

**TOWN OF MORRISTOWN
TOWN COUCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 8, 2008**

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Bill White called the meeting to order at 7pm. Pledge allegiance. All members present. Council member Dave Benefiel moved to accept minutes as written. Council member Harry Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Clerk Treasurer Tom Reber gave 2007 and 2008 budgets for council to look over and compare with proposed 2009 budget. Budget has been decreased to \$367,500. Council to look over for next meeting.
- b. The Local Indiana Rural Affair has contacted the Clerk Treasurer with possibilities of grant money. After much discussion the council decided it best to pursue for grant money for a fire truck. Council member Benefiel motioned to pursue grant for fire truck. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.
- c. Letter given to President White from Indiana Department of Environmental Management.
- d. Caldwell has paid for main line but not the tap fees for residents included in agreement was no tap fees for all affected property owners except for Wortman property.
- e. Road mile in town, LTAP. Reber has contacted but has not heard back from.
- f. Crane Works have moved their offices in and are hoping to be manufacturing in a month. A 1 ½" will be installed to building. Crane Works will pay for materials. They are getting new equipment for the plant. They will be removing company owned fire hydrants. They will be changing their company name to Morristown Material Handling, LLC.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- a. The bowling alley has been demolished. Clean up to continue.
- b. Larry Tracy was sworn into the Planning Commission by Clerk Treasurer Reber. Papers were signed.
- c. Fred Miller proposed constructing a new baseball diamond at the park. A sketch was given to council showing dimensions. Mr. Miller asked permission to have grass removed as well as a tree to move ahead with plans for the diamond. The playing field will cost a purposed \$1500 to \$3000 for playing surface. Miller will be applying for a grant for fencing and bleachers and playing surface upgrade. Brady Green and Dennis Smoot have agreed to remove grass and tree at no cost. Council member Benefiel moved to accept

moving forward with baseball diamond plans. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.

- d. Gary Ruston with M. D. Wessler presented Amendment #3. This is the design for engineering the pump station from the ponds to the new plant. Cost for amendment is \$10,000. Council member Benefiel moved to accept Amendment #3. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos. The contract was signed.
- e. The proposed schedule for bidding construction on Sewer Treatment Plant will be advertised for on November 7th and 14th. Bidders can attend the November 20th meeting. Council member Benefiel made a motion to authorize advertising for bids. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.
- f. Gary Ruston with M.D. Wessler also gave proposal for GPS mapping of the storm structures. Council will consider and decide on at a later date.

IV. POLICE BUSINESS

- a. Marshall Albrecht reported his patrol car was backed into while parking in front of the bowling alley during demolition. Damage needs to be inspected and Albrecht said an estimate is free.
- b. The Elk's Club is donating books for the police involved with the DARE Program. Albrecht will be ordering books at no cost to the town.
- c. Albrecht reported the annual agreement needs to be resigned for Life Pack batteries. The cost is at \$500 for both officers. Council member Benefiel moved to sign agreement. President White 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.

V. LEGAL BUSINESS

- a. Town Attorney Jennifer Messer reported the Declaratory Resolution has been presented to the Redevelopment Commission. It was signed and accepted to move forward with TIFF on Integrity Metals. It will be addressed again at either a special meeting in November or at their first meeting in December. This resolution plus the report and planning statement will be brought up at the next Planning Commission meeting.
- b. Messer reported an unemployment claim has been denied by the town. A response is still being waited on from the Workforce Development.
- c. The Sewer Ordinance is complete and will be published in tomorrow's paper. Council member Benefiel moved to accept ordinance. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos. The Enforcement Response Plan will be given to industries. Council member Benefiel moved to accept ordinance plan. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.
- d. Mary Atkins from MD Wessler bill was for additional services. Council member Benefiel motioned to pay MD Wessler bill as written. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.

- e. Umbaugh is working with Ice Miller to obtain bond for Sewer Treatment Plant. Council member Benefiel moved to accept. President White 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.

VI. WASTEWATER/STREETS

- a. Salt trucks spreaders are in need of repair or replacement. Richard Kesar is looking at quotes for a spreader box. Will be deciding on next month.

VII. LICENSE BRANCH

- a. The state web site lists the town's branch hours incorrectly. Procedures for correcting are being investigated.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Council member Benefiel moved to adjourn meeting. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.

William D. White
President

Thomas W. Reber
Clerk Treasurer