

**Meeting Minutes
Town of Morristown
November 13, 2018**

Present: Gary Turner, David VanArnam, Chris Coffin, Shawn Macaulay, Frank Putman
Also Present: Dean Hoffman, Joe Lightfoot, Cheryl Shatraw, Kevin Crosby, Dean & Susan Shelato, Ellen Copeman, Rich Bzura

Public Hearing 2019 Budget: At 7 PM Supervisor Putman opened a public hearing to take comment for or against the 2019 Town Budget as presented. No public comment was received. Supervisor Putman closed the hearing and opened the regular meeting at 7:04 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Shawn Macaulay

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Councilman Macaulay to approve the minutes of October 16, 2018 as presented. Motion to approve was seconded by Councilman VanArnam.

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

Correspondence: Minutes from the Recreation Committee received.

Public Comment 1: No comment

Old Business

1. Village Dissolution Planning

a. Comprehensive Plan 2019: The public was informed that a public meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 27th at the Morristown Fire Hall to explain the process and gather public comment and ideas on the future of Morristown.

2. 2019 Budget: The Board agreed they were ready to approve the 2019 Budget as presented. As the first order of business unpaid sewer charges needed to be re-levied to the 2019 Town tax warrant. A motion was made by Councilman Turner to move Resolution 15 of 2018 as follows: Resolution # 15 of 2018 Sewer Re-Levy Authorization for the 2019 Budget

Be It Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Morristown authorizes the re-levy of all unpaid 2018 sewer bills from Sewer District #1, in the amount of \$12,337.50 and authorizes the re-levy of all unpaid 2018 sewer bills from Sewer District #2, in the amount of \$8,865.40, for a total re-levy of 21,202.90, to the 2019 Town Tax Warrant. The Motion to adopt was seconded by Councilman Coffin.

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

3. Other Old Business: The Board discussed the need to do a budget modification in December to account of increased revenues in Highway.

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New Business

1. **Gateway Museum:** Susan Shelato spoke to the Board on behalf of the Gateway Museum about new signs for the Village showcasing popular attractions. The Boat Launch, Stone Library, Stone Windmill, Gateway Museum and Red Barn Nature Preserve will be highlighted. The Museum will raise the funds for the new signs. They asked for assistance in putting them up on the existing sign frames. The Board advised them to make sure and check with the NYS DOT on the sign on State Highway 37 before spending time and money on the project. Dean Shelato thanked the Board for its support and assistance with the nature trail and boardwalk at the Red Barn Preserve. The Gateway Museum had record attendance at the museum to visit their new major exhibit. Visitation to the Blue Heron Trail at the Red Barn Preserve has been beyond expectation. Mr. Shelato will be applying for more grants and asked the Board if the Town would be lead agency for a St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Grant should the application be successful. The Board indicated that they would be pleased to do that for the museum. Mr. Shelato also asked if the Highway Department would assist in building a second Board walk for a new trail.

Resolution #14-Life Flight: A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam, and seconded by Councilman Macaulay to adopt Resolution #14 of 2018 Life Flight Resolution as follows:

Resolution #14 of 2018 Life Flight

WHEREAS: North Country Life Flight, Inc. is a not for profit, tax exempt corporation which is responsible for all aspects of patient care by providing medical equipment, training, medical personnel and administering the medical portion utilizing the New York State Police helicopter based in Saranac Lake and private fixed wing aviation resources, and,

WHEREAS: The New York State Police aviation resources do not provide a medically trained team or medical equipment for patient transports; and

WHEREAS: The people of Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton and St. Lawrence Counties receive a vital emergency medical service which is free of charge to critically ill and seriously injured patients, and, therefore municipal governments are asked to pledge monies for this worthwhile program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Town Board of the **Town of Morristown** hereby authorizes the Supervisor to enter into a contract with North Country Life Flight, Inc. for the purpose of operating the medical component of the Medivac program, which will serve its residents and visitors, and paying the amount of \$150.00, which represents the Towns share for 2019; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the sum of \$150.00 is hereby appropriated to account No. B – 4989.4 for payment to North Country Life Flight, Inc.

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

2. **Cold War Exemption Local Law Amendment:** The Board was informed that this local law will need to be amended in the very near term.
3. **NYS Sexual Harassment Policy Town Requirement:** The Board was briefed on the need to adopt a new policy and provided mandated training as soon as possible.

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Department Reports

- 1. Highway Department:** A written report was given to the Board. Truck 9 is now repaired and back in service. The Town Highway assisted the Village in repairing a water main break. The Town Highway Department will also be working with the Village on further work on the Bay Street Extension.
- 2. Code Enforcement Office:** A written report was included in the Boards packet.
- 3. Sewer Districts:** No report was available.

Executive Session: A motion was made by Councilman Macaulay to enter executive session to discuss matters relating to the employment history of a particular Town employee. The motion was seconded by Councilman VanArnam.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Chris Coffin-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye. The Board entered executive session at 7:40 PM. At 8:10 PM the Board left executive session. Supervisor Putman stated that the Board took no action while in executive session.

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

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