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TOWN OF MORNINGSIDE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Vice Mayor Wade who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:
Mayor Cann – Absent
Vice Mayor Wade – Present
Councilman Anthony - Present
Council Member Fowler – Present
Council Member Mullins – Present
Admin – Karen Rooker – Present
Public Works – Chris Mateus – Present
Code Enforcement – Regina Foster – Present
Police Dept – Chief Franklin
Fire Department – No Representation

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

INTRODUCTION/ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES
None

INTRODUCTIONS –
None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
Motion made by Council Member Fowler, seconded by Council Member Mullins to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of March 18, 2025, and the Work Session on April 8, 2025. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS/OPEN FORUM - None

REPORT OF OFFICERS/BOARDS/COMMITTEES

- **Code Enforcement** –Regina Foster provided an oral report.
- **Public Works** – Chris Mateus provided an oral report.
- **Police Dept –** Chief Franklin provided an oral & written report.
- **Administrative** – Karen Rooker provided an oral & written report
- **Council Member Fowler** – no report at this time.
- **Councilman Anthony** – no report at this time.
- **Council Member Mullins** – no report at this time.
- **Vice Mayor Wade** – no report at this time.

The Vice Mayor opened the floor to the public.

- Ms. Spivey from Skyline spoke

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2025 ELECTION JUDGE

- With the resignation of R David Chambers as an Election Judge, the Council needs to appoint an Election Judge for the 2025 elections.

Motion by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Council Member Fowler to appoint Regina Foster as an Election Judge for 2025. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

- Vice Mayor Wade administered the oath of office to Mrs. Foster.

2025 ELECTION DAY

- Clerk-Treasurer Rooker gave an update on the May 5th election.

RECREATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

- Contracts for the Yoga Instructor and Master Nance were presented to the Council.
- The after-school tutoring is not going to happen.
- The dog park is not going to happen.
- The Rec Committee will check with the Seniors regarding the time for yoga classes.
- The Skate Van will be here on May 31, 2025 – 5:30 – 8:30pm
- There will be a yard sale at the MVFD on May 31, 2025 – 8am – 3pm.

- The T-shirts will be purchased from Benedictine Graphics. Need a quote & contract.
- Sr Luncheon for April will be a drive thru provided by Nick Charles' office on April 18th.

NEWSLETTER

Motion by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Council Member Fowler to mail the 2nd quarter newsletter to all residents because it contains election info. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

WOODLAND ROAD PROJECT

- The Council would like a report from Stratified regarding the geo-technical survey ASAP.

REC SHED RAMP

- L & s Dirt Works proposal to put in the ramps, costing $4865.00 – $5000.00.

Motion made by Councilman Anthony, seconded by Council Member Mullins to hire L & S Dirt Works to install the ramp for the Rec shed, not to exceed $5000. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

2025 SPRING CLEAN UP DAY

- Regina Foster requested a budget of $2200.00 for the 2025 Spring Clean Up Day.

Motion by Council Member Fowler, seconded by Council Member Mullins to approve a budget for the 2025 Spring Clean Up Day of $2200.00. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

SALT SPREADER STAND

- Since the Town now has 3 salt spreaders, we need another stand for the 3rd one.
- There were 2 estimates received: 1 from Forestville for $2750.00 and one from Wayne McKeown for $2400.00.

Motion by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Council Member Fowler to purchase the new salt spreader stand from Wayne McKeown at a cost of $2400.00. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS CALENDAR - FYI

NEW BUSINESS

VEHICLE REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE

- The Chief provided the Council with a proposed vehicle replacement schedule.

POLICE VEHICLE QUOTE

- The Chief provided a quote for another new Police vehicle from Pohanka Dodge.
- This is another Durango with all of the needed equipment/upfitting at a cost of $70000.00.

Motion made by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Council Member Fowler to purchase another 2023 Dodge Durango from Pohanka, with all of the equipment/upfitting, at a cost not to exceed $70000.00. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

RADAR QUOTES

- The hand-held radar units need replacing.
- 2 units = $5735.00; 3 units = $8602.50
- The money to pay for this will come from the leftover Capital outlay budget line item.

Motion by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Councilman Anthony to purchase 3 hand-held radar units at $8602.50, the cost coming out of Police Capital Outlay budget line item. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

MOTOROLA RADIO/GRANT PROGRAM

We cannot purchase all of the radios we need at this time, then have them programmed at a later time.
8 mobile units (cruisers) = $61953.35
10 & 10 = $156171.00
The $35000.00 can cover 5 hand-held units with programming.
Motion by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Councilman Anthony to spend the $35000.00 on 5 hand-held units with programming. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

CURB & SIDEWALK REPAIRS

Council Member Mullins proposed several areas in Town that need sidewalk repairs. An estimate from L & S Dirt Works to cover all repairs is $11775.00.

Motion by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Council Member Fowler to make the recommended repairs and have L & S Dirt Works to perform them. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

NTI

- Need copy of the new contract.
- Need the Wi-Fi updated.
- New Computers – some are not compatible to Windows 11 and need replacing.
- How much do we pay for 365?
- Do exact count of laptops & desktops & bring to May 13 work session meeting.

PAY BILLS

Motion was made by Council Member Fowler, seconded by Council Member Mullins to pay the bills for March 19, 2025 – April 15, 2025, in the amount of $290439.19. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

OPEN FORUM –

None

Motion made by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Council Member Fowler to go into closed session to discuss personnel matters. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39pm.

Karen D Rooker

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Clerk-Treasurer

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Minutes of Closed Session held 4/8/25 - 8:40 – 9:00 pm at the Municipal Center. Vice Mayor Wade, Councilman Anthony, Council Member Mullins & Council Member Fowler were in attendance. Discussed personnel matters, but no action was taken.

Approved 5/20/2025

WORKSHEET FOR OPTIONAL USE IN CLOSED SESSION: INFORMATION THAT MUST BE DISCLOSED IN THE MINUTES OF THE NEXT OPEN SESSION (§ 3-306)(c)(2) or § 3-104

For meetings closed under an exception, as disclosed above:

Time of closed session: 8:40 to 9:00 Place: Town Hall 4/8/25

Purpose(s): EMPLOYEES

Members who voted to meet in closed session: TODD MULLINS SHARON FOWLER JOHN [redacted] ANTHONY BRAD WADE

Persons attending closed session: TODD MULLINS SHARON FOWLER JOHN [redacted] ANTHONY BRADLEY WADE

Authority under § 3-305 for the closed session (see chart above):

Topics actually discussed: EMPLOYEES

Each action Taken: NONE

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