## MINUTES OF THE MARCH 7, 2022 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MORGANTOWN TOWN COUNCIL

The Morgantown Town Council held a special meeting on March 7, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. The front doors to the fire station were confirmed to be unlocked. No members of the public were present. All Council members, except for Vern Snyder were present. The following discussions and actions were taken:

- The Council members discussed the hiring of Sarah Keaton as the Town's utility billing clerk. Her hourly pay will be \$17.00/hour and she will be expected, initially, to work 20 hours each week; each day from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. No benefits and until further action by the Council, no time off is approved. Courtney Allen will be the Council contact for Sarah and will have discretion to supervise and direct her. Courtney moved to ratify and approve Sarah's employment on the terms set forth above. Seconded by Terry. Approved by unanimous vote.
- Marshal Swank announced the resignation of John Bice. The Council directed him to solicit and collect resumes for a replacement.
- The Council considered bids for tree removal on the park property. 4 bids were submitted, ranging from \$5,500, submitted by Tyler White, to \$18,500, submitted by Cox Tree Service. The scope of work, for all bids, was deemed to be the same and included removal off all trees where the house was removed, clearing of debris, grinding of all stumps. After considerable discussion, Courtney moved to contract with Tyler White, for \$5,500.00, to perform the work. Seconded by Terry. Approved by unanimous vote.
- The Council then considered and discussed the status of the abandoned radio tower/antenna on the park property. The Council was reminded that the Town's prior operations manager and town marshal persuaded the members to leave the tower in place for future use, with no plan to make use of it or determination that it could be used. Motion was made by Courtney to declare the tower surplus and of no value or use to the Town and to instruct the Town's operations manager to arrange for it to be removed by the Town's workforce or to solicit bids for it to be removed by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party contractor. Seconded by Penny. Approved by unanimous vote.
- The Council then considered and discussed the removal of the fence along the west boundary of the park, along and adjacent to the ball diamonds. All members were in favor and following discussion, motion was made by Courtney to instruct the Town's operations manager to arrange for the fence to be removed. Seconded by Penny. Approved by unanimous vote.

- The Council then considered and discussed the status of existing playground equipment. Motion was made by Courtney to instruct the Town's operations manager to arrange for all playground equipment, except for designated swings, to be removed and disposed of as having no use or value. Seconded by Penny. Approved by unanimous vote.
- Next, Courtney proposed a donation from the Town to the Little League. All members were in favor and following discussion, motion was made by Courtney to donate to the Little League \$1,800.00. Seconded by Terry. Approved by unanimous vote.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Approved this 11th day of April, 2022.

Penny Anderson, President Morgantown Town Council

Sharon McIntosh, Clerk Treasurer