

## **MORGANTOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD FEBRUARY 14, 2022**

### **NOMINATION FOR TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

The meeting was called to order and a nomination for Council President for the year 2022 was made by Council member, Courtney Allen. Council member, Vern Snyder seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

The Council meeting began with the Pledge of allegiance led by Terry Poindexter.

### **ATTENDANCE**

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

Also present were; Town Marshal, Ryan Swank, DPW, Kyle Rooks and Joe Patton, Town Attorney, Lee Robbins and Clerk Treasurer, Sharon McIntosh.

Lykins, Pay Application #9 was presented to the Council for approval. Council member, Courtney Allen made a motion to approve Pay Application #9 for payment. Council member, Vern Snyder seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Bill Cooper, President of the Morgantown Little League spoke to the Council about the League's interest in improving the Town Park. Several Park members offered their time and equipment to help in the improvement of the park. The League shared their many ideas and plans to make money for the Little League. Council member, Courtney Allen exchanged information with the League members.

Kevin and Yvonne Smith had sent a letter to the Council asking them to charge them only for their water portion of their bill and waive the Waste Water portion while they are living in Florida for the winter month. The Town Ordinance states the Town does not abate a customer's monthly water bill. After discussion the Council felt, they would continue to follow Town Ordinance to not adjust a water bill.

A decision was made to pay the DPW 2 hours overtime for their weekend duties on Saturday & Sunday. Council member, Terry Poindexter made a motion to approve the weekend overtime for the DPW. Council member, Walter Abbott seconded the motion. The motion passed. The Council will continue to approve overtime pay for, snow removal, salting the roads, overflows and water leaks.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Town Attorney, Lee Robbins discussed with the Council the property at 40East Mulberry Street owned by Shawn Ficek. The property owner wanted the Council to purchase fence panels to replace the two panels removed this summer for tree removal. On the other side of Shawn Ficek yard panels were removed for the Waste Water project. The Council decided before the project began, they would not replace fences that were in the Town's right of way. Lee Robbins will send Shawn Ficek a letter stating this decision along with a \$300.00 check to purchase the missing panels if she so choses.

The Council discussed the side walk in front of Rick Reed's rental property at Highland and Sycamore. No decision was made by the Council to replace the sidewalk.

## **FINANCIALS**

Council member, Vern Snyder made a motion to approve the minutes dated December 13, 2022. This was seconded by Council member, Terry Poindexter. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Council member, Courtney Allen made a motion to approve the January 2022 Claims Docket. Council member, Walter Abbott seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Council member, Walter Abbott made a motion to approve the Claims Docket for December 2021. Council member, Courtney Allen seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Council member, Walter Abbott made a motion to approve the January Payroll Register. Council member, Courtney Allen seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Council member, Walter Abbott made a motion to approve the December 2021 Payroll Register. Council member, Terry Poindexter seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Council member, Terry Poindexter made a motion to approve an invoice to Blood Hound for \$2,280.00 for locates. Council member, Walter Abbott seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Council President, Penny Anderson said the Fire Department needs more money above the \$40,000.00 in the Town' Budget for this year. Council member, Courtney Allen asked the Fire Department to bring a copy of their budget to the next meeting so the Council can review their expenses before they would consider giving more money above the \$40,000.00.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Town Marshal, Ryan Swank reported the Town was awarded a Grant from the Indiana Rail Road Company for \$2,000.00 for the barricades the Town purchased.

Council member, Vern Snyder made a motion to approve the purchase of a vest for \$989.50 for Julie Blakely one of the Reserves. Council President, Penny Anderson seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Council member, Vern Snyder made a motion to approve the purchase of handgun ammo for \$1,221.84. Council member, Terry Poindexter seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

The 2017 Explorer has a coolant issue a repair that needs to be made. Council member, Vern Snyder made a motion to approve getting the 2017 Explorer repaired for up to \$2,000.00. Council member, Courtney Allen seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

The Marshal reported there had been a theft of water by a customer. The customer had been shut off for non-payment and they turned the water back on. The DPW will put a lock on the meter until the customer pays the outstanding balance due. The Marshal will go speak to them about tampering with the water meter.

## **DPW**

DPW, Kyle Rooks presented a quote from Bastin Logan for \$19,147.00 to due work on the Morgantown Well#3/Chemical Building, replace pump at Well #3, Video of Well #2. plus, Labor charge. Council member, Vern Snyder made a motion to approve going ahead with Bastin Logan completing the work on Well #3 & Well #2. Council member, Terry Poindexter seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

A quote from Tillman's Truck Gear for snow plow kit/electric motor was presented for approval if it is needed to be replaced. Council member, Vern Snyder made a motion to approve the purchase from Tillman's. Council President, Penny Anderson seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Quotes were presented to the Council to review for a new utility service bed for the newer Ford Truck that Joe Patton drives for work. The DPW has no place to store tools when they are out working away from the shop. Council member, Vern Snyder made a motion to go with the Knapheide quote for \$7,930.04. Council member, Terry Poindexter seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

### **ADJUSTMENTS**

Council member, Vern Snyder made a motion to credit Lloyd Allen's waste water for a leak he had for \$50.00. Council member, Terry Poindexter seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Council member, Courtney Allen made a motion to charge off Amanda Hayworth's water bill for \$12.59. Motion was seconded by Council member, Walter Abbott. All members voted in favor of the motion.

The meeting was adjourned by the President, Penny Anderson.

February 2022 Meeting Minutes Approved and Signed on March 14, 2022

Sharon McIntosh

DATE 3/14/22

ATTEST: CLERK TREASURER

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Penny Anderson

TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT, PENNY ANDERSON

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