

**TOWN OF MORNINGSIDE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023**

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00pm pm by Vice Mayor Bradley Wade.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Mullins.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Cann – Absent
Vice Mayor Wade – Present
Council Member Anthony - Present
Council Member Fowler – Present
Council Member Mullins – Present
Police Dept – Sgt. Szmidt – Present
Town Admin – Karen Rooker – Present
Public Works – James Adams - Present
Code Enforcement- Regina Foster - Present
MVFD – Mike O’Brien – Present

Motion by Council Member Fowler, seconded by Council Member Mullins to excuse Mayor Cann from this meeting. No discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**INTRODUCTION/ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES
EMERGENCY ORDINANCE #2023-004**

Ordinance Section 3-105. Conduct of Election – Poll Times

It shall be the duty of the Board of Supervisors of Elections to provide for each special and general election a suitable place or places for voting and suitable ballot boxes and ballots and/or voting machines. The Board shall keep the polls open from 8:00am to 8:00pm.

Motion by Council Member Mullins, 2nd by Council Member Fowler to adopt the Ordinance 2023-004 (Sec 3-105). No further discussion. Roll call: Fowler – yea, Mullins – yea, Anthony – yea. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTIONS - None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion was made by Council Member Fowler, seconded by Council Member Mullins to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of March 21, 2023 and the Work Session of April 8, 2023. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS/OPEN FORUM - None

REPORT OF OFFICERS/BOARDS/COMMITTEES

- **MVFD** – Mike O’Brien gave an oral report. New ambulance going into service at the end of the month.
- **Public Works** – James “Chip” Adams gave an oral & written report.
- **Police Dept** – Sgt Szmidt gave an oral report.
- **Code Enforcement** – Regina Foster gave an oral & written report.
- **Admin** – Karen Rooker gave an oral & written report.
- **Council Member Anthony** – The parking lot light should be installed soon. The wrong lights were ordered. We will be getting a discount for the error.
- **Council Member Mullins** – Told everyone to be careful and watch your surroundings when out & about, especially at night. He has re-election signs up throughout Town. Be careful when driving through Town. There are multiple WSSC repairs happening.
- **Council Member Fowler** – No report
- **Vice Mayor Wade** – Warned everyone to watch out for foxes. There have been several sightings in Town and he saw one carry off a cat.

The Vice Mayor opened the floor to the public at this time.

- **Angela Evans of 4101 Maple Rd** was upset that Morningside VFD did not show up when her house caught fire. Mike O’Brien from MVFD said he would need more information to look into this issue. IT was also explained that the fire dispatch sends the units out and they service more than just Morningside. She also wants to know who is responsible for cutting the grass behind her house, the County, Skyline, or Morningside? It is very tall, there are abandoned cars & a boat back there and creatures also live back there (foxes, racoons, snakes, etc.).
- **Bonnie Kamenicky of Maple Rd** thanked the Town for the Sr Luncheon last month. She is concerned that the drain between 6200 & 6202 Boxwood is being parked on therefore blocking the drain & flooding is occurring at those 2 addresses and overflowing into her back yard. Keep up the good work of keeping the signs away from the Allentown Rd intersection. The trash/debris at GI Liquors needs to be moved while they are doing repairs. There is a panel truck that parks very close to Glaubitz Circle and blocks the site lines, can there be yellow curbs painted to help with this issue? She spoke highly of the fire dept when she had a recent medical emergency.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

- The yard sale has been postponed until April 22 because of rain.

DUAL WHEEL EXEMPTIONS

- 6701 Marianne Dr – the Council discussed this at the work session. *Motion by Council Member Mullins, second by Council Member Fowler to grant a 1-year parking exemption for this address. Make sure they keep it parked behind the fence. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.*
- 6608 Woodland Rd – This is a renewal with no problems. *Motion by Council Member Mullins, second by Council Member Fowler to renew the parking exemption. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.*

POLICE GRANTS

- As proposed at the work session:
- From A1 Uniform Sales to purchase 8 guns, gun lights and engraving for a total of \$6,400.00; also from A1 Uniform Sales to purchase 8 holsters for \$1,199.92.

Motion by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Council Member Fowler to make the aforementioned purchases from A1 Uniform Sales for the Police Department in the amounts of \$6,400.00 and \$1,199.92. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

- From LEFTA Systems – purchase an FTO system for \$1,500.00 to assist the department in keeping compliant with the reporting requirements for FTO.

Motion by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Council Member Fowler to make the aforementioned purchase from LEFTA Systems for the Police Department in the amount of \$1,500.00. These will be ordered and we will be invoiced for them. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

- From Zero-Nine Holsters to purchase handcuff cases, pepper spray holsters and magazine holsters, 8 each for a total of \$1,071.76. Also need to purchase 8 new flashlights at a cost of \$959.60.

Motion by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Council Member Anthony to make the aforementioned purchase from Zero-Nine Holsters for the Police Department in the amount of \$1071.76, and to also purchase 8 flashlights for \$959.60. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

- Sgt. Szmids is looking into in-car radar systems from Kustom Signals. There are 2 – the Raptor which costs \$15,750.00 (we could purchase 5 of them) or the Eagle 3 for \$10,895.00 (we could purchase 3). These prices do not include

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installation. The Council was given information on them and can chose one at the next work session.

- Sgt. Szmidt would also like to attend 2 more grant classes at a cost of \$595.00 each. Put this on the May 9 agenda.
- Clerk-Treasurer will pull the Police Expenditures to date to see where we stand budget-wise.

BURCH TRASH CONTRACT

- Discussion ensued about the proposed edits/additions to the contract offered by Burch Trash.
- Code Enforcement Officer Foster will type up and present our edits to Burch, asking them to respond no later than May 26.

UBS QUARTERLY STATEMENT - FYI

COMMUNICATIONS CALENDAR – FYI. It was noted that Council Member Mullins birthday is April 30th.

NEW BUSINESS

NTI CONTRACT

- The FY 2024 Contract from Now Technologies was discussed at the work session.
- The price difference per month from last year is \$6.00 (\$744.00 to \$750.00).

Motion by Council Member Fowler, seconded by Council Member Mullins to accept the FY24 contract from Now Technologies. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

POLICE BODY CAMERA GENERAL ORDERS

- The Body Camera General Orders were sent to the Town Attorney for review, he approved them.
- Chief Stevenson approved them.

Motion by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Council Member Fowler to approved the updated Police Body Camera General orders. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

MOSQUITO ABATEMENT AGREEMENT

- This was discussed at the April 8th work session.
- The Council was emailed the answers to their questions.
- Has been submitted by May 5th or we cannot participate this year.

Motion by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Council Member Fowler to participate in the Mosquito Abatement Agreement for FY 24 at a cost of no more than \$2,300.00. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

PAY BILLS

Motion by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Council Member Fowler to pay the bills for March 22, 2023 through April 18, 2023 in the amount of \$72,050.59. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

OPEN FORUM – Those signed up to speak spoke at the earlier time offered.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D Rooker
Clerk-Treasurer