

MORGANTOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD FEBRUARY 23, 2023

The meeting was called to order. The Clerk Treasurer noted the Council members present were; Penny Anderson, Jeremy Baker and Joe Blevins. Absent were Courtney Allen and Walter Abbott. Also present were Town Marshal, Ryan Swank, DPW Kyle Rooks, Town Attorney, Lee Robbins and Clerk Treasurer, Sharon McIntosh.

Town Attorney, Lee Robbins presented Ordinance 2023-2-6d for the Council to review. The Ordinance is concerning Zoning Ordinance Amendments for the Town. It was decided to table the action on this issue until all members are present.

The Clerk Treasurer asked the Council if they would approve the clerk writing the checks to David Patton for 9,000.00 to purchase a trailer, to Caritla Beezley for \$891.00 due to a lateral issue and to Lowes Excavating for \$2,350.00 to repair a water line break. Council member, Joe Blevins made a motion to approve the Clerk Treasurer writing the checks for these invoices. Council member, Penny Anderson seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Council member, Penny Anderson explained she had contacted the Eppley Institute for Parks and Public Lands through Indiana University to see what needed to be done to complete the Grant Application. Penny reported to the Council, that time is running out, the deadline is April 15th and Eppley has been waiting on the Park Board members names. Penny said she had names of people for the Park Board and would work on contacting them as soon as possible. Penny explained also that trees were taken down at the park site and she was told that DNR had strict rules on removal of trees when applying for a grant. If there is a problem the Town will have to purchase trees for the park site.

There was discussion about the state of the Town Hall. Some thought the building too small to renovate. The Town would be putting a large sum of money in this building and it has an upstairs which is not really usable only for storage. The main floor of the building is limited in space. There is mold in the building and everything would have to be torn out. The Clerk Treasurer explained the main floor does not have enough space to function as a Town Hall should. The Police Department needs more space as well. There is no conference room for groups to meet for planning, and for the SBOA when they come to do audits. The Clerk Treasurer should have an office with a door that can be locked. Lee Robbins explained the Town has saved the money to have a better Town Hall that meets the town's needs. The Town has enough funds for a down payment to find a better building solution for the needs of the

town. It was decided Lee would reach out to the Halls who bought the Washington Street properties from the town to see what their plans are at this time. The building permit for the Halls has just expired. There are also other options that the town could look at as well.

Council member, Penny Anderson said she felt the DPW needed a new building to store all their large equipment out of the weather.

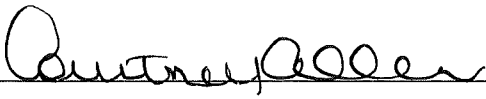
There was a discussion about the trailer by the water tower. Ryan had contacted Tim Guyer about the trailer. Tim Guyer had been in Town Hall and said he was going to look at the trailer and report to Lee but that did not happen. Lee said he could do the paper work on the issue of the unsafe trailer left on the property. Lee said he would contact Tim Guyer about the trailer. There was discussion about trying to find a building inspector who would have more time and act more promptly in addressing the town's needs. Lee said he has not received an unsafe building violation from Tim in quite a while and Lee felt there are probably a few buildings in town that need to be addressed.

Council member, Joe Blevins said he would like to measure the windows upstairs in Town Hall to get an idea as to what they would cost. He said he could install the windows at no cost to the Town. The Council agreed work needs to be done on the outside of the Town Hall whether we move to a different location or not.

DPW, Kyle Rooks asked the Council for permission to purchase a box of 3-part unions from Raymond Rooks for \$500.00. The parts are brand new and still in the box. Council member, Penny Anderson made a motion to purchase the parts for \$500.00 from Raymond Rooks. Council member, Joe Blevins seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

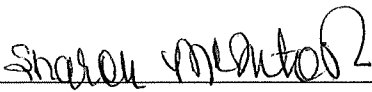
The meeting was adjourned.

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES DATED FEBRUARY 13, 2023, SIGNED MARCH 13, 2023



Council President, Courtney Allen

Attest:



Sharon McIntosh, Clerk Treasurer