

**MORGANTOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD DECEMBER 12, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by Council President, Penny Anderson at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge was led by Council President. The Clerk Treasurer noted Council members; Walter Abbott, Courtney Allen, Terry Poindexter, and Council President, Penny Anderson were present. Absent was Council member, Vern Snyder. Special guest was Layne Elliott with Eppley Institute.

Layne Elliott, with Eppley Institute for Parks and Public Lands through Indiana University gave a presentation of their proposal for the Master Plan of the Town Park. The action plan would be over a 5-year period. Mr. Elliott went over improvements the Park needed to make as well as the results from the survey that the Town residents completed. He explained that his company could help the Town find funding opportunities.

There was discussion about the Town Clock that does not work and has a broken glass face. The Town has received a quote Smith's Bell and Clock Service for \$5,455.00. Ryan Swank suggested the Council contact First Merchant Bank to see if they could possibly help out with the cost of the service repair. The Council asked Ryan to reach out to the Bank and see if they would agree to help with the cost.

Town Attorney, Lee Robbins presented Change Order #1 from SSI concerning the water line close to Glenn Brown's property. This would increase the service line from 2 inches to 6 inches and increase the project cost from \$36,105.00 to \$51,859.00 which will be paid out of ARP Funds. Council member, Terry Poindexter made a motion to approve Change Order #1. Council member, Walter Abbott seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

There is some confusion about the date for the delivery of the Playground Equipment. It was to be installed on December 12th but that did not happen because the equipment has not been delivered and the DPW shop must be inspected by the Playground Equipment company. Now there is no definite date but the expectation is to have delivery in the Spring. Dirt work at the site needs to be done before the equipment can be installed. The grading of the property still needs to be worked out.

Council member, Courtney Allen made a motion to approve the minutes dated, November 14, 2022. This motion was seconded by Council member, Terry Poindexter. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Council President, Penny Anderson made a motion to approve the Claims dated December 12, 2022 totaling \$159,741.30. Council member, Walter Abbott seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Council member, Courtney Allen made a motion to approve November 2022 payroll. Council President, Penny Anderson seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Council member, Walter Abbott made a motion to approve Pay Application #19 from Lykins Construction for \$505,558.82 with \$25,277.96 held in retainage. Council member, Terry Poindexter seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Council member, Courtney Allen made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-6 to transfer funds within a department. Council member, Terry Poindexter seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Town Marshal, Ryan Swank reported he attended the EMA Advisory Council meeting. He explained that part of their plan for next year is to install 3 new tornado sirens in the area. The sites have not been chosen at this time. The siren located in Morgantown is still being tested but it is a silent test.

The Law Enforcement Training Board sent out a letter that the State was going to mandate two of the Standard Operating Procedures Policies One is on vehicle pursuits and the other on deadly force. The vehicle pursuits policy will go into effect January of 2023. The deadly force mandate will begin in 2024. Ryan sent this information to the Town Attorney.

Ryan asked the Council for permission to send Kyle Adcock to the Police Academy next year for \$595.00. Council member, Courtney Allen made a motion to send Kyle Adcock to the Police Academy for \$595.00. This motion was seconded by Council President, Penny Anderson. All members voted in favor of the motion.

The Town Marshal report to the Council he is returning to the Town almost \$3,000.00 in unused Police Funds for the 2022 Budget.

DPW Kyle Rooks explained he would like to go to training for confined spaces in the future.

Town Attorney, Lee Robbins presented Change Order #3 from Lykins. A couple of the Council members had questions about the Change Order concerning the paving portion of the Change Order. The Change Order #3 was for work that was not in the contract but needed to be done.

Total of the Change Order #3 was \$133,956.34 with \$58,178.17 being for paving. When this Change Order #3 is approved there will be about \$214,000.00 in the contingency fund. Council President, Penny Anderson called Lori Young and she spoke to the Council by phone concerning the project. A couple members of the Council would like to meet with Lori Young as they have questions concerning the poor paving job before a vote can be taken for approval.

There is a need to replace a section of water Main between Church Street and Cross Street. Curry was asked to take a look at the issue. Lowes Excavation has submitted a bid for \$44,722.00 to correct the issues of water running into Joe Blevins building in the alley behind his buildings on Washington Street. Water has found its way into their basement and the sump pump is running nonstop. When the water surfaces the DPW fixes it but it but it keeps happening. The best option is to replace the whole line. Also, the Clock Shop does not have a meter because their bill is estimated each month. The Flower shop pays a monthly bill as well. Council member, Courtney Allen made a motion to approve the bid from Lowes for \$44,722.00. This was seconded by Council President, Penny Anderson. All members voted in favor of the motion. This will be paid out of contingency money.

Council member, Courtney Allen made a motion to approve the Nook's invoice of \$140.00 for the Utility Clerk's tee shirts. The motion was seconded by Council President, Penny Anderson. All members voted in favor of the motion.

The Salary Ordinance of 2022 needs to be amended due to the increase in the Utility Clerk hourly wage from \$17.00 to \$18.00 an hour. Lee will have this prepared for the December 28th meeting. The Clerk Treasurer will provide Lee with the information on the Bonus amounts.

A year end meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 28, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. to approve end of year Claims and any other business before the Council.

Public Comments

Sherrie McCarty spoke to the Council about her water bill with her husband Travis. The water bill is close to \$2,000.00. They have signed up with SCCAP with help for their water bill. There was discussion about whether the customer should be turned on without receiving the money from the SCCAP. Last year the Utility Clerk did not apply the credit until it was received. This information will be verified with the SCCAP office and possibly the water could be turned back on.

The meeting was adjourned by the President.

December 12, 2022 Meeting Minutes Approved and Signed on January 9, 2023

Sharon McIntosh DATE 1/9/23

ATTEST: CLERK TREASURER

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Courtney Allen

TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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