

## **Minutes of the Morgantown Town Council Meeting Held September 14, 2020**

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 Guest was; Kent Anderson with Kenna Consulting.

### **Public Hearing OCRA Grant**

The Public Hearing was opened for interested parties to express their views and ask any questions on the federally funded CDBG project. The Town was awarded a grant from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) for \$700,000 through the Department's Wastewater Drinking Water program. The Town has also secured a \$3,360,000 forgivable grant through the funding agency SRF. Kent Anderson took questions and comments from those persons expressing a concern about the project. Most comments were made expressing the need for the Wastewater project due to the IDEM Order. Jeff Downey explained the scope of work that will be completed during construction. At this time there are approximately 100 property owners who have not yet responded to the Town's request for an Easement meeting concerning their property. Easement meetings will be held in October to give homeowners an opportunity to discuss their property. The Public Hearing was closed.

### **Consideration to Purchase Water from the Town**

Jeff Miller, who owns a business in Nashville, IN called The Flour House, presented his interest in starting up a bottling facility in Morgantown and use Morgantown owned well water in his products. If the Council would approve this request his company would agree to make specific investments in Morgantown including improvement of the town and its public assets. He asked

## DPW Report

The Department is looking at trading in a 2015 Dodge Truck and purchasing a 2020 Ford F-250 Truck at Ray Skillman. The amount Ray Skillman is giving the Town trade in credit toward the new vehicle would be \$16,000. Purchase price would be \$18,136.59 for the truck after trade in, plus money for snow plow equipment, lights, and tool boxes. Jeff Downey is asking to allow \$22,000 for the purchase in next year's budget. The Clerk Treasurer will be splitting the payments between, MVH, Water, Wastewater and Storm. Greg Randolph made a motion to pay off the 2018 Ford F-250 pickup truck financed through Ford Credit 6 months early and move forward in purchasing a new Ford F-250 pickup truck. Walter Abbott seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

There was discussion about making an offer on the property next to the water tower that has a trailer located there. Lee Robins the Town Attorney will prepare a Resolution appointing appraisers to adopt at next meeting.

Jeff Downey is working on getting HVAC quotes with a filtration system because the cost of the system can be turned into the County and applied to the Town's Covid-19 relief money.

An estimate was submitted to complete Tuck Pointing on the Town Hall building for \$5,600.00. The properties the contractor has completed nearby will be review by Walter Abbott and Greg Randolph. Greg Randolph made a motion to accept the bid pending a review of his completed jobs in the area. Ashlyn DeWitt seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

An estimate of \$1,800 was given to install new flooring at Town Hall and paint the inside of the building. The Town will be furnishing the supplies and materials. This includes the Town moving everything out of Town Hall and Police Department. There was discussion about how this remodel would be handled, where to store the desks and equipment. Renting a POD will possible is needed. Ryan Swank suggested requiring a time frame for completion so the contractor realizes once the job is started is should be completed within a set time frame. Greg Randolph made a motion to accept the bid of \$1,800 to install new flooring and paint Town Hall and to have fixed the wall in the Police Department bathroom. Courtney Allen seconded the motion. All members were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Wallace Construction should be in Town next week to begin patching the streets.

The Council agreed for Becky to view a Webinar concerning Water Administration for a cost of \$150.

Greg Randolph explained to the Council the Plan Commission map is terribly outdated. Years ago Morgantown gave up the rights to Planning and Zoning shipped it over to Morgan Co. When the Town took it back after about 5 years it reverted back to the old map which in those 5 years people had rezoned properties and the map was not updated. The attorney would like to review the Ordinance where the Town took back the zoning from Morgan County and then he will have a better idea as to how the Town should proceed. The zoning is actually the Ordinance and the map. Joe Blevins pointed out that the issue could hurt someone who is interested in a property and it is zoned one way and he wants to change the zoning. This change can be expensive for the buyer.

The meeting was adjourned by the President, Penny Anderson.

