

**Minutes of the Morgantown Town Council Meeting
held March 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order by Council President, Penny Anderson at 6:00 p.m.

Present were; Council Member, Walter Abbott, Council Member, Courtney Allen, Council Member Ashlyn DeWitt, Council Member Greg Randolph and Council President, Penny Anderson.

Also present were; Town Marshall, Ryan Swank, DPW, Jeff Downey, Utility Clerk, Becky Rose, Town Attorney, Lee Robbins and Clerk Treasurer, Sharon McIntosh.

Special Guests were; Jill Curry and Lori Young with Curry & Associates, and Grant Administrators, Kent and Donna Anderson.

Presentation by Jill Curry and Lori Young with Curry & Associates

Lori Young opened the Public Hearing which she explained serves to notify everyone the Town is going to be starting a Waste Water Improvement Project. Residents will learn what was in the Preliminary Engineering Report and the 3 different agencies in which the Town is pursuing funding. The Town is working to pursue as much Grant money, subsidy money and low interest loan financing as possible. She explained the Town is working to comply with an IDEM Sewer Band Early Warning due to excessive water infiltration into the Lagoons. This excessive water exceeds the Town's permit limit for the Lagoons as well as the flow and design of the structure. Then in 2018 the Town received an Agreed Order and then entered into the Agreed Order finalized in October siting there were sanitary overflows within the collection system. The Town is supposed to notify IDEM of sanitary overflows when they happen. So the Town has entered into an Agreed Order with IDEM to pursue projects in order to resolve the two mains issues. Lori Young as engineer explained how they plan to take corrective action in order to

get the numbers back down where they should be. Then the Lagoon could continue as a very good treatment method for the Town. The technical side of the work that will be done was discussed. There were questions asked by the residents that attended the Public Hearing. Jill explained the plan to build a new Lift Station #2 on St Rd. 252. The Town will be pursuing Easements from home owners on the North side of Town to install new laterals to their property which the Town will own and maintain. Owning the Easement from every homeowner involved in the Waste Water Improvement project requires all homeowners must sign off for the Town to receive Funding. If a Homeowner refuses to sign an easement then the replacement of the lateral will be at the homeowner's own expense. Those homeowner involved will receive a letter inviting them to an Open House to view a model of their own property easement. They will be able to discuss the location and replacement with either an engineer or Town officials. The Town is planning to be able to begin construction in January 2021. Loir Young explained there is a 5 day public comment period so if someone thinks of something they wanted to say or asked notify by e-mail or call either the engineer or the Town because those comments will be incorporated into the minutes. All the folks that review the minutes will want to see Community involvement in this project. Greg Randolph asked Lori Young if they could use 6 inch pipe and Lori agreed that would acceptable. The entire Council members agreed the larger pipe would be the best.

Resolutions

Town Attorney, Lee Robbins presented a Resolution to authorize Penny Anderson as Town Council President to be able to make application to the Funding agencies and to sign all documents. Greg Randolph made a motion to designate Penny Anderson as President to make application to the funding agencies and to authorize Penny to sign and execute documents for the Town of Morgantown. Walter Abbott seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

The other Resolution was acceptance of the Preliminary Engineering Report that was presented at the Public Hearing and to forward the Preliminary Engineering Report on to the SRF. Greg Randolph made a motion to adopt the Resolution accepting the Preliminary Engineering Report presented at the Public Hearing this evening and sending the report on to the State Resolving Loan program. Walter Abbott seconded this motion. All members voted in favor of this motion. The motion carried.

April 1st Census Day

The Town Council President, Penny Anderson declared by signing a Resolution the Town would encourage all citizens to participate in the upcoming census.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

February 10th meeting minutes were presented for approval. Courtney Allen made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held February 10, 2020. Ashlyn DeWitt seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the approval. The motion carried.

Financial Reports and Approval of Bank Reconciliation for January & February

February 2020 Financial Reports were presented for the Council's review. The Clerk Treasurer reported the General Fund Balance is \$379,797.85, MVH balance is \$52,443.53, Water Operating balance is \$82,004.73, WW Operating balance is \$36,642.86 and the Storm Water Operating balance is \$14,943.71. The balance for the General Fund with all the Funds included in the General Fund is \$843,658.63.

The January & February 2020 Bank Reconciliations were presented to the Council for approval. The Council asked if the Bank Statements could be included with the Reconciliation documents. The Bank Reconciliations were not approved by Council and were postponed until after Council training with Janet Alexander.

Approval of the February 2020 Payroll

Greg Randolph made a motion to approve the February 2020 payroll list. Penny Anderson seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

Town Council Training with Janet Alexander

It was determined the training with Janet Alexander would be held on March 23, 2020 at 5:30.

Indiana Rural Water Spring Conference at French Lick

Greg Randolph made a motion for Penny Anderson to attend the Spring Water Conference at French Lick. Courtney Allen seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

Approval of Claims Docket

Greg Randolph made a motion to pay for the yearly trade of equipment with Bobcat out of the Rainy Day Fund. Ashlyn DeWitt seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

Greg Randolph made a motion to approve the Claims dated March 9, 2020 totaling \$123,824.11. Walter Abbott seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

Department Reports

DPW – Jeff Downey

Jeff Downey said he did not have all the chemical costs yet but he is working on getting them. Greg Randolph said he has Becky preparing a spreadsheet for Water and Wastewater to see where the money is going.

The CCR report has been mailed out to customers.

Jeff explained Taylor System Company who offers phone systems could not make it this evening and will be able to attend the April meeting.

Department

Town Marshal, Ryan Swank

Ryan gave updates from items from last meeting. The drug testing company offers a 10 panel and not a 12 panel but at the same price as the 5 panel at \$55.00. The company said if there is an accident they Contract with Test Sites and the closest one is in Franklin and Greenwood.

Spring Cleanup Day is Saturday, May 2, 2020 at the Fire Department from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

On Saturday April 18, 2020 the Police Department is hosting Tim Cain who teaches at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. He is coming here to teach a Criminal Law class. There will be a total of 40 people at the class and Ryan would like for the Town to provide lunch. Greg Randolph made a motion to allow Ryan to spend up to \$400.00 for the lunch. Walter seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

Greg Randolph explained he wanted to get a couple of Council members together to review the Personnel Policy and present changes to the Council for approval.

Becky Rose presented her request for 1 week of vacation the last week of July.

Town Attorney

Lee Robbins

CCD Ordinance 2020-3 Public Hearing

The Public Hearing was opened to Re-Establish the CCD Fund by Ordinance 2020-3. One resident about asked why the Fund is abolished. Lee explained how the process works and how the Town is re-establishing the Ordinance each year to receive the highest rate. The Town has had the CCD Fund for a long time. Another resident ask about how the assessed value works in determining the rate. This is not a new rate but the Town wants to keep the rate at the highest rate, the same rate it receives now. The Public Hearing was closed. Greg Randolph made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-2 on second and final reading. Ashlyn DeWitt seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

Bond Ordinance 2020-2

The Town is seeking funding for the Waste Water Improvement Project and this Ordinance authorizes the Town's Bond Counsel to pursue funding through the different funding agencies. This Ordinance is

authoring the sale of Bonds for the Project up to Eight Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (8,500,000) and approval of the Bond Anticipation Note to raise money to pay non construction or Administrative costs. Ashlyn DeWitt made a motion on 1st reading Ordinance 2020-2. Courtney Allen seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried on 1st reading. The 2nd and final reading will be held at the March 23, 2020 special meeting.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned by the Council President, Penny Anderson.

Council Meeting Minutes of, March 9, 2020

ATTEST:

Sharon McIntosh

CLERK TREASURER, SHARON MCINTOSH

Penny Anderson

Town Council President, Penny Anderson

Walter Abbott

Council Member, Walter Abbott

Courtney Allen

Council Member, Courtney Allen

Ashlyn DeWitt

Greg Randolph

Council Member, Greg Randolph