MORRISTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES
August 14, 2019

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

Minutes of the July 24, 2019 meeting were approved as written on a motion by Council Member William White, seconded by Council Member Ralph Henderson. The motion passed. Vote 4/0

Claims presented were approved on a motion by Council Member Ralph Henderson seconded by Council Member David Benefiel. The motion passed. Vote 4/0

OLD BUSINESS:
Cost of Use Study:
John Seever from Baker-Tilley presented the results of the cost of use study. As a result of the study costs will shift from residential to non-residential type users with industrial type users picking up more of the cost. New rates are scheduled to go in effect around the first of 2020. A motion by Council Member David Benefiel to go with the new rate structure. Council Member Ralph Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed. Vote 4/0
Copy of Cost of Service Study made a part of these minutes.

NEW BUSINESS:
Mitchell Eschweiler from Baker-Tilley went over the 2018 Financial Review for both the Morristown Water and Morristown Muncipal Wastewater Utility. Mr. Eschweiler stated that both utilities were in good shape financially. Copies of the utility reports are in the Clerk-Treasurers office for review.

Employees:
Don Smith promoted to Supervisor effective August 1, 2019
Joe Heagy- Two dollar per hour increase after 90 days.
Jeff Heck- Full time status effective September 1, 2019
Gary Rogers - Full time status Sept 26, 2019
Council Member Ralph Henderson and William White made a motion to adopt these employee changes. Council Member David Benefiel seconded the motion. Motion passed. Vote 4/0

CLERK-TREASURER:
Morrison Street Water Filtration plant construction moving forward.
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer inquired about the old pitcher pump at US 52 and South Harper Street. Don Smith to check on status.
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer asked about a donation to the Morristown Marching Band and Fountaintown Volunteer Fire Department Ambulance Service. Council Member David Benefiel and Ralph Henderson

made a motion to give $500.00 to the Morristown Marching Band and a donation to the Fountaintown Volunteer Fire Department Ambulance service equal to 2018. Council Member William White and David Benefiel seconded the motion. Motion passed. Vote 4/0

BUDGET 2020:
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer reported that the 2020 budget process has begun. Copies of proposed budget will be handed out prior to the Public Hearing that will Take place September 11, 2019 at 7 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 418 W. Main St.
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer stated that a new position of Deputy Clerk-Treasurer was included in the 2020 budget and he hopes that the Council will approve and fund.

COMMUNITY CROSSING STREET GRANT:
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer reported that grants final papers would be submitted to INDOT.

LEGAL:
Morristown Redevelopment Commission held off expanding TIF area at this time. They need better information. Legal Council to contact Barnes and Thornburg.
Still working with Monroe.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:
Police radios on order.
Tahoe police car has miss in it.

WATER, WASTEWATER AND STREETS:
Omni-Site for Wastewater. Council Member William White made a motion to proceed. Council Member Ralph Henderson seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 4/0

Miscellaneous Business:
Still having issues with the fire alarm in the fire station.
Morristown Matters Monoploy Promotion. Council Member Ralph Henderson made a motion to purchase two squares at $150.00 each. Council Member William White seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 4/0

Council Member William White made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Ralph Henderson seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 4/0

_____Larry Tracy, President

_____Don Roberts, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
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