

MORGANTOWN TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
HELD MARCH 20, 2024

**Morgantown Fire Department**

A public hearing was held by the Morgantown Fire Department on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Fire Station to approve a request to establish a Fire Territory. This meeting was the final public hearing and a vote was led by the Fire Department's attorney, Jeffrey Bellamy. Town Council members present were; Council President, Joe Blevins, Courtney Allen, Jeremy Baker, David Johnson and Penny Anderson. Also present were; Town Attorney, Lee Robbins and Clerk Treasurer, Sharon McIntosh. A motion was made by Council President, Joe Blevins to establish a Fire Territory and enter into an interlocal agreement between the Town, the Township and the Morgantown Fire Department. Council member, Courtney Allen seconded the motion. All Council members voted in favor of the motion. The Township and the Morgantown Fire Department voted in favor to begin an interlocal agreement which would be a tax levy plan submitted in April 2024 for approval.

The meeting was adjourned.

**Town Council Meeting**

Council President, Joe Blevins called the board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were; Courtney Allen, Penny Anderson, Jeremy Baker, and David Johnson, and Council President, Joe Blevins. Also present were; Town Attorney, Lee Robbins and Clerk Treasurer, Sharon McIntosh. Jill Curry with Curry & Associates was the special guest.

**New Computers**

The lease of new computers through Chad White had already been approved at the last Council meeting. Chad had contacted the Town and said he needed to make a change in the cost of the computers by approximately \$910 dollars. Council member, Jeremy Baker made a motion to approve the increased cost of the computers. The motion was seconded by Council member, Penny Anderson. All members voted in favor of the motion.

**Copier**

Council President, Joe Blevins, Town Marshal, Ryan Swank and Clerk Treasurer, Sharon McIntosh met with a Van Ausdall salesman to discuss a lease for a new copier for Town Hall. The new proposed lease amount would be \$128.93 and the maintenance contract would be \$37.94 each month. Council member, David Johnson made a motion to approve the lease of a new copier for

\$128.93 with a maintenance agreement of \$37.94. Council member, Penny Anderson seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

### **Water Project/PER**

Jill Curry spoke to the Council about the need to make a decision on whether the Council would be ready to go ahead and submit the Per by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Jill explained that if the Council did not move forward submitting the PER in April, they would be putting the water project back another year. Some Council members wanted to wait until they saw how much Brown County was going to charge the Town for wholesale water. Jill explained the Council could withdraw the submission of the Water Project up until June 2024. Jill told the Council that a cost-of-service study would have to be completed as well as a contract agreement between the Town and Brown Council Water before the Town would be able to buy water wholesale from Brown County. There was discussion about what the Water Project would include or which option the Town should consider. The Council talked about the Sighting option and wanting to keep the project at around three million dollars. Council President, Joe Blevins felt if it did not cost the Town anything to submit the PER and if the Town could withdraw up to June, he felt the Town should move forward. Council member, Jeremy Baker made a motion to move forward submitting the PER by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Council member, David Johnson seconded the motion. Council members, Joe Blevins, David Johnson, Jeremy Baker and Penny Anderson voted to move forward submitting the PER by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Council member, Courtney Allen voted no. The vote was 4 to 1.

Jill talked about holding a public hearing at the next Town Council meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup> as part of a requirement to move forward with the PER/ Water project. Jill also went over other details of the submission for the project concerning the requirement of a Capital Improvement Plan and an Asset Management Plan. The Clerk Treasurer has a good Asset Management Plan of the Town's Assets.

### **Town Park**

Council President, Joe Blevins reported he had met with the Little League and they were not happy with the Town. The Town has created a Park Board and the Little League wants to have a say in the improvement of the park. Joe explained to the Little League that they would have to go through the Park Board if something needed to be repaired. Joe asked the Council about a Little League Contract agreement. The Little League wanted something longer than a yearly

contract so the money they put into the park would be able to be enjoyed by the league for a longer period of time. Town Attorney, Lee Robbins will prepare the agreement.

### **Loan Between Funds**

Resolution 2024-4 was presented to the Council by Town Attorney, Lee Robbins. The Town had borrowed \$18,875.00 from the CCD Fund to pay for the Town's wells to be cleaned. The Town declared an emergency and will have 15 months to pay back the loan to the CCD Fund. The loan between Funds needs to be paid by December of 2025. Council member, Penny Anderson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-4. The motion was seconded by Council member, Courtney Allen. All members voted in favor of the motion.

The meeting was adjourned by the President.