

MORRISTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES
January 13, 2021
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 December 9, 2020. Council Member Larry Tracy made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Council Member Ralph Henderson seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

Claims presented were approved on a motion by Council Member Larry Tracy seconded by Council Member Ralph Henderson. Vote 5/0

Clerk-Treasurer explained minutes of December 21, 2020 that was by zoom for the purchase of the new Pumper/Tanker Fire Truck. E-mail vote attached.

Election of Officers:

Council Member Kristi Langkabel made a motion to keep the same officers for 2021 as was in 2020. Council Member Tammy Davis seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

OLD BUSINESS:

Council Member Kristi Langkabel had questions about fire service pay. Fire service pay To be handled by Morristown / Hanover Township Fire Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resignation: Mr. Randall Reed submitted his resignation as the Morristown Planning Director, building, plumbing and electrical inspector. Health issues.
Discussion among council members on individuals to replace Mr. Reed.

First Merchants Bank:

Discussion about the bank closing. Everyone asked to write a letter to FDIC and First Merchants.

Clerk-Treasurer presented a letter and offer to lease a piece of ground for an ATM machine. No action at this time.

CLERK-TREASURER:

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer:

Clerk-Treasurer introduced the new employee: Morgan Eads.

300 East Water and Wastewater Line:

Clerk-Treasurer stated water line had been installed. Ready to make water taps.

ORIGINAL

Fire Truck:

Clerk-Treasurer stated that the truck had been purchased and lease/purchase agreement has been finalized with US Bank with help of the Indiana Bond Bank. Copy of amortization schedule was given to all council members.

Phone System:

Clerk-Treasurer handed out a proposal from Nine-Star for a new phone system in the municipal building. Total cost \$3,314.71. Council Member Ralph Henderson made a motion to approve the purchase. Council Member Larry Tracy seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0.

Medical Insurance:

Clerk-Treasurer presented information for employee medical insurance for 2021. After discussion Council Member Larry Tracy made a motion to go with the deductible plan of \$3,000/\$6,000. Council Member Kristi Langkabel seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

New Water Filtration Plant:

Clerk-Treasurer asked for the okay to send an e-mail to Graves giving them 7 days to come up with a solution to the sticking back wash valve at the water filtration plant. Council Member Larry Tracy made a motion to approve the E-Mail. Council Member Kristi Langkabel seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0.

Police Car:

Clerk-Treasurer inquired about the 2021 police car? Police car has not been ordered.

LEGAL:

Mr. Mark McNeely presented a contract for legal services year 2021. Council Member Larry Tracy made a motion to accept the 2021 contract. Council Member David Benefiel seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

Coates VS Town of Morristown:

Deposition have been taken. No trial date set.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Marshall Henry Albrecht presented Executive Order No. 13929 on Safe Policing for Safe Communities from the Indiana Associations of Chiefs of Police.

Marshall Henry Albrecht presented a letter from the Department of Justice. The Department Of Justice Announces Standards for Certifying Safe Policing Practices by Law Enforcement Agencies

Taser:

Discussion about Taser.

Street, Water and Wastewater:

Don Smith inquired about the surplus printer at the wastewater plant. Council Member Larry Tracy made a motion to scrape. Council Member Kristi Langkabel seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote 5/0

MISCELLANEOUS:

Nothing.

PLEASE CONTINUE SAFE DISTANCING AND WEARING MASKS.

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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