

**TOWN OF MORRISTOWN
TOWN COUCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 2008**

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Bill White called the meeting to order. Pledge of allegiance. All members present. Council member Dave Benefiel moved to approve minutes after one correction. President White 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- a. The middle of next week the project for the new road to Integrity Metals will begin.
- b. The fire hydrant across the street from the Methodist church will be worked on for repairs late Sunday night. There will be low water pressure in the area.
- c. Crane Works has secured the loans and should close the 22nd.
- d. Mary Atkins with M.D. Wessler presented contract to council. Ms. Atkins briefly summarized contents of contract. Council member Benefiel moved to accept contract. Council member Harry Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos. Motion passed. Contract was then signed. Mary Atkins will attend a Planning Commission meeting to discuss guideline booklets for surrounding industries.
- e. Gary Ruston with M.D. Wessler stated paperwork was submitted to IDEM in July. A response will be given on remarks from IDEM by 60 days. M.D. Wessler will continue to handle all questions from IDEM. Mr. Ruston stated the town can bid projects since no State Revolving Funds are used. Mr. Ruston will return the next meeting or first meeting in October to give the dates for the bids. The primary bond is being revised. A new pump is needed at the ponds to transfer to the new plant. An amendment will be brought the next meeting he attends.
- f. Marshall Henry Albrecht asked council for permission to purchase Blackberries for police officers. These will enable them to send email and text messages on them. They will then not need to use pagers. Council member Benefiel moved to purchase Blackberries. President White 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.
- g. Council member Justus asked if pipe wrenches have been left in water meters. Richard Keser stated all are accounted for.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Josh West submitted copies of liability insurance and exemption from Worker's Compensation. Everything is in order for him to move forward with the demolition of the bowling alley.

IV. CLERK TREASURER

- a. Clerk Treasurer Tom Reber stated office computers have installed Microsoft upgrade to 2007. Lowest price found for \$271.99.
- b. Software to install water rate increase in computer has arrived. Increase should reflect on the October bills.
- c. Resolution 06-2008 was read. This resolution allows the Town Fund to borrow from the WasteWater Fund. \$85,564.53 will be borrowed, will not bear interest, and will be repaid as 2008 Property Taxes are paid. Council member Benefiel moved to accept Resolution 06-2008. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.
- d. Resolution 07-2008 was read. This resolution allows the Town Fund to borrow the sum of \$50,000 from the WasteWater Fund. The loan will not bear interest and will be repaid as 2008 Property Taxes are paid. Council member Justus moved to approve Resolution 07-2008. Council member Benefiel 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.
- e. Approval was asked to deduct new water heater cost out of Fire Department Contract. Council member Benefiel moved to accept. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos. Amount to be removed with running total at end of year.
- f. A town citizen reported a smell and asked if it was the plant. Richard Keser reported it is not the plant. Keser to look at possibilities for source of smell.
- g. Clerk Treasurer read over budget proposals for 2009.

V. POLICE BUSINESS

- a. A credit was given from company that did not correctly send a battery pack for the hand held radar.
- b. Both cars are complete. Deputy Marshall Trittipio is driving the 2005 Ford. Marshall Albrecht is driving the 2003 Chevy.
- c. Albrecht has spoken with contractor concerning the crosswalk in front of the school. Town Attorney Jennifer Messer is conversing with the State. Messer will contact the school's principal about making a request to complete the crosswalk.
- d. Albrecht reported arrests have been made for car break ins. There is still a warrant for one suspect. Albrecht advised that residents should make a habit of keep their cars locked.

VI. LEGAL BUSINESS

- a. Town Attorney Jennifer Messer reported if a crosswalk was put on Washington St. from the Christian Church to the Boys & Girls Club, the town would be liable if not properly maintained. Reducing the speed limit was discussed, and Albrecht will do a speed study and report at the next meeting.
- b. Umbaugh is in the process of making a financial analysis for Integrity Metals and will hopefully be complete by the 24th.

- c. Messer asked if there are any improvements that are eligible for TIFF at Crane Works.

VII. WASTE WATER BUSINESS

- a. Most customers have been installed with a few remaining. An additional fire hydrant might need to be purchased, and a manhole may be needed to meet standards.
- b. Agreement with Integrity Metals to extend our line and assume liability has been issued.
- c. Employee Benny Barnes does not need to sign resignation/termination form since he is a seasonal part time employee.

VIII. LICENSE BRANCH BUSINESS

- a. License Branch working on a company title.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. Next week a special meeting will be held in Executive session concerning specific employee. Meeting to be advertised 48 hours ahead of meeting. Council members to check schedules to decide on meeting date and time.
- b. Shrubbery has been trimmed at US 52 and WasteWater Dr.
- c. There is a Masonic Lodge Sign at US 52 and Cottonwood Rd.
- d. Albrecht reported that Steve Davis has been informed that fire trucks are in need of upgrades. The motor upgrades are around \$20,000. Upgrades will also be needed for equipment.
- e. Richard Keser reported that salt spreader either needs new parts or a new spreader needs to be purchased.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Council member Benefiel moved to adjourn meeting. President White 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos. Meeting adjourned.

William D. White
President

Thomas W. Reber
Clerk Treasurer