

MORRISTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES
March 13, 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 February 27, 2019 meeting were approved with a correction to the February 13th minutes. Pay for fireman in 2019, Fire Chief - \$5,000.00, Asst Fire Chief -\$2,000.00, Deputy Chief Training and EMS \$1,000.00, per run \$4.00. Council Member David Benefiel made a motion to approve with correction. Council Member Kristi Langkabel seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

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

COMMUNITY CROSSING 2019 STREET IMPROVEMENT GRANT:

Bids for the 2019 Street Improvement Project – Town of Morristown.

All Star Paving, Seymour, IN \$182,120.69

Calumet Civil Contractors, Inc., Whitestown, IN \$197,000.00

Crim and Sons Paving, Manilla, IN \$168,634.70

Dave O,Mara Contractor, Inc., North Vernon, IN \$196,791.00

Globe Asphalt Paving Company, Westport, IN \$169,451.20

Grady Brothers, Inc., Indianapolis, IN \$212,250.00

Midwest Paving, LLC, Noblesville, IN \$167,752.00

Town Attorney Mark McNeely advised the council to table the bids and let Wessler Engineering review for completeness and make a recommendation. Council Member William White made a motion to table the bids. Council Member David Benefiel seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

COST OF USE STUDY:

John Seever, Umbaugh went over the various cost for the Cost of Use Study and what they entailed and why it needs to be done in the correct manor. Sometime users do not like the results and could take legal action. After considerable discussion Council Member David Benefiel made a motion to do an IN Depth Study. Council Member Ralph Henderson seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

500 East:

Council Members David Benefiel and William White met with County Commissioner Ross concerning 500E and improvements that need to be made. It was a positive meeting.

Park 100:

No information available concerning the drainage issue with the open ditch. Suggestion to talk with the Shelby County Drainage Board about assessment.

Morrison Street Water Filtration Plant:

Construction of the underground holding tanks in progress. So far no issues.

Graves asked if we wanted to keep the excess dirt? Council members decided to stock pile dirt in the area where we take brush.

Graves Construction has submitted the first pay claim for the project.

Claim is for \$31,049.00. Retainage \$3,105.00. Graves \$27,944.00

Council Member David Benefiel made a motion to approve the claim from Graves. Council Member William White seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

NV Grant Services, LLC has submitted a claim for the project. Claim \$600.00

David Benefiel made a motion to approve the pay claim from NV Grant Services, LLC. Council Member William White seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

KOPPER KETTLE WATER LEAK:

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Roberts reported that finally we were able to dig down and find the leak at the Kopper Kettle. The leak was approximately two feet from the pit and caused by a combination of a tree root wrapped around the pipe and the age of the pipe. Leak was extremely small until the tree root was removed and then the water had to be shut off to repair. Pipe was cleaned off and 6 inch repair clamp installed around the leak. Roberts told the Council in his opinion that the Town of Morristown did not cause the leak when installing the meter. Kopper Kettle owner became very unruly and voiced several unkind words toward Council Member Ralph Henderson and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Roberts. After further discussion Council Members instructed the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Roberts to go back to year 2017 and do an average cost for the year for wastewater charge. Water charge to be based on November and December 2017, January, February 2018 consumption. These averages would be used to figure the bill for December 2018, January 2019 and February 2019. No charge for the digging and repair clamp. Council Member David Benefiel made the motion. Council Member William White seconded the motion. Motion approved. Council Members Benefiel, White, Tracy and White Yea. Council Member Langkabel spouse of Kopper Kettle owner did not vote.

SOLID WASTE:

Discussion about the scheduled increase on April 1 for Solid Waste pick-up. Council Member David Benefiel made a motion to review the cost of the rate increase on a quarterly bases to see if we are able to absorb the increase in house. Council Member Ralph Henderson seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

OLD FIRE STATION AIR CONDITION UNITS:

Two bids were received.

Council Member David Benefiel made a motion to approve the bid from Lanham Heating and Cooling. Council Member William White seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Rush Shelby will be installing security camera poles when weather improves.

CSX was called several times concerning the engines running for a extended period of time.

Community Correction individuals picking up trash on March 23, 2019

INDOT checking US 52.

WATER LINE BETWEEN SOUTH MIDWAY AND SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET ON EAST SOUTH ST.

Council Member William White made a motion to proceed with the water line improvements. Council Member David Benefiel seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0.

MUNICIPAL PARK:

Playable instruments are in.

Clerk-Treasurer:

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer informed Council Members concerning the bank account for the Morristown Hanover Township Fire and Emergency Medical Board and would not make any payments until he talked to the State Board of Accounts.

Copies of the Fund Account, Bank Statements and Bank Reconciliation were handed out to each council member.

Council Member William White made a motion to adjourn. Council Member David Benefiel seconded the motion.. Vote 5/0

_____ Larry Tracy, President

_____ Don Roberts, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

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