

Minutes of the Morgantown Town Council Meeting Held June 8, 2020

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

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

Motion to Approve All Claims paid since the Pandemic

During the Pandemic the Council by e-mail had authorized, Council President, Penny Anderson to approve all Claims. All Claims have been paid and up to date.

Greg Randolph made a motion to ratify and formally approve all Claims Dockets April through May. Courtney Allen seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Courtney Allen made a motion to ratify and approve the June 2020 Claims Docket. Greg Randolph seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

The Clerk Treasurer explained the 2021 Budget process will begin soon and she will be having an appointment with the Town's DLGF representative coming in July. Council members and the Department head need to be thinking of goals and projects for the coming year they would have to include in the Budget.

Requests for Tire Damage Reimbursement

Wyatt Bolt, 981 W 375 S, Trafalgar, requested a tire reimbursement due to a large pot hole that caused his front tire to blow out. He is requesting \$207.91 the cost to have the tire repaired. Another request was from Mason Johnson, 3719 Peoga Rd. Trafalgar, for \$375.43 due to damage to the tire rim and tire. There was discussion by the Council about when and how quickly the signs were put out warning drivers of the pot hole. Both damage to the tires happened in May. The pot hole was in the center of the road in the driving path and was pretty deep. Greg felt the hole should have been filled up sooner but the speed limit is 25 miles per hour. Greg Randolph made a motion to approve both requests. Ashlyn DeWitt seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Town Marshal Report

Ryan Swank reported Deputy, John Bise has returned back to the Academy beginning today. The Academy has been shortened from 5 weeks to 2 weeks and 41 hours of online training.

Ashlyn DeWitt made a motion to approve new Reserve officers, Kyle Hillenbrand, Scott McKenna and Summer Brown. Penny Anderson seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Ryan would like to see the Standard Operating Procedures updated and he has turned the information over to the Town, Attorney, and Lee Robbins to begin this process.

Courtney Allen made a motion to approve Town Marshal, Ryan Swank attending police training in Bloomington called, Street Crimes, and August 3rd through the 5th for \$395.00. Penny Anderson seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Spring Clean-up Day is Saturday, June 13th from 6 to 1 with Knight's providing a dumpster.

DPW REPORT

The Town is not going to participate in the Community Crossing Grant application due to the Waste Water Project.

A meeting will be held Thursday concerning the State Highway Bridge.

Jeff

Jeff Downey asked the Council for new Lab Tops for their Reading system. Jeff will have price next month.

SECURITY DEPOSITS

It was determined that Security Deposits older than 7 years become the property of the Town per Indiana Code. The Utility Clerk will take care of making sure the deposits are transferred to the correct Fund.

There was a discussion about the active deposits and when those would be given back to the customer.

Ashlyn DeWitt made a motion to apply security deposits to the customer's accounts when they not had been shut off within a 24 month period. Greg Randolph seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Lee Robbins will prepare an Ordinance that will define the reason a security deposit will be refunded back to a customer's account and have it prepared for the next meeting.

Purchase of 180 Grant Street

Lee Robbins prepared Resolution 2020-5. This Resolution is required by State Statue as the Town has an interest in purchasing property on 180 Grant Street. The Town would have to obtain two appraisals of the property within 30 days and could not purchase the property for no more than the average of both appraisals. Courtney Allen made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-5 to move forward in the process of getting appraisals for the property. Greg Randolph seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Training with Janet Alexander

The training for the Council with Janet Alexander will be on Monday, June 22, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. This will be training on what money the Town has to spend for large projects and looking toward the 2021 Budget process and how that works.

Easement packets to customers

Lee reported he is within a couple of days of having the Easement packets ready to be mailed out to Morgantown customers.

Opportunity to make changes

Lee spoke to the Council about with the Governor's Directive and Executive Order concerning the Covid-19 Virus customers have learned other ways to pay their bill since Town Hall has been closed. Lee felt the Council should not think in the terms of how quickly the Town can get back to the way things were before Corvid. Lee felt the Council should ask, "What makes the most sense now." Lee suggested the Council might want to reduce the hours Town Hall is open.

Possible the Council might want to only be open 3 days a week. Lee continued by saying the Council should not force themselves back into the mold it was before Corvid. Customers that paid with cash only have found a way to pay their bill because Town Hall is closed. The community is not putting pressure on the Town to reopen Town Hall. Becky suggested the Council consider an updated phone system when the messages go directly to individual voice mail. There was a discussion about having someone Jeff Downey knows come and provide information about the service she represents. The Clerk Treasurer did say The Town is under contact with AT& T for Business discount until December2020.

Utility Adjustments

In April there were 5 adjustments totaling \$1,165.71 and in May there were 4 adjustments totaling \$359.85. Both Becky and Jeff agreed these were valid adjustments. Greg Randolph made a motion to accept the Utility Adjustments as presented. Ashley DeWitt seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Direct Deposit

The Clerk Treasurer is planning on setting up Direct Deposit as soon as she can meet with the Bank to begin the process.

Last Waste Water Loan Paid in Full

The Clerk Treasurer reported the last loan paid from the Waste Water Fund has been paid to Peoples Bank. The monthly payment towards the outstanding debit, Waste Water owes the General Fund.

Easement by the Iron Bridget

The Town received a check for \$4,675.00 from the State Highway on the purchase of an Easement from the Town by the Iron Bridge.

Supplemental Revenue

Certified Shares received \$12,580.00, Economic Development received \$4,814.00 and lastly the Town received money for Public Safety for \$4,196.00.

Reimbursement of Covid Expenses

The Town has the opportunity to be reimbursed all Covid expenses through the County that would not have been included in the Budget. The Town is planning on an enclosure for the Utility Clerk and will be boxing in the entry of Town Hall. Any masks or hand sanitizer purchased could be turned in for reimbursement. This is not an infusion of extra money to the Town. Receipts must be used for proof of the needed purchase. Town Hall is keeping track of these expenses.

Public Comment

Joe Blevins express his feeling about offices being closed or hours limited. He feels that taxpayers have paid to have the offices opened. He does not agreed with the Government making new rules over crises. He does not agree with the Governor orders and Joe feels he is out of line. Joe said he hoped if the hours were reduced he hoped the Town would pass that along in savings to the citizens.

The meeting was adjourned by the President.

Council Meeting Minutes of, June 8, 2020, signed September 14, 2020

ATTEST:

Sharon McIntosh

CLERK TREASURER, SHARON MCINTOSH

9/14/2020

Dated

Penny Anderson

Town Council President, Penny Anderson

Walter Abbott

Council Member, Walter Abbott

Courtney Allen

Council Member, Courtney Allen

Ashlyn DeWitt

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Greg Randolph

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