

MORRISTOWN TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

February 1, 2019

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

Minutes of the January 23, 2019 meeting were approved as written on a motion by Council Member William White, seconded by Council Member Kristi Langkabel, the motion passed. Vote 5/0

Claims presented were approved on a motion by Council Member David Benefiel seconded by Council Member Ralph Henderson, the motion passed. Vote 5/0

SECURITY CAMERAS PARK:

Council Member William White went over the plans for security cameras in the park and a possible donation to the IT department at Morristown High School for its assistance in this project.

500 East (Rangeline Road)

Council Members attended a Shelby County Commissioners meeting and presented the issues with 500 East and the amount of traffic on that road. Morristown willing to work with the County Commissioners.

Wessler Engineering On Call Service Agreement:

Mary Atkins presented AMENDMENT NO. 10 To Agreement Between The Town of Morristown and Wessler Engineering, Inc. After discussion Council Member David Benefiel made a motion to approve the agreement. Council Member William White seconded the motion. Motion approved. 5/0

TOWN OF MORRISTOWN MEDICAL INSURANCE 2019:

Council Member David Benefiel made a motion to change medical insurance companies for 2019 from United Health Care to Anthem. Council Member Ralph Henderson seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

STREET GRANT:

Bid opening for the Community Crossing Street Grant will be March 13, 2019 at 7 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 418 W. Main St., Morristown, In

TRAFFIC ISSUE:

Mary Ann Toll was in attendance to voice her concerns about the traffic issues around the Morristown Post Office, Morristown Library and the Morristown Pharmacy. Traffic very congested in this area with no clear traffic flow. Council Members stated they understood her concerns but it was all on private property and the Council Members could voice a concern but that was about all they could do.

LEGAL:

Mark McNeely stated that the Solar Farm variance application will be heard again on March 12, 2019.

Mr. McNeely presented a corrected deed concerning the area around Well Number 4 that involved the ground purchased from Bunge(Morristown Grain). Mr. McNeely will have the deed recorded.

Mr. McNeely stated that the manager from Integrity Metal would attend the March 27th meeting. Director of Plan Commission and David Koehl to meet management at Integrity Metal on February 7, 2019 around 9 a.m.

Municipal Building Flowers:

Received a letter from Bee's Knees that they were giving up the contract to handle flowers around the Morristown Municipal Building. After discussion council members decided to take care of flowers in house.

COST OF USE STUDY:

Umbaugh sent a contract for signatures to do the Cost of Use Study. It was pointed out that the contract did not have a cost not to exceed clause. After discussion Council Member David Benefiel made a motion to have a clause added that said not to exceed \$10,000.00. Council Member Ralph Henderson seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

Morristown Community Park:

Father and daughter were in attendance. Daughter asked the council why the park was closed and when would it be open. Council members stated at this time the park was very muddy because of all the rain and it would reopen when weather conditions improved. Closing devices were set back in the drive so cars could park and you could still use the walking path. The daughter asked if a splash pad could be installed? Council members stated that the park committee was working on items to aid to the park.

Council Member White presented ideas concerning the signs along the walking path and estimated cost. After discussion Council Member David Benefiel made a motion to proceed with the sign project. Council Member Ralph Henderson seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

Discussion took place concerning dogs in the park and the waste they leave. Council member Ralph Henderson made a motion to purchase two dog clean up stations for the park. Council Member William White seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Marshall Albrecht ask about purchasing a traffic counter. After discussion Council Member William White made a motion to table the request. Council Member Benefiel seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

Marshall Albrecht stated that Morristown could use some high water signs. Council Members asked for him to get a price for 12.

OFFICE DOOR;

Council Member Henderson made a motion to purchase a push button lock for the office for \$600.00.

Council member White seconded the motion. Motion passed vote 5/0

STREET, WASTEWATER AND WATER DEPARTMENT:

Terry's Lawn Service, Inc. turned in cost to treat the yards at 418 W. Main St (\$175.00) and Wastewater Treatment Plant (\$250.00) for 2019. Council Member David Benefiel made a motion to approve.

Council member William White seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

NEW DUMP TRUCK:

Lights: Council Members asked to get a quote for light installation.

Undercoating. Council Member William White made a motion to have the dump truck undercoated.

Council Member David Benefiel seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

Council Member David Benefiel made a motion to approve tools for the dump truck (\$1,687.39).

Council member William White seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

INDOT will be down to look at US 52.

Bats are back in Dodds Hall.

Hydraulic Jack Hammer: Still looking.

Stone for old fire station. Picture made a part of these minutes

Fire Department/Fire Board:

Brandon Kleine inquired about 2018 pay for fireman. Council Member William White made a motion to have the Deputy Clerk Treasurer write the check to the Morristown Hanover Township Fire Board and have the Fire Board treasurer make the distribution.. Council Member David Benefiel seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

Kristi Langkabel made motion that the 2019 fireman's pay be done the same way as 2018 when the amount is known. Council Member David Benefiel seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

OTHER ITEMS:

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer asked to pay Sue Keaton \$300.00 for filling in while the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer was gone. Council Member William White made a motion to approve the request. Council Member David Benefiel seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer asked to have the IRS mileage rate approved for 2019. (\$.58). Council Member David Benefiel made a motion to approve the request. Council Member White seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

Council Member Ralph Henderson made a motion to adjourn. Council Member William White second. Vote 5/0

Larry Tracy, President

Don Roberts, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

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