorney Mark McNeely and Clerk-Treasurer Sue Keaton.
- II. Minutes and Claims: William White moved the minutes of the February 8, 2017 Executive Session be approved as written, 2nd by Ralph Henderson and the motion passed. On a motion by William White, 2nd by Ralph Henderson the Minutes of the February 8, 2017 regular meeting were approved as written. Larry Tracy moved the Claims be approved as presented, 2nd by William White and the motion passed.
- III. Old Business: After a brief discussion Larry Tracy moved the Council go forward on giving official notice to the owners of property at 373 N. Morrison Street for a hearing concerning the nuisance/demolition of the property. The motion was seconded by William White. The motion passed. Randy Reed will sign as the Planning Director.
Easements are being prepared and signed in anticipation of the various properties of CGS being offered for auction on February 28, 2017. This is catch-up work from more than 10 years ago. Ralph Henderson moved to work be completed prior to the sale, 2nd by William White and the motion passed.
The Council was informed there had been a slight reduction in the final approved 2017 budget, as anticipated.
- IV. New Business: Dave Klene, of CGS, announced the business has been sold. The services and name will remain the same for now. He also told the Council that the new owners anticipate installing Town water and sewer in the former Collins-Aikman building in the future.
Dede Allender and Lisa Bridges, working with the Visionary Committee, hope to apply to the Blue River Foundation for grants to bring money into the Morristown community. They suggested the Town bid on the property for sale, adjacent to the railroad track for a walking park. The Council had been discussing that and appreciated their support.
- V. Clerk-Treasurer: Sue Keaton ask about the annual amount to be put into the Morristown/Hanover Township Fire and Medical Emergency Board, commonly referred to as the Fire Board. Utilizing the 2015-14 Ordinance the Council on a motion by Larry Tracy, 2nd by William White voted to continue under this ordinance for the salaries of all staff. The motion passed. William White moved and Ralph Henderson 2nd a motion to again contribute \$26,000.00 for the year 2017. The motion passed.
- VI. Marshal: Henry Albrecht informed the Council there would be a Police Leadership seminar on March 27 to 31, 2017 he would like to attend. No cost except his time and travel. William White moved and Larry Tracy 2nd a motion to approve the training. The motion passed.
- VII. Water. Streets. Sewer: Cody Cory told the Council the flow tests were complete on the test wells by Bastin-Logan and Wessler is preparing a report with suggestions. The well and pump were cleaned at the same time.

Cody requested a new tap drill. Larry Tracy moved, William White 2nd one be purchased and the motion passed.

Cody also said a new scale was needed at the WasteWater treatment plant. They had tried to fix it but it was beyond repair. A new one will be about \$5,400.00 total. Larry Tracy moved a new scale be purchased, 2nd by William White and the motion passed.

The pavement at the wastewater treatment plant needs to be seal coated. Larry Tracy moved, 2nd by William White the surface be crack sealed and seal coated. The motion passed. Ralph Henderson moved the roads be crack sealed, 2nd by Larry Tracy and that motion passed.

Cody also suggested the roof of the Municipal Building and the office of the wastewater treatment plant will soon need to be replaced. Another thing to consider was repaving Locust Street from 52 to the back of the school and Industrial Drive near the Park 100 location. Cody was instructed to obtain an idea of the cost to replace two roofs mentioned.

Miscellaneous business: David Benefiel told the Council that Kristi Wyman is now wanting the South Bay of the old fire station to rent at \$300.00 per month as soon as it is ready for use. This will make her total rent \$600.00 per month. William White said it would be ready as soon as lights, paint and cleaning the former kitchen area need are completed first.

Brad Trittipo suggested a new sign need to be installed at the park "close at dusk." The paint on the current sign has faded. He also noted the speed signs on South Washington Street are hidden by vegetation and need to be moved. William White moved the signs be moved, 2nd b Larry Tracy and the motion passed.

William White moved the meeting be adjourned, 2nd by Larry Tracy and the motion passed.

David Benefiel, President

Date

Sue Keaton, Clerk-Treasurer

Date