

MORGANTOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 8, 2026

After the Council's Executive Session meeting at 5:30 p.m., the regular monthly meeting began at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council member, Stacie Baker.

Those Council members present were; Courtney Allen, Stacie Baker, Jeremy Baker, Jewel Blevins, and Joe Blevins. Also attending were; Town Marshal, Ryan Swank, DPW, Brad Cooper, Town Attorney, Lee Robbins and Clerk Treasurer, Sharon McIntosh.

Council President, Joe Blevins reported, the contractor, Reed & Sons is about finished with the project. They still have to finish hooking customers up to the new lines. Reed & Sons is also going to be paving all the areas where they had to dig up parts of the streets.

The Town is looking at purchasing a Vac Truck from Piercefield Contracting for \$25,000.00. The loan would be with Peoples Bank for 3 years. Council member, Jeremy Baker made a motion to approve the purchase of a Vac Truck for the Town. The motion was seconded by Council member, Jewel Blevins. All members voted in favor of the motion. Another motion was made by Council member, Jeremy Baker to approve, Council President, Joe Blevins signing all documents pertaining to the loan at Peoples Bank. The motion was seconded by Council member, Jewel Blevins. All members voted in favor of the motion.

The Town is working with People's Bank in moving ahead with the loan closing for completing the DPW Garage Building. The Term is 5.5% for ten years. The bank is waiting on the approved minutes from this meeting to move ahead. Council member, Jewel Blevins made a motion to approve the loan of \$75,000.00 and approval for Council President, Joe Blevins to sign all loan documents. The motion was seconded by Council member, Courtney Allen. All members voted in favor of the motion.

DPW has been dragging chains from a boat into the sludge at the Lagoon. They plan to introduce Bacterial Enzyme Treatment as soon as it arrives.

DPW is waiting for the ground to dry out before they start the smoke testing.

A motion was made by Council member, Jewel Blevins to ratify the approval of the Triple Point Aeration System for \$86,000.00 for the Lagoon. The system will be purchased with remaining funds that was left from a previous project. The motion was seconded by Council member, Courtney Allen.

A motion was made by Council member Stacie Baker to add TVs in the Town Council meeting room for a cost of \$4,724.95 with Live Wire Alarm LLC. The motion was seconded by Council member, Jewel Blevins. All members voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Council member, Jewel Blevins to ratify the purchase of a Crack & Seal Machine. The motion was seconded by Council member, Stacie Baker. All members voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Jeremy Baker to ratify the purchase of a Fan Motor for the 252 Lift Station. The motion was seconded by Council member, Jewel Blevins. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Council member, Jewel Blevins made a motion to approve getting bids for new sidewalks. The motion was seconded by Council member, Courtney Allen. All members voted in favor of the motion.

The Town has received a Community Crossing Grant of \$333,225.00 to pave streets in the Town. The match will come from the MVH Restricted Fund for \$66,625.00. Grady and Sons was awarded the contract.

Council member, Jewel Blevins made a motion to have Kleinpeter Consulting handle completing the SRF Disbursement Request Forms. The motion was seconded by Council member, Courtney Allen. All members voted in favor of the motion.

The Deputy Clerk's/ Utility Clerk's desk made by Rose Construction is not holding up. Joe Blevins asked for money back to the Town from Rose Construction due to poor work. Council member, Jewel Blevins seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Council President, Joe Blevins said he would like to get bids for paving to extend the parking lot to the property line on both sides to give more parking spaces. Joe will be getting bids.

The Council looked at pictures of several Shelter Houses. The Council are to review the pictures and be prepared to vote for their choice at the next meeting.

Metron Water System meters were discussed by Council members, Jewel Blevins and Stacie Baker who met with the Metron sales person. The cost for the system is \$145,000.00. Utility Supply price is close to \$200,000.00. Both Stacie and Jewel liked the Metron meters features and the pricing is so much better.

Council member Jewel Blevins made a motion to approve Reed & Sons Pay Application #11 for \$88,724.17. 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 Pay Application #12 for \$151,315.00. The motion was seconded by Council member, Stacie Baker. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Change Order #2 was presented to the Council for \$13,795.42 for approval. A motion was made by Council member, Jewel Blevins, to approve the Change Order. The motion was seconded by Council member, Jeremy Baker. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Council member, Jewel Blevins made a motion to approve the Minutes from May 8th with a change of date on the agenda. Council member, Stacie baker seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Minutes from the June 20th special meeting were approved and a motion was made by Council member, Courtney Allen. The motion was seconded by Council member, Stacie Baker. All members voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Council member, Jeremy Baker, to approve the Claims Docket dated June 8, 2026 totaling, \$236,317.24. Council member, Courtney Allen seconded the motion. All members voted in favor

A motion was made by Council member, Courtney Allen, to approve the payroll for May 2026. The motion was seconded by Council member, Stacie Baker. All members voted in favor of the motion.

There was no Bank Rec for approval.

The Park Board did not meet last month so there is no report.

There were no adjustments to be presented.

Council member, Jewel Blevins made a motion to approve the invoice # 1919 from Piercefield for \$1,080.00 for approval to pay. Council member, Jeremy Baker seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Police Report

Town Marshal, Ryan Swank asked the Council's approval to hire Paul Henderson at \$31.25 an hour replacing, John Bise. Paul Henderson has a great deal of certifications and would not have to attend the academy. Council member, Stacie Baker made a motion to approve hiring Paul Henderson as the new deputy. Council member, Jeremy Baker seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Council member, Jewel Blevins made a motion to approve purchasing body armour for Paul Henderson. The motion was seconded by Council member, Stacie Baker.

DPW Report

DPW manager, Brad Cooper spoke about various purchases that will need to be made for the DPW Garage Building. They will need spray foam 2 inches thick, and large garage doors. Joe Blevins spoke up and said we need to wait on those things because those items should be paid out of the loan proceeds

Brad said he would like to buy a hydra meter and wondered if it could be purchased out of the project fund. No decision was made. Justin Hawley is working on the Loss Audit Report Due August 1, 2026.

Brad asked to purchase gravel, 2 loads of 8' and 3 loads of 3'. Council member, Jewel Blevins made a motion to purchase gravel. This motion was seconded by Council member, Jeremy Baker. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Public Comments

Kay Stockton, who lives on Highland Street spoke about the water in her basement and how the sump pump runs every 17 seconds. Does not know where the water is coming from but asked the Council to look into the issue. Joe Blevins said he and Brad Cooper will be up at Kay's house to take a look at the issue and see if they can figure it out.

Jeff Downey complained that the agenda was not on the website until 2 hours before the meeting. The agenda was posted on the meeting room entry door which is the only requirement concerning the agenda. The agenda was sent to the website on Friday but was not loaded until 2 hours before the meeting.

Jason Allen who lives on Highland Street across from Basketball Courts said he saw a hand gun at the court. There was someone else who saw the gun too. He wondered if there was way to get power at the courts so a camera could be installed. The Town will look at getting power at the basketball court to move forward with cameras at the that location.

The Council decided to get rid of the rocks on the outer edge of the court. The kids throw the rocks on to the basketball court. Working on getting an estimate to remove the rocks and pour concrete where the rocks were.

There was another complaint concerning the sound in the meeting room. People who want to view and listen to the meeting using the internet do not get good reception and cannot hear the meeting. One of the problems is that residents are talking during the meeting or everyone is trying to talk at once. The public attending the meeting should not be talking during the Council's business meeting. Resident can talk during public comments.

The Council is aware that the room also has a problem. The Council talked of sound boards or panels but some Council members did not like that idea. The Council is going to look into the problem and come up with a solution.

The meeting was adjourned by the Town Council President.

JUNE 8, 2026 MEETING MINUTES APPROVED & SIGNED ON JULY 13, 2026

Sharon Mitchell

DATE 7/15/2026

ATTEST: CLERK TREASURER

SHARON MCINTOSH

John Blum

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