

MORGANTOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD AUGUST 10, 2026

OPENING

The regular monthly Council business meeting was held on Monday, August 10, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. located at 269 W Washington Street. The pledge was led by Council member, Courtney Allen.

ATTENDANCE

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

DRINKING WATER PROJECT

Reed & Sons is ready to install new service lines to 65 residents. This is beyond the original service lines that were included in the Drinking Water Project. Joe Blevins informed the Council of the contingencies funds that are left from the Drinking Water Project and the plans the Town has to use these monies for the new service lines to 65 residents, a water mixer for the water tower, getting the water tower inspected and cleaned, purchase more meters, and purchase a antenna to put on top of the water tower which will allow the Town to have a more improved utility billing system where every customer will be able to go on line to a portal and read how much water was used as well as discovering if they have a possible leak. This is a list of items that will be purchased using the contingency funds. There are several more residents' yards that need to be restored as well.

OLD BUSINESS

The Town is still waiting on Peoples State Bank to get the documents prepared to close on the VAC Truck loan as well the DPW building loan.

The Town is waiting on the shelter house plans. The plans are needed to prepare the site.

The Town has ben working on pouring new sidewalks in Town. New sidewalks have been poured on Morton Street. Right now, the Town is working on addressing the worse areas and as money is available the Town will do more sidewalks.

There are trees in the public right of way on Middle Street and the town is going to have the trees removed.

The Town has received a verbal approval from the SRF for the Town to use contingency funds from another SRF project to purchase and have installed new aerators at the Lagoon.

Smoking Testing has been completed. Found enough issues to possibly that the Town may need to apply for a Stormwater project possible next year. Some of the worst locations was S Church Street and Elm Street.

COMMUNITY CROSSING

The Town had additional materials so the project was extended to another street. Council President, Joe Blevins informed the Council that the AIM Paser Rating score for Morgantown is over 6 so there would not be extra funds available until the score was under 6. Joe wants the Town to plan for a street project September of next year. Joe is also looking into getting some of the streets in Town coated.

ROSE CONSTRUCTION

Several issues have come about that have been turned into Rose Construction Company who performed the work for the Town Hall. The roof paint is peeling and Ryan has an area in his office that Rose Construction needs to address. Becky Smith's desk was falling away from the wall and was not in the best shape. The Council had another Counter company set up a whole new counter desk and work station for Becky.

The Town wanted to have concrete pads under the bleachers at Whitaker Park. Brad Cooper said he did not have a bid for this project. He is working on getting the bids. He is also working on getting bids to extend the parking lot another 10 feet on each side.

The Town is looking into getting power set up at the basketball court and have cameras installed. Waiting on a bid from Live Wire.

GMG APARTMENT

GMG presented to the Town invoices for work that was performed at one of their apartments on Marion Street. The Main plugged up and was emptying into the basement of the apartment. Melonie asked the Town to reimburse her \$1,725.00 for the work she had to have done. Council member, Jewel Blevins made a motion to reimburse GMG for the clean up work to restore the apartment. The motion was seconded by Jeremy Baker. All members voted in favor of the motion.

PARK

The Town has looked into putting a multi court at Whitaker Park. Someone has approached a Council member asking if the Town would be willing to put in a pickle ball court. A multi court would cost between \$60,000.00 to \$80,000.00 depending on how much work the DPW could do themselves. The Council is willing to look into this followed by a recommendation from the Town Council to the Park Board. Jewel also said she is going to approach the Township Trustee to see if they might be willing to donate to the project.

REED & SONS

Pay Application #14 was presented to the Council for approval by the Town Council. Council member, Jewel Blevins made a motion to approve payment of Pay Application #14. The motion was seconded by Council member, Courtney Allen.

Change Order #3 for \$42,769.2 was presented to the Council. The work performed was on County Line Road, on South Church Street. Council member, Courtney Allen made a motion to approve payment of Change Order #3. The motion was seconded by Council member, Jeremy Baker. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Change Order 3b for \$8,974.72 was presented to the Council for approval. Council member, Jewel Blevins made a motion to approve application 3b for \$8,974.72 for a line bore under the highway near the funeral home. This motion was seconded by Council member, Stacie Baker. All members voted in favor of the motion.

FLEIS & VANDENBRINK

Fleis & Vandenbrink had two invoices for payment. The first one is for \$5,500.00 invoice #78788. Council member, Jeremy Baker made a motion to approve Fleis & Vandenbrink invoice for \$5,500.00. The motion was seconded by Council member, Courtney Allen. All members voted in favor of the motion. The second invoice, #77986 for \$18,000.00. Council member, Stacie Baker made a motion to approve invoice #77986 for \$18,000.00. Council member, Jeremy Baker seconded the notice. All members voted in favor of motion.

FINANCIALS

A motion was made by Council member, Stacie Baker to approve the minutes dated July 13, 2026. The motion was seconded by Council member, Jeremy Baker. All members voted in favor of the motion.

The minute dated July 20, 2026 was presented for approval by Council member, Jeremy Baker. The minutes were seconded by Council member, Jewel Blevins. All members voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Council member, Jewel Blevins to approve payment of the Claims Docket, dated August 10, 2026 and totaled \$362,427.56. Council member, Courtney Allen seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Council member, Jewel Blevins to approve the payroll for July 2026. Council member, Courtney Allen seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of approving the payroll for July 2026.

Council member, Jewel Blevins made a motion to approve the May Bank Rec. The motion was seconded by Council member, Stacie Baker. All members voted in favor of the motion.

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

ADJUSTMENTS

Cindy Pope located at 59 S Church Street had a leak in the sprinkler system in the front yard. She is asking for a credit to her account of \$49.53. Council member, Stacie Baker made a motion to approved the credit. The motion was seconded by Council member, Jewel Blevins. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Melissa Bryant located at 169 N church Street had a leak underground. She is asking for a credit to water for \$285.24 and a credit to waste water for \$468.24. Council member, Jewel Blevins made a motion to approve the credit totaling \$753.48. The motion was seconded by Council member, Jeremy Baker. All members voted in favor of the motion.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Town Marshal, Ryan Swank has quotes to get the new police vehicles set up. Justin Drake, with Print Dudes has a quote of \$1,400.00 to get the Decals installed on right, left and rear for both vehicles. Council member, Jeremy Baker made a motion to approve the \$1,400.00 to decal both new vehicles. The motion was seconded by Council member, Stacie Baker. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Waymire estimate was \$10,782.45 for each vehicle. Council member, Courtney Allen made a motion to approve the purchase. The motion was seconded by Council member, Jewel Blevins all members voted in favor of the motion.

The estimate to install emergency equipment with Live Wire Alarm LLC for both vehicles is \$2,250.00 each. The motion to approve was made by Council member, Stacie Baker. The motion was seconded by Council member, Jewel Blevins. All members voted favor of the motion,

Another purchase was from EMP Tech Group for \$1,561.00 for printer equipment. Council member, Jeremy Baker made a motion to approve the purchase to the EMP Tech Group. The motion was seconded by Council member, Stacie Baker. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Ryan explained all expenses will be paid out of the Public Safety Fund.

DPW DEPARTMENT

DPW Manager, Brad Cooper spoke to the Council about wanting to trade the 2018 Ford Truck for a 1-ton single, flatbed truck. There was discussion with the Council about trading off the 2022 Dodge Ram that was just paid off this month. Brad said yes, he would like to get rid of the 2022 Dodge Ram Truck. The Dodge Ram Truck gets terrible gas mileage. Everyone agreed the 2022 Dodge Ram needed to be sold or traded in when Brad gets his new 1-ton truck in 2027. This purchase would have to be included in the 2027 Budget.

Brad spoke about wanting to get a Push Box and they run about \$2,500.00. This will be added to the 2027 budget.

ATTORNEY

Attorney, Lee Robbins had nothing to bring before the Council.

MUST MEETING

President Joe Blevins told the Council about the Municipal Unit Strategic Taskforce, MUST meeting that the Clerk Treasurer as the Town's Fiscal Officer will appear and participate in at the county level. The meeting will be at the Justice Center on Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. The MUST consists of one representative from the county and the fiscal officer of each city and town in Morgan County. They will meet to review and discuss statutory changes enacted by HEA 1210 that was adopted 2026. This bill will have a major impact to the local units of government and it affects the amount of LIT income each community will receive. Council President, Joe Blevins said he will be attending these meeting as well. There will be two more meetings before the 1st of November.

The meeting was adjourned by the President.

AUGUST 10, 2026 MEETING MINUTES APPROVED & SIGNED ON, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

Sharon M. Miller DATE 9/14/24

ATTEST: CLERK TREASURER

SHARON MCINTOSH


TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT, JOE BLEVINS

COURTNEY ALLEN


JEREMY BAKER

Stacie Baker
STACIE BAKER


JEWEL BLEVINS