

MORGANTOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

HELD APRIL 12, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President, Penny Anderson at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge was led by Council member, Courtney Allen.

Present were; Council member, Walter Abbott, Council member, Courtney Allen, Council member, Vern Snyder, and Council President, Penny Anderson.

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

Clinton Chapman, from the Morgantown Fire Department asked the Council to approve the 2021 Fire Department Contract for \$40,000.00. Council member, Courtney Allen made a motion to accept the 2021 Fire Contract set at \$40,000.00. Council member, Vern Snyder seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

The Fire Department is restoring a 1943 Chevrolet Fire Truck. Council member, Walter Abbott made a motion for the Town to contribute \$1,000.00 to the Fire Department towards the restoration project. Council member, Courtney Allen seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Michelle Walker, owner of "Dirty Hippie" brought to the Council a proposal to bring back Farmers Market on Church Street on Thursdays from 4-7. Church Street would be closed during the Farmers Market. Ms. Walker provided the Council with the Market rules, a signup sheet and a drawing showing the layout plans for the Market. The first year would be free for those who sign up to participate. Council member, Courtney Allen made a motion to allow the Farmers Market on Church Street. Vern Snyder seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed. Marshal, Ryan Swank asked who would be responsible to barricade Church Street to keep vehicles from entering Church Street. The Police and DPW Departments have been talking about purchasing new barricades for instances like this.

A resident, Jerry Cromwell asked when the Waste Water Improvement Project will begin. Jeff Downey responded that he did not know what the contractors plans were at this time.

A motion was made by Council member, Vern Snyder to have a Cleanup Day on May 1, 2021 with the Town again supplying dumpsters for Town residents. Council member, Walter Abbott seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Stephanie and John Walker provided information on the "Johnson County Sheriff Charity Community Motorcycle Ride" on September 11, 2021. There would be about 200 motorcycles coming through Morgantown. That is also the date of Colonel Vawter Day on Main Street.

Council member, Vern Snyder made a motion to approve the Claim for the new trash can for a total of \$5,227.81. Council member, Walter Abbott seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Council member, Penny Anderson made a motion for the Town to purchase flags for the Main Street light poles and to spend up to \$3,500.00 on the purchase. The flags would recognize the changing seasons, and holidays. Council member, Courtney Allen seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Council member, Vern Snyder to approve the minutes dated March 8, 2021 and April 1, 2021. Council member, Walter Abbott seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

There was a short discussion about work hours and lunch time for the DPW. The Council members felt this issue was already set and lined out in the Personnel Policy adopted on April 8, 2021 with work hours being from 7 to 3 each day (8 hours) along with an hour for an unpaid lunch. One of the employee affected wanted to know if he could take a half an hour for lunch and leave earlier or eat lunch quickly taking only 15 or 20 minutes. Before DPW was working 7 hours and taking a paid lunch and leaving early. Lee explained the employees must work 8 hours to be paid for 8 hours. Getting the hour for unpaid lunch and then taking a shorter lunch break does not mean an employee can leave early because the employees must work 8 hours, their lunch break would not count towards work time because lunch time will not be paid for by the Town.

President, Penny Anderson made a motion to approve the Claims, dated April 12, 2021 totaling \$152,214.38. Vern Snyder seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Council member, Walter Abbott made a motion to approve the payroll Check Register for the month of April 2021. President, Penny Anderson seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Council member, Vern Snyder made a motion to approve the adjustment of a Waste Water credit of \$397.47 and a water bill credit for \$218.19 for Bill Bryant. It was a service line leak that caught him on a third bill. Courtney seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

President, Penny Anderson made a motion to adjust a customer's water bill and credit \$223.79 due to the leak being a main water line in the yard the customer did not see. Council member, Walter Abbott seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Utility Clerk, Becky Rose requested time off for vacation; June 21st through June 24th. The Council had no problem with Becky taking that week off.

Town Marshal, Ryan Swank would like to purchase a Radar Trailer. The used 2019 radar trailer is for sale by a police department in Illinois. They are asking \$2,500.00. The repair company is refunding \$697.00 from repairs on the current trailer that did not fix the issue. The repair company would like the Town's trailer for parts. They are willing to certify all of the Town's radars free of charge next year. Delivery would be \$400 arranged through the radar company. The total cost would be \$1,553.00 for the radar plus delivery, \$400.00. Vern Snyder made a motion to purchase the 2019 radar trailer for \$1,553.00 plus \$400.00 for delivery. Walter Abbott seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Morgantown Memorial Day Parade will be held on May 16, 2021. The forms have been submitted to INDOT for approval of the road closure.

Council member, Vern Snyder made a motion to have a Town Cleanup Day on Saturday, May 1, 2021 and to use Best Way to provide the 5 dumpsters for the event. Council member, Walter Abbott seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

There was discussion about the police department and what is a standard shift work day for the officers. If an employee exceeds their shift hours one day and they have earned comp time the ideal way would be to work less hours the next day.

The Police Department notified the Town Attorney and the Council due to vacations some members of the police department cannot meet the April 15, 2021 deadline to return the receipt for the amended Personnel Policy dated April 8, 2021.

The Police Department has worked out an arrangement with Council member, Courtney Allen to provide to her the mileage and other requested information concerning the Police Department.

There was discussion about the Police Department and sometimes being called out early to begin work and Ryan felt the officer should not receive 2 hours of pay for a half an hour work. The officer should only be entitled to the hours actually worked. The DPW receives 2 hours pay for any call out even if they work 1 hour. The wording will be changed in the Personnel Policy to civilian employees to receive 2 hours pay for a call out.

DPW, Jeff Downey presented information from Curry & Associates on the WW Improvement Project. President, Penny Anderson is to sign the Notice of Award as soon as Kent Anderson says that OCRA Release of Funds is complete. Council member, Vern Snyder made a motion to accept the bid of Lykens Contracting Ink in the amount of \$5,702,995.00; award the contract for the Waste Water Collection System and Lagoon Improvement project to Lykens Contracting Ink, authorize Penny Anderson as the Council President to execute this Notice of Award and sign all other contract documents related to the project. This was seconded by President, Penny Anderson. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

There are a couple of issues that need addressed concerning the WW Improvement project. The ex-wife has not yet deeded the property at 409 W Washington Street to her husband who lives in the property and received the property in the divorce decree. Mr. Ellis is willing to give the easement. Curry & Associates prepared a quit claim deed and provide this document to her divorce attorney in Mooresville hoping Ms. Rader will sign quit claim deed soon so Mr. Ellis' easements can be recorded.

Pam Fleetwood at 390 N Pine Street has contacted the Town and Curry & Associates to see if anything can be done about drainage issues at the property while the wastewater is under construction. There were 2 options to fix the problem. In the past the homeowner was told the Town cannot fix the problem as it is too expensive. Town Attorney, Lee Robbins said the Council did not have to make a decision tonight. If toward the end of the Waste Water project there is contingency money available the home owners issue might be addressed.

Lee Robbins, Town Attorney spoke about the success of obtaining the necessary easements and that Curry & Associates have a great style in presenting the issue and why the Town needs the easement of their property. Along with the help of Utility Clerk, Becky Rose the majority of easements was received.

Jeff Downey spoke about getting bids for the demolition of the house on Grant Street. He is getting 3 bids; two are from Indianapolis and the other from Martinsville.

There was discussion about putting in a parking lot on the south side of Park property. Council member, Courtney Allen will walk the area with Jeff Downey to see what can be done.

Jeff Downey asked about passing a Resolution stating the Council has expressed interest in purchasing property and appoints two appraisers to view the property. The property sits next to Town property at the water tower. Council President, Penny Anderson said the Council will wait to a later time to review this idea.

Council member, Vern Snyder made a motion to approve and not to exceed \$4,500.00 including shipping for the purchase of barricades. Courtney Allen seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Joel Cox, the Town's insurance agent told Council President, Penny Anderson about IPEP offering Grants for Public Safety related items. Ryan Swank asked Joel to send him a copy of a Grant someone else has written to get an idea about writing a Grant to submit to IPEP for new Stop Signs.

There was discussion about the recycle bin and whether the Town will be requested to pay for the services at some point. Right now the county is paying for the service. Some Towns have discontinued the service due to the expense and the failure of those that use the service to not use the service as is posted at the site and on the container.

Town Attorney, Lee Robbins presented Ordinance 2021-5, an Ordinance Creating an ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund for the allocation of American Rescue Plan of 2021. The allocation will be deposited in Fund Number 176 and the funds used for those purposes outlined in Section 603(c) Social Security Act. The Council will devise and adopt a plan that will provide details for the use of the ARP funds. Council member, Courtney Allen made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-5 on 1st reading. President, Penny Anderson seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. Council member, Courtney Allen made a motion to suspend the rules and adopt on second and final reading. President, Penny Anderson seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

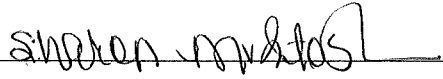
A motion was made by Council member, Courtney Allen to adopt Resolution 2012-2, a Resolution to adopt a New Employment Policy Manual. Council member, Vern Snyder seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

The Clerk Treasurer passed out a report to the Council that shows how the revenue has increased over the last 5 years for the Town. This revenue being the money the Town receives from the County and State monthly and yearly.

There was discussion about the Main Street building the Town sold and is sitting not completed by the new owners. All their permits have expired; possible Tim Guyer could contact them about the status of the remodel. Topic was continued to a later date when more information is available.

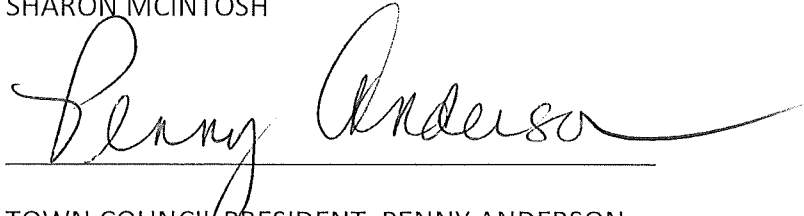
The meeting was adjourned by the President.

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES, APRIL 12, 2021 APPROVED & SIGNED MAY 10, 2020



ATTEST: CLERK TREASURER

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TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT, PENNY ANDERSON



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