

MORRISTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES
September 9, 2020
FIRE STATION TRAINING ROOM

President David Benefiel called the meeting to order, present were Ralph Henderson, Tammy Davis, Kristi Langkabel and Larry Tracy. Also present was: Town Attorney Mark McNeely and Clerk-Treasurer Don Roberts.

Minutes of the August 26, 2020. Council Member Larry Tracy made a motion to approve minutes as written. Council Member Ralph Henderson seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0
Claims presented were approved on a motion by Council Member Ralph Henderson seconded by Council Member Larry Tracy. The motion passed. Vote 5/0

PUBLIC HEARING:

President Benefiel opened up the Public Hearing for 2021 Town Budget. Clerk-Treasurer Roberts went Over the Budget and explained the process and the budget estimates for each category. Maximum levy Increase for 2021 is 4.2 percent. Passage of the 2020 Budget will take place on September 23, 2020. Clerk-Treasurer asked if there was any comments from the audience or Council Members. No one responded. Council Member Larry Tracy made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Council Member Ralph Henderson seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

OLD BUSINESS:

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT:

Council Members reported continued progress in the Interlocal Agreement with Hanover Township. Could be ready for approval by the September 23, 2020 Council meeting.

Caldwell Water and Wastewater Request:

Dana and Audra Caldwell were in attendance to discuss connecting to the water and wastewater service for a new building. Because of various variables it was decided to have an executive session to discuss in detail benefits to both parties for extension of the water line.
Executive Session set for September 16, 2020 at 7 p.m.

CLERK-TREASURER:

Morrison Street Water Project:

Clerk-Treasurer went over the final pay request from Graves Construction and asked for approval to submit for approval. Any outstanding issues are covered by warranty. After discussion Council Member Larry Tracy made a motion to approve final payment. Council Member Kristi Langkabel seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

Working with Don and Gary on the valve insertion project.

LEGAL:

Mark McNeely went over the Coates vs Morristown case and status. Need someone from Morristown to answer questions for a deposition. After discussion Don Smith was given the task to meet with Mark McNeely concerning the deposition.

Commended the Fire Board for the good cooperation in working on the new interlocal agreement.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

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Requested permission to attend a online class for \$150.00 in October. Council Member Ralph Henderson made a motion to approve. Council Member Kristi Langkabel seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

Still trying to get camera's in the park working.

Street, Water and Wastewater:

Don Smith reported:

Installing electric panel in new pole shed, new signs on order and will be installed, Willey property clean up moving again and preparing to install water valve prior to paving of the alley.

Surplus Heater From Broadway Pump House:

After discussion Council Member Larry Tracy made a motion to declare the heater surplus. Council Member Ralph Henderson seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

Council Member Ralph Henderson made a motion to sell heater for \$10.00. Council Member Larry Tracy seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

MISCELLANEOUS:

Council Member Larry Tracy it would be helpful if the Town of Morristown had a Community Standards Ordinance. Council Members agreed.

FIRE BOARD:

Council Member Kristi Langkabel reported revised Interlocal Agreement about ready.

ADJOURN:

Council Member Larry Tracy made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Ralph Henderson seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

David Benefiel, President

Don Roberts – Clerk-Treasurer

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