

**MORGANTOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
HELD JANUARY 12, 2026**

NOMINATIONS

The meeting began with the nominations for Town Council President for 2026. A nomination was made by Courtney Allen, to nominate Joe Blevins for Town Council President for 2026. There were no other nominations made. The motion was seconded by Council member, Jeremy Baker. All members voted in favor of the motion. Joe Blevins accepted and he will be the 2026 Town Council President.

Council President, Joe Blevins opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council member, Courtney Allen.

ATTENDANCE

The Clerk Treasurer noted all Council members were present which included; Courtney Allen, Stacie Baker, Jeremy Baker, Jewel Blevins and Joe Blevins. Also, present were; Town Marshal Ryan Swank, Town Attorney, Lee Robbins and Clerk Treasurer, Sharon McIntosh. Absent was; DPW, Kyle Rooks.

MEDIATION

President, Joe Blevins and the Town's attorney, Lee Robbins attended a Mediation of the David Huff law suit which was brought against the Town of Morgantown. David Huff felt the property where he had installed his swimming pool was his property because David believed his parents had maintained the property when they were living. The Town had the deed in their name and the Town was planning on using the ground for a park. At the mediation the conflict was settled with David Huff agreeing to pay the Town \$3,500.00 for a small area of the property for his swimming pool.

ROSE CONSTRUCTION

Rose Construction will be back to take care of the punch list items that Joe Blevins and Jeremy Baker came up with when examining the building during the Town's inspection.

PAY APPLICATION #7

Reed & Sons, Pay Application #7 for \$228,999.31 was submitted for the Town's approval. Council member, Jewel Blevins made a motion to approve payment of Reed & Sons Pay Application #7 for \$228,999.31. The motion was seconded by Council member, Jeremy Baker. All members voted in favor of the motion.

CHANGE ORDER #1

Council member, Stacie Baker made a motion to approve Change Order #1 for \$7,012.75. This motion was seconded by Council member, Jewel Blevins. The change order was due to raising up the station 2 feet as a Todd Burns request.

APPRAISALS

The Council is still waiting on one more appraisal of the Old Town Hall at 120 W Washington Street.

HEALTH INSURANCE

The Town has signed up to join the AIM Medical Trust Health insurance. Employees have completed the necessary paperwork to sign up and the Insurance will be effective on February 1, 2026.

CLEANING TOWN HALL

Becky Smith was approved to do the cleaning of Town Hall for \$125.00 a week. A motion was made by Council member, Jewel Blevins to approve Becky Smith to clean the Town Hall. The motion was seconded by Jeremy Baker. All members voted in favor of hiring Becky Smith to clean Town Hall for \$125.00 a week. Becky will submit an invoice at the first of each month and will be paid monthly. Becky will also submit a 1099 form.

DPW GARAGE QUOTES

DPW Kyle Rooks was absent to present the quotes for the DPW Garage.

PARK

Jewel Blevins gave the report for the Park Board Meeting held this month. Morgantown Youth Sports has merged with Indian Creek Sports. The Days of Caring another day of work will be planned in the spring for Center Point volunteers to come back to continue working on the list of items that will help to improve the Park. The Board would like to see additional lighting over by the playground equipment. Jewel asked Ryan Swank if he would contact Live Wire to talk about getting cameras over at the park. It was also mentioned that the basketball court on Sycamore Street needs cameras as well. The Town should hear sometime in February about whether they are awarded the DNR Grant which they had applied for earlier. The Board would also like to see a Shelter House built at the park. Jewel is going to reach out to the Township Trustee and the Community Foundation to see if they would have funds available to build a shelter house at the park.

BOND

The Clerk Treasurer presented her Bond to the Town Council for the year 2026. Becky Smith's bond was also presented to the Council as well.

FINANCIALS

Council member, Jewel Blevins made a motion to approve the minutes dated December 8, 2025. The motion was seconded by Council member, Jeremy Baker. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Council member, Jeremy Baker made a motion to approve the special meeting minutes dated December 29, 2026. Council member, Stacie Baker seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Council member, Stacie Baker made a motion to approve the Claims dated, January 12, 2026 totaling \$82,758.95. The motion was seconded by Council member, Jewel Blevins. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Council member, Jeremy Baker made a motion to approve the December 2025 payroll. The motion was seconded by Council member, Jewel Blevins. All members voted in favor of the motion.

The November 2025 Bank Rec was presented to the Council. A motion was made by Council member, Jewel Blevins and seconded by Council member, Jeremy Baker to approve the Bank Rec. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Resolution 2026-1 was presented to the Council for approval. The Clerk Treasurer has brought all the negative balances for 2025 to zero. Council member, Jewel Blevins made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-1 approving the transfers. Council member, Stacie Baker seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Town Marshal, Ryan Swank spoke to the Council members about various requests he would like approved for 2026. Ryan requested approval to extend his law enforcement training to attend training to become a certified defensive tactics instructor. The training is to come in two parts: March 16-20 and May 11-15. The total cost for both weeks is \$1,500.00 and will be paid from LECE.

Ryan said he would like to use Lexipol and renew their online training contract with them. Due to the addition of two reserve officers to the department, the total cost would be \$755.86.

A Handgun ammo purchase was requested, 5 cases (5,000 rounds) of 9mm training ammo at \$216.16 per case totaling \$1,080.800. Also, requested is one case (1,000 rounds) of 9mm duty ammunition at \$409.92. Ryan request this purchase be made from the LECE Fund.

The year 2025 was the busiest year on record with a total of 1,764 calls for service. Ryan also thanked the Council for their continued support of the Police Department.

DPW

In Kyle Rooks absence, Council President, Joe Blevins told the Council he would like to see the Town get new sidewalks. DPW will be working to get bids for the project. DPW would like to build a new pole barn garage to store all the Town's heavy equipment. DPW is working on getting quotes for that project.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Krisher spoke about running for office in Morgan County. His reason for running for office is the Data Center and the property tax changes coming in the years 27 and 28.

Another visitor asked several questions. Wanted to know why the Clerk Treasurer must be bonded. Wanted to know why there was a transfer of funds.

Another visitor spoke about the Defensive Training for the Police Officers and that this was a good idea.

The meeting was adjourned by Council President, Joe Blevins.

JANUARY 12, 2026 MEETING MINUTES APPROVED & SIGNED ON FEBRUARY 9, 2026

Sharon Mcintosh DATE 2/9/2026

ATTEST: CLERK TREASURER

SHARON MCINTOSH

Joe Blevins

TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT, JOE BLEVINS

Courtney Allen

COURTNEY ALLEN

Jeremy Baker

JEREMY BAKER

Stacie Baker

STACIE BAKER

Jewel Blevins

JEWEL BLEVINS