

TOWN OF MORRISTOWN
COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 22, 2017
REGULAR MEETING

I. Call to order: President David Benefiel called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag. Members present were; William White, Ralph Henderson, Larry Tracy, and Kristi Langkabel. Others present were; Mark McNeely, Attorney, and Sue Keaton, Clerk-Treasurer.

II. William White moved the Minutes of the March 8, 2017 meeting be approved as written, 2nd by Larry Tracy and the motion passed. Larry Tracy moved the Claims be approved as presented, 2nd by William White and the motion passed.

Ryan Sidler of Wessler Engineering presented draft plans for increasing well 5 & 6 pumping capacity and addition of a treatment plant to accommodate the increase. This presentation was a draft and the estimated costs exceed two million (\$2,000,000) dollars. The final proposal will be presented at the next Council meeting.

HEARING

Attorney Mark McNeely reviewed the situation of the house located at 373 N. Morrison Street, Morristown. Owner Ryan Carlton had received notification of the hearing as shown by signature on the certified mail receipt. Ryan Carlton was represented by his mother Ms. Vicki Carlton. Ryan Carlton was not present at the hearing.

Attorney McNeely went through the process the Town followed as required by the Town code (adopted language State of Indiana) and proceeded to read through the points of the letter sent to the Carltons. Photos of the property were shown. Some cleanup of household type trash has taken place. Ms. Carlton commented she couldn't see how this house was different from a new construction that wasn't closed in and open to the weather. She was reminded this situation has been ongoing. The house has been unoccupied for more than two years. Council member Larry Tracy reiterated this was the same story, one year later. Kristi Langkabel moved the order to demolish and cleanup be affirmed, 2nd by Larry Tracy with 60 days to comply and the vote was unanimous. Ms. Carlton indicated she planned to appeal and Attorney McNeely reminded her she had ten (10) days from the Hearing to do so in Shelby County,

III. Old Business: Council members questioned the current water leaks at the Watertower Trailer Park. They were assured the water circulating through the park cannot be reintroduced into the Town water system as a check valve is in place. The Park has been under a "boil water" notice for more than two weeks. While there are open holes around the park while work is ongoing the Town cannot enforce as it is private property. Water pressure problems within the park do not affect the Town distribution system.

William White had Cody Cory present two quotes for resurfacing Locust Street and an area within the industrial park. Floyd Crim and Sons quote was for \$35,500. For Locust Street and \$8,100. For the industrial park. Tillison Asphalt quote for Locust Street was \$35,991. And for the industrial park area \$7,082. Total \$43,600. For Crim and \$43,073 for Tillison. The Redevelopment Commission will be approached about funding the industrial park repairs.

The Council requested an Executive Session for April 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Motion made by William White and 2nd by Ralph Henderson. Motion passed. Notices will be made.

June 9, 10, and 11 will be utilized for a music festival in the Park. As of this day it is a go.

A brief discussion took place about the Willey property west of the Town Park and the mess that it was in. County assistance will be requested to clean up the property.

- IV. Cody Cory will seek information about well-head protection concerning the Willey property to see if any rules apply and a state inspection may be requested.

Reminder: the large trash pick-up day is April 1, 2017 from 8 to noon at the old town dump. Information was included in all March water bills.

Cody told the council the old force main from the plant to the river is beginning to show it's age and will need replacement, maybe in the fall. Larry Tracy moved that Cody get cost estimates, 2nd by William White and approved.

The roof on the main utility building appears to have wind and hail damage. The insurance company will be contacted to assess the condition. Additionally, the overhead door opener is wearing out. No action taken on the opener.

Two employees will be requested to work during Large trash day on April 1.

Cody Cory requested he and another employee attend the Spring Indiana Rural Water Association conference in April, two on Monday and two on Tuesday at \$60.00 each day. William White moved they attend, 2nd by Larry Tracy and the motion passed.

General discussion occurred to hire a summer worker but no decision was made.

Larry Tracy moved the meeting be adjourned, 2nd by Ralph Henderson and the motion passed.

_____ David Benefiel, President

_____ Date

_____ Sue Keaton, Clerk-Treasurer

_____ Date