TOWN OF MARLINTON

Marlinton Town Council
October 27, 2025
Special Meeting Minutes

Location: Municipal Building Auditorium with Zoom and call-in options.

Mayor Sam Felton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Recorder called the roll.

Present:	Sam Felton, Mayor	Mary K. Clendenen, Recorder (via Zoom)
	Tina Barkley	Tom Miller
	Olivia Dean	Joe Smith
	Scott Gibb	
Absent:	None	

1. **Discuss and/or Act Upon Employment of Full-Time Chief of Police:** Micheal Morris, the candidate for the Chief of Police position, attended via Zoom. He introduced himself to the council members and answered a few questions concerning his experience and desire to relocate to Marlinton. He stressed that community involvement is important for the police, and he also said he has extensive experience in grant writing. After reviewing Mr. Morris' information, the council entered executive session at 7:31 p.m. to discuss details of Mr. Morris' employment.

   The Council returned to regular session at 7:49 p.m.

   - Joe Smith moved that the Town hire Michael Morris as a full-time Police Chief on a 90-day trial basis with an annual salary of $57,000.00. Scott Gibb seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.** Mr. Morris' employment will be contingent upon a background check and ability to transfer his certification from Tennessee to West Virginia.

Adjournment: As there was no further business, Mayor Felton adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Sam Felton
Sam Felton, Mayor

Mary K. Clendenen
Mary K. Clendenen, Recorder