

**Town of Morristown  
Meeting Minutes  
May 09, 2017**

**Present:** Gary Turner, David VanArnam, Christopher Coffin, Shawn Macaulay, Frank Putman  
**Also Present:** Dean Hoffman, Cheryl Shatraw, Joe Lightfoot, Thomas Bell III

**Public Hearing**

Supervisor Putman opened a public hearing to take comment for or against Local Law #1 of 2017 Tax Levy Limit Override Law. There were no comments received. Supervisor Putman closed the public hearing.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Supervisor Putman opened the meeting at 7:03 PM.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Councilman Macaulay, and seconded by Councilman Coffin to approve the minutes of April 11, 2017 as presented.

**Vote:** Gary Turner-Abstain, David VanArnam -Abstain, Christopher Coffin-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

**Public Comment 1:** No comment was received

**Old Business**

1. **Sewer District Update:** Councilman Coffin informed the Board that the proposed contract for repairs and fixes in Sewer District 2 was in the hands of the attorneys. Highway Superintendent Dean Hoffman informed the Board that it was time to have some grinder pumps repaired as three units have been swapped out already this year. He stated that he was thinking it was the hi-lo switches in the units. The Board authorized him to send 3 units in for repair.
2. **Town Hall Update:** The Board directed the Clerk to remove this item from the agenda.
3. **3 Year Snow and Ice Agreement:** A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam, and seconded by Councilman Turner, to authorize the Supervisor and the Highway Superintendent to sign the agreement.

**Vote:** Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam -Aye, Christopher Coffin-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

4. **Local Law #1:** A motion was made by Councilman Macaulay, and seconded by Councilman VanArnam, to adopt Local Law #1 of 2017 as follows:

**Local Law No.1 of the Year 2017**

**A local law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c**

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Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to allow the Town of Morristown to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing **1/1/2018** that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 2. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes a local government’s governing body to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of said governing body.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override

The Town Board of the Town of Morristown, County of St. Lawrence, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing **1/1/2018** that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 4. Severability

If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court’s order or judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam -Aye, Christopher Coffin-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

- 5. Records Project:** A proposal was received from St. Lawrence NYSARC for a per page cost for digitization services for Clerk Records. After a discussion Councilman Coffin moved that the Town authorize \$2,000.00 for digitization services.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam -Aye, Christopher Coffin-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

- 6. Other Old Business:** Mayor Shatraw updated the Board on the cross-border bicycle ferry proposed to run between Morristown and Brockville. Currently the project is in the early stages.

**New Business**

- 1. Agreement to Spend Highway Funds:** A motion was made by Councilman Turner to spend highway funds in fiscal year 2017 as proposed by the Superintendent of Highways. The motion was made by Councilman VanArnam.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam -Aye, Christopher Coffin-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

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2. **Pictometry:** The Board discussed the benefits and costs of participating in an updated Pictometry program. Councilman Coffin stated that Pictometry is a useful tool for assessors and code officers but should be weighed against the costs. He stated that he would talk with DANC about aerial mapping.
3. **County Route 6 Speed Zone:** The Board discussed re-requesting a reduction to 45 mph in the speed along County Route 6 from the start of the current 35 mph zone, west, toward the Hammond town line for three miles. The request is being made because of the seasonal congestion of pedestrians and bicycles in an area that consists of businesses, camps and seasonal rental units. A motion was made by Councilman Turner, and seconded by Councilman VanArnam, to request the 45-mph speed zone reduction on CR 6 from the end of the 35-mph zone for three miles west along the highway.  
Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam -Aye, Christopher Coffin-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye
4. **2017 Joint Recreation Agreement:** A motion was made by Councilman Macaulay, and seconded by Councilman Coffin, to authorize the Supervisor to enter into the 2017 Joint Recreation Agreement between the Town, school district and Village.  
Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam -Aye, Christopher Coffin-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye
5. **Amendment to the Land Use Code (Photovoltaic):** A copy of the proposed amendment was given to the Board.

**Department Reports**

1. **Highway** -A written report was given to the Board. Superintendent Hoffman informed the Board that some surplus equipment was sold at auction. Also, the rented sweeper truck worked out well and he has reserved one for 2018. The Board received the information on trading in the front- end loader for a new one. The trade would give the Town a new front end loader for \$11, 854.00, and would include a three- year warranty and new shovel. The money for the trade is in the 2017 budget. A motion was made by Councilman Macaulay, and seconded by Councilman VanArnam to authorize trading in the current loader for a new one at a cost of \$11,854.00.  
Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam -Aye, Christopher Coffin-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye
2. **Codes:** The Code Officer is out due to injury. Tim Tuttle is covering for him. There was no report available.

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3. **Other:** County Legislator District #3, Joe Lightfoot, addressed the Board. He commended the Town Highway Department and the Morristown and Brier Hill Fire Departments for their help during the recent flooding. Regarding the recent County effort to raise the legal age to purchase tobacco product to 21, the Board was not in favor. Reason being that the enforcement would be very difficult. Legislator Lightfoot was asked if Towns can be included in County leasing programs. He stated that he would check on that and get back to the Town with an answer.

**Public Comment 2-** There was no additional public comment received.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned upon motion at 8:10 PM.

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