

TOWN OF MORRISTOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 13, 2011

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Ralph Henderson called the meeting to order at 7PM. Pledge of allegiance. All members present. Council member Dave Benefiel moved to approve minutes from June 29, 2011 meeting as written. Council member Harry Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos. Council member Benefiel moved to approve payment of APV's. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. The TIFF Board at their meeting this evening approved \$297,715 for the Lagoon Closure Project. The total cost was \$522,715. Clerk Treasurer Reber will take \$175,000 from the 2009 Bond Revenue and \$50,000 from the Sewer operating revenues. Council member Benefiel moved to accept bid from Synragro, the lowest acceptable bid for The Lagoon Closure Project. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. The Town officers worked overtime due to the train wreck on the bridge outside of Morristown. CSX should be able to compensate for the Town officers overtime hours.

IV. CLERK TREASURER

A. There has been trouble with the phone and fax lines at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. At one time the Town had Boyer give an estimate for repairing the lines which would have been around \$3,000. Caleb will be contacting Frontier

B. SCDC annual fees are due in October. Dues were \$3500 last year, question was raised by Clerk Treasurer if Town wanted to continue being a member.

C. GPS quotes for Town vehicles were presented to Council. Council member Justus moved to not purchase the GPS system. Council member Benefiel 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.

D. Les Day is being paid \$300 per week to be the Town's certified water operator. The Town now has 3 Grade DSS water operators. The question was raised if Mr. Day's responsibilities for the Water Department could be lowered along with the weekly amount paid. Caleb will contact Mr. Day.

E. The Morristown Girl's Volleyball Team will be having a car wash and using a water meter at Morristown Elementary School with no hook up fee or water charges from the Town.

F. An invoice was received from J.R. Wortman for \$1,234 for work performed on the fire station air conditioning and rewiring. Council member Benefiel moved to pay invoice. Council member Justus 2nd. 2 ayes. 0 nos. President Henderson abstained from voting.

G. The insurance held on Dodd's Hall and the Park does not cover special events such as concerts.

H. Invoice of \$2,523 was received from McCallister's for repairs performed on the generator at the old WWTP. Council member Benefiel moved to pay invoice. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.

I. Invoices were received from Church, Church, Hill & Antrim for \$705 and \$457.50. Council member moved to approve payment of invoices. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.

- J. Kim & Ivan Ging farm the Bunge property located off of Morrison St. The Town owns property for right of way dividing farm ground The Gings want the Town to sign documents for Farm Service Agency giving them rights to crops raised on the tillable portion of Right of Way. Town Attorney advised not to sign papers as drawn up.
 - K. The Clerk Treasurer will be transferring to TIFF \$100,000 per year for the payment of the 2009 Bonds. This is per sewage rate schedule provided from Umbaugh and adopted from the 2009 Bond Revenue Official Statement
- V. LEGAL
- A. The Town should not be responsible for the costs to demolish the house at 546 E Main St.. City Mortgage has to approve documents first. Council member Benefiel moved to approve. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos. The Town signed the paperwork. Council member Benefiel moved to approve allowing demolition of the house without a Town permit. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.
 - B. Letters concerning the Lagoon Closure Plan and possible problems will be mailed to nearby Town residents.
 - C. IACT has sent documents concerning the Town complying with the law (I.C.. 22-5-1.7) more commonly known as Indiana Legal Employment Declaration. Clerk Treasurer will need to have on file signed document for (I.C. 22-5-1.7) for all contractors the Town uses.
- VI. POLICE
- A. Police Training in Lawrence on July 26th and 27th. There is no cost for the training.
 - B. Deputy Trittipio will be attending some night shooting instruction this weekend since he is off duty.
- VII. WATER/WASTEWATER/STREETS
- A. Salt prices will be about \$65 per ton this year which is around an \$18 savings per ton.
 - B. The water tower #2 will be soon taken out of operation for maintenance.
 - C. It was discussed selling the older street sweeper but was delayed. The Council stated to rebid for the street sweeper.
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT
- Council member Benefiel moved to adjourn the meeting. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.

Ralph Henderson
President

Thomas W. Reber
Clerk Treasurer