

**MORGANTOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD NOVEMBER 14, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by Council, President, Penny Anderson at 6:00 p.m. Council member, Walter Abbott led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Council members; Walter Abbott, Courtney Allen, Terry Poindexter and Council President, Penny Anderson. Absent was Council member, Vern Snyder. Also present were, Marshal, Ryan Swank, Town Attorney, Lee Robbins and Clerk Treasurer, Sharon McIntosh.

Town Attorney, Lee Robbins opened the Public Hearing to give the public present an opportunity to respond to the Town's request for an Additional Appropriation to free up \$85,000.00 of ARP money to be spent. No one from the public had any comments or questions. The Public Hearing was then closed. A motion was made by Council President, Penny Anderson to approve the Additional Appropriation of \$85,000.00 to free up the ARP funds. This was seconded by Council member, Walter Abbott. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Council President, Penny Anderson explained the DPW, Kyle Rooks had taken some vacation time and was not at the business meeting. She explained that Kyle had received a verbal quote for a new clock of \$18,000.00. The estimate to rework the present clock is \$5,445.00. The Council tabled this issue until Kyle could attend. This will be revisited at the December meeting.

Concerning the Town's Website update, Clerk Treasurer, Sharon McIntosh reported she is working with Laura Elliott to provide more content along with having photos taken of officials and department heads.

Council member, Courtney Allen, asked the Council for names to submit for the Park Board. Courtney, explained she has 3 names but needs help with another name to add to the Park Board.

Council President, Penny Anderson announced that DPW, Kyle Rooks, Lori Young and David Talbot with Curry are working on the Community Crossing Grant.

A motion was made by Council President, Penny Anderson to approve the minutes dated October 10<sup>th</sup>, October 20 and November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council member, Terry Poindexter made a motion to approve minutes. Council member, Courtney Allen made 1 correction on the minutes dated October 10, 2022. Courtney said she was absent that this meeting and the minutes show

Courtney being present. The Clerk Treasurer will make the correction to the minutes of October 10<sup>th</sup>. Council member, Terry Poindexter seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Council President, Penny Anderson to approve the Claims dated November 14, 2022 totaling 207,115.23. Council member, Courtney Allen seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion

A motion was made by Council member, Courtney Allen to approve the October 2022 payroll register. Council President, Penny Anderson seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

The Clerk Treasurer asked the Council to review and approve the September 2022 bank reconciliation sign off sheet.

The Clerk Treasurer reported she had received the 1782 Notice from the DLGF and the 2023 Budget was approved as submitted. There were no reductions.

Town Marshal, Ryan Swank asked the Council to approve adding John Bise as a Morgantown Reserve Officer. Council member, Terry Poindexter made a motion to approve John Bise as a Morgantown Reserve Officer. This was seconded by Council member, Courtney Allen. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Council member, Courtney Allen made a motion to give employees a 3% raise effective January 1, 2023. Council member, Terry Poindexter, seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Town Attorney, Lee Robbins submitted two Ordinances for the Town Council's approval. The Ordinance 2022-9 is a new Zoning Ordinance which had been reviewed by the Plan Commission to be approved by the Council. Council member, Walter Abbott, make a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-9. Council member, Terry Poindexter seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

There was discussion about the proposal of a new gas station in Town. There is concern because the gas station would be very close to the Town's water wells. The party is asking for approval to operate a gas station in Morgantown on State Road 135. The party wants to remodel part of the building for 2 apartments and the zoning must be changed before they can

move forward. The party has filed a petition before the BZA to review the use of the property and amend the zoning of the property to MXD.

The final Ordinance 2022-10 was an ordinance to provide for a property to be subdivided. This Ordinance was recommended by the Plan Commission. There was discussion about why the Town would need this ordinance. Council member, Courtney Allen felt that it was a waste of time and money to pursue unnecessary laws that the Town would not be using. Lee Robbins explained there could come a time when this ordinance might be needed and then everyone would not be scrambling to get the ordinance together at the last minute. Council member, Walter Abbott made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-10. This was seconded by Council member, Terry Poindexter. All members voted in favor of the motion.

The Clerk Treasurer announced that after the December 12<sup>th</sup> business meeting there will be refreshments served in honor of the holiday season. Everyone is invited to attend and bring their families.

#### Public Comment

Glenn Brown expressed to the Council that his water situation was getting desperate and he wanted to know when the contractors were going to start. He became very upset when he was told the Council had no date at this time. But reminded him that the Council had approved a bid to SSI for \$36,000.00 to install a water extension to him and his neighbor's property. Mr. Brown felt the Council needs to push the Contractor to get started on this issue. The Council cannot tell this contractor when to work on this project. The Council approved correcting the issue by approving the bid of \$36,000.00 from SSI.

The meeting was adjourned by the President.

NOVEMBER 14, 2022 Meeting Minutes Approved and Signed on DECEMBER 12, 2022

Sharon McIntosh 2

DATE 12/12/22

ATTEST: CLERK TREASURER

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Penny Anderson

TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT, PENNY ANDERSON

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