

**Meeting Minutes
Town of Morristown
December 14, 2021**

Present: Gary Turner, David VanArnam, Shawn Macaulay, Chris Coffin(Deputy Supervisor), Frank Putman(Zoom)

Also Present: Dean Hoffman (Highway), Gregg Mallette (Codes), Jill Sullivan (Clerk Elect), Joe Lightfoot (County)

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Chris Coffin

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Councilman Macaulay and seconded by Councilman Turner to approve the minutes of November 9, 2021, as presented.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Chris Coffin-Aye

A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam and seconded by Councilman Macaulay to approve the minutes of November 11, 2021, as presented with one correction.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Chris Coffin-Aye

Correspondence

1. **Association of Towns**
2. **Letter from Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush**
3. **MVFD Thank You Letter**
4. **Letter From Senator Daniel Stec**
5. **Letter From Frank Bondellio:** Mr. Bondellio request the Town remove a tree in the Town right of way. The Highway Superintendent will involve the utility who cabled the tree in question about removing it.

Public Comment: None

Old Business

1. **Supervisors Update:** Supervisor Putman stated he was contacting the appraiser for an report on the appraisal on the surplus Town property on Bay Street.

2. **Capital Replacement Planning:** No report.

3. **Local Law #2 of 2021 (Hamlet Land Use Code) Set Public Hearing:** After a brief discussion concerning the proposed local law Councilman VanArnam moved to hold the public hearing on December 28, 2021, at 7 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Chris Coffin-Aye

4. **Agreement for Consulting Services (AOK Engineering):** The Board reviewed the contract. The Board noted that the hourly rates as mentioned in the contract were not actually in the document. They also would like the contact to specify that the monthly billing will also show the cumulative total spent to keep the Town aware of how much was spent and how much is left to expend. Deputy Supervisor Coffin received Board approval to call AOK Engineering to discuss the items the Board wants in the contract.

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5. Teamsters Contract: The Board has not been contacted by Teamsters concerning an item the Board does not agree with. A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam to enter executive session to discuss matters relating to collective negotiations under the Taylor Law. The motion was seconded by Councilman Macaulay.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Chris Coffin-Aye
Upon leaving executive session at 7:30 Deputy Supervisor Coffin reported no action was taken. He will confer with the Supervisor on the status of the negotiations.

New Business

1. **Notice of Application for Liquor License (Iron Horse Grill):** The Board received notice of intent to file an application for a liquor license by Blat Boss, Inc. DBA Iron Horse Grill at 406, 408, 410 Main Street. The Board had no comment or concerns with the filing.
2. **Chargebacks** – For information only.
3. **End of Year Meeting 12/28/2021** For information only. Reminder that the Public Hearing will be held on Local Law #2 of 2021 at 7 PM immediately preceding the End of Year meeting.
4. **Budget Modifications:** A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam to approve the Budget Modifications as presented below.

General Fund

1. From: A1430.2-Personnel Equip	To: A1220.4 Supervisor Contractual	\$ 704.00
2. From: A7310.1 Youth Services Personnel	A7310.4 Youth Services Contr.	\$ 200.00
3. From A7140.4 Park Maintenance Contr.	A8020.4 Planning Contr.	\$ 180.00
4. From A7140.4 Park Maintenance Contr.	A8810.4 Cemeteries Contr.	\$ <u>1,796.00</u>
	Total	\$ 2,880.00

Highway Fund

1. From: DA 1990.4 Contingency Acct	To: DA 5110.4 General Repairs Contr.	\$ <u>10,000.00</u>
2. From: DA 5130.4 Machinery Contr.	DA 5110.4 General Repairs Contr.	\$ 15,575.00
3. From: DA 5130.4 Machinery Contr.	DA 5112.4 Perm Improve Contr.	\$ 22,025.00
4. From: DA 5142.1 Snow Removal Personnel	DA 5112.4 Perm Improve Contr.	\$ <u>13,444.00</u>
	Total	\$ 61,044.00

Sewer District #1

1. From SS1-8120.2 Sanitary Sewer Equip.	To: SS1 8120.4 Sanitary Sewers Contr.	\$
<u>2,000.00</u>		\$ 2,000.00

Sewer District #2

1. From: SS2-8120.2 Sanitary Sewers Equip	To: SS2-8130.4 Treatment Disposal Contr.	\$4,000.00
2. From: SS2-8120.2 Sanitary Sewers Equip	To: SS2-9030.8 Social Security	\$ <u>345.00</u>
		\$4,345.00

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Department Reports

1. **Highway Department:** Surplus truck was sold at auction. The bridge project has been put on hold until early Spring. The recent water main break at the bridge project will result in extra expenses in overtime from DANC personnel. This will be charged back to the contractor who broke the water main. Because the Town received extra state funds for permanent improvements (roads) in 2021, there will need to be a budget modification to account for the extra money.
2. **Code Enforcement:** A written report was presented to the Board. Business inspections will commence in January. The Code Officer has not had a report back from the Town attorney on penalty issues.
3. **Historians Annual Report:** Debbie Murray, Town Historian, included a copy of her Annual Historians Report, in the Town Boards meeting materials. Deputy Supervisor Coffin thanked her for the fantastic job she has done over the years for the Town.
4. **County:** County Legislator Joe Lightfoot spoke to the Board about the COVID 19 State of Emergency declared by the County, an incident with a County Legislator involving a traffic accident, DWI, and drugs. He also spoke about the City of Ogdensburg and tax collection.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned upon motion at 8PM

Meeting minutes prepared and respectfully submitted by David Murray Town Clerk

Adjournment