

**Town of Morristown
Regular Monthly Meeting
August 14, 2012**

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

Also Present: Michael Bogart, Kay Davis, G. Thomas Bertrand, Jr., Tim Burley, Andy Mason, Jay Berkman, Kevin Crosby, Joe Lightfoot

The Meeting was opened at 7:23 PM by Supervisor Putman

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Councilman Stout, and seconded by Councilman VanArnam, to approve the minutes of July 10, 2012 as presented.

Correspondence: None

Public Comment Period: No public comment received

Old Business

1. **River Road East Sewer Project** – Tim Burley reviewed the project to date. Paving begins within two weeks. Currently restoration work is finishing except for stone work. Mr. Burley reviewed the cost overruns mainly due to extra rock work and restoration. Plus 17 units that was not planned for, but were installed on vacant lots per owner request. The Board will meet with Bond Attorney Mark Gebo and Mr. Burley on Tuesday, August 21st to plan for obtaining additional funding and amend the current bond resolution. The additional amount needed was decided at 425,000. Mr. Burley will contact Jean Thornhill about the installation problem at her camp. It is suggested that equipment be put in reserve and a budget maintained for the installation as soon as the deck can be repaired or removed. The request for a crosswalk at the Walts residence was discussed. The Board decided that the crosswalk would be a hazard to traffic and the speed limit as set by the state was ok. The Board did agree that if handicapped warning signs were something Mrs. Walts wanted, that the Town would install them. The Clerk was directed to The Board was made aware that there is an ongoing issue with defacement of speed signs on the road and several had to be replaced.
2. **Wind Law** – A motion was made by Councilman Warren, seconded by Councilman Stout to set a public hearing for 6:30 PM, Tuesday, September 4th, at the Morristown Fire Hall.
Vote: G. Turner - Aye, D. VanArnam-Aye, D. Stout-Aye, H. Warren-Aye, Putman - Aye
3. **Code of Ethics**- A motion was made by Supervisor Putman, and seconded by Councilman VanArnam, to hold a public hearing on the Code of Ethics Local Law at 7 PM, September 11th just before the monthly Town meeting.
Vote: G. Turner - Aye, D. VanArnam-Aye, D. Stout-Aye, H. Warren-Aye, Putman – Aye

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4. Teamsters Contract- Information packets were given to the Board on Health Insurance.

5. Brier Hill Cemetery Fence- A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam, and seconded by Supervisor Putman, to file a complaint against the dog owners whose dogs have damaged the fence at the cemetery and have them ticketed for dogs creating damage on private property.

Vote: G. Turner - Aye, D. VanArnam-Aye, D. Stout-Aye, H. Warren-Aye, Putman – Aye The clerk was directed to consult with the Town attorney to see if it's possible to bill the dog owners for the damage to the fence or if the property owner would be the responsible party. The Board agreed that they would not move ahead with repair until the issue of reparation was clarified.

6. Local Law #4 of 2012-Proposed Change of Highway Superintendent Position From Elected to Appointed - Councilman Warren made a motion to table the issue but did not receive a second. Several questions arose as to length of term and compensation. No action was taken.

7. Hiring Cleaner- The Board reviewed the applications and authorized the clerk to hire Leanna Moquin as the new cleaner.

8. Sewer District #1 Amendment – A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam, and seconded by Councilman Warren to authorize the Supervisor to enter into an amended Inter Municipal Agreement with the Village of Morristown for Sewer District #1. This amendment solely changes the overtime rate for village employees to forty (40) dollars per hour.

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

9. Other Old Business – Surplus Sale- Three bids were received for surplus equipment from David Stout III. Bid # 2-\$10, Bid # 3-\$25, Bid #4-50. The Board agreed that as these were the only bids and the Town wanted to get rid of the items they would accept them. A motion was made by Supervisor Putman, and seconded by Councilman Warren to accept the three bids received.

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

New Business

1. St. Lawrence Co. Fire Training Facility Letter of Support –A motion was made by Councilman Stout, and seconded by Councilman VanArnam, to send a letter of support to the St. Lawrence County Fire Training Facility for its fundraising campaign.

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

2. 2013 Budget –The Supervisor noted he was scheduled to meet with the bookkeeper soon.

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3. Create Cemetery Plots-Councilman Warren introduced the idea to the Board about of creating a Potters Field in one of the Towns cemeteries. The clerk was directed to research the legality of and the process for creating a Potters Field.

4. Court Grant- Justice Bertrand spoke to the Board on the subject applying for a new court grant. The deadline for the online application is October 1, 2012. The Board would have time to do a resolution at the September meeting. Justice Bertrand asked the Board what they thought should be included in the grant. The Board asked him to look at structural needs that might be addressed through the grant.

5. Other New Business- Supervisor Putman informed the Board that he had okayed a quote for insurance for the Town from Haylor, Fryer and Coon.

Department Reports

1. Code Enforcement- Report included in the Board packet. The Code officer noted that permits and construction costs were up significantly over 2011 numbers.

2. Highway Department- The Superintendent handed out a written report. Quotes were received for the removal of a tree in the Town ROW on Sand Street Road. They were as follows: Richardson's – cut- \$3,500. Cut and remove \$4,500. Lalonde Tree Service- cut -\$3,200. The Superintendent stated that he felt the tree was too big for the Town equipment and personnel to handle for disposal after cutting. After some discussion a motion was made by Councilman Warren, and seconded by Councilman Stout, to award the contract to Richardson and Sons for the take down and removal of a tree at 1080 Sand Street Road.

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

3. Sewer Department- Kevin Crosby reported that it was a quiet month for the Town Sewer District.

A motion was made by Supervisor Putman, and seconded by Councilman VanArnam, to enter into executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular Town employee.

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

The Board entered into executive session at 8:50 PM. The Board left executive session at 9:20 PM. The Supervisor reported that no action was taken.

Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned upon motion at 9:20 PM

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by David Murray, Town Clerk