

**Town of Morristown
Regular Monthly Meeting
March 5, 2013**

Present: Gary Turner, David VanArnam, David Stout III, Howard Warren, Frank Putman
Also Present: Valerie Harman

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Councilman Warren, and seconded by Councilman Turner to approve the minutes of February 12, 2013 and February 25, 2013
Vote: G. Turner-Aye, D. VanArnam-Aye, D. Stout-Aye, H. Warren-Aye, F. Putman-Aye

Comment Period-No public comment received.

Old Business

1. Sewer Project

a. Amendment to the Sewer Law- The Board reviewed the following proposed amendments: Local Law #1 of 2013 - A local law to amend Local Law #5 of 2012

Article 1. - Authority. The Town Board of the Town of Morristown, pursuant to the authority granted it under Articles 12 of the Town Law and Sections 10 and 20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York, hereby enacts as follows:

Article 2. - Statement of Purpose and Finding. The Town Board of the Town of Morristown finds that it is necessary to clarify certain provisions of the existing sewer use law with respect to campsites, seasonal cottages and also the billing structure between its two Sewer Districts. It is the purpose of this local law to make amendments to the existing sewer use law, Local Law #5 of 2012, to accomplish this.

Article 3. - Enactment. The Town Board of the Town of Morristown hereby amends Local Law #5 of 2012 (Sewer Use Law) as follows:

A. Article VIII Section 1 is hereby amended to change the classification at #23 from Campsite and Seasonal Cottage to Commercial Campsite and Commercial Seasonal Cottage.

B. Article VIII, Section 1, Item 23 under Classification now amended to read:
Commercial Campsite and Commercial Seasonal Cottages.

a) District 1, 1 unit per site/cottage

b) District 2, 1/3 unit per site/cottage

C. Article VIII, Section 1, Item 24 under Classification now amended to read:
Vacant Lot w/no sewer connection

a) District 1, 1/2 Unit

b) District 2, 1/2 Unit (Debt Only)

D. Article VIII, Section 1, Item 25 under Classification now amended to read:
Vacant Lot w/sewer connection

a) District 2, 1 Unit (Debt Only)

Article 4. - Severability. If any part of this Chapter shall be found to be void, voidable, or unenforceable for any reason whatsoever, it shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any remaining section or provision of this Chapter.

Article 5. - Effective Date. This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

A motion was made by Councilman Warren, and seconded by Councilman VanArnam to bring the proposed Local Law #1 of 2013 - A local law to amend Local Law #5 of 2012 to public hearing on April 9, 2013 at 7 PM. The clerk was directed to advertise the hearing.

Vote: G. Turner-Aye, D. VanArnam-Aye, D. Stout-Aye, H. Warren-Aye, F. Putman-Aye

b. Engineers Report- A written report from engineer, Tim Burley was handed out.

2. Amendment to Land Use Code –Boat Houses- the proposed amendments were given to the Board for review and discussion at the April meeting.

2. Other Old Business - None

New Business

1. Cancer Action-No representative was in attendance to address the Board.

2. Sewer Policy-The Board reviewed the proposed policy. A motion was made by Councilman Turner, and seconded by Councilman VanArnam, to approve the sewer disconnection policy as follows:

Policy Regarding Requests for Disconnection in Town Sewer Districts

In regards to sewer districts operated by the Town of Morristown, the following policy, which has been in use by the Town Board, is hereby memorialized in writing . Upon written request the Town Board may consider removal of a connection in a sewer district. The Board will strongly consider the financial impact that removal of a unit will have on the district, and the ability of the district to meet its O&M and debt service obligations. Should the Board approve the request, and upon verification that the unit has been disconnected it will be removed from the next billing cycle. If a request is received to have the unit reconnected in the future the owner will be billed retroactively from the date the unit was disconnected. This stipulation will not transfer to a future owner should the property be sold.

Vote: G. Turner-Aye, D. VanArnam-Aye, D. Stout-Aye, H. Warren-Aye, F. Putman-Aye

3. Other New Business-None

Department Reports

Highway Superintendent-A written report was handed out to the Board.

Code Enforcement Office-A written report was handed out and an oral report was made by Code Officer Valerie Harman.

Public Works Department- No report available.

Assessor- Nothing to report.

The meeting was adjourned upon motion at 7:55 PM

Meeting minutes prepared by, and respectfully submitted by David Murray-Town Clerk