

**Town of Morristown
Regular Monthly Meeting
March 6, 2012**

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

Also: Kay Davis, Sherry Shatraw, Kevin Crosby, Jay Berkman, Andy Mason

Meeting opened at 7:05 PM by Supervisor Putman

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Councilman Warren, and seconded by Councilman Stout, to approve the minutes for the February 14, 2012 regular monthly meeting, as presented.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, David Stout- Aye, Howard Warren-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye – motion approved

Public Comment Period- No public comment received

Old Business

1. River Road East Sewer Project-Jay Berkman updated the Board on the progress to date on the project. Grinder installation and line testing is ongoing. Testing on the main is almost completed. Mayor Shatraw asked the Board for a commitment of personnel to assist in the maintenance of the new district. She also asked the Board to approve a new updated Inter Municipal Agreement for District 2. A motion was made by Councilman Warren, seconded by Councilman VanArnam to authorize the Supervisor to enter into an updated IMA for Sewer District 2 with the Village of Morristown.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, David Stout- Aye, Howard Warren-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye – motion approved

The Board agreed to hold a meeting with the Town and Village Mayor and respective DPW staff as needed to discuss the future responsibilities for District 2 maintenance. The meeting will be held Wednesday, March 14th at 5 PM.

2. Town Rabies Clinic-The Clerk attended a Rabies Clinic Workshop at Public Health and is ready to set one up. A motion was made by Councilman Stout, seconded by Councilman VanArnam, to authorize a rabies clinic for the Town.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, David Stout- Aye, Howard Warren-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye – motion approved

3. Code of Ethics-The Board directed the Clerk to send a copy of the Village ethics code to the Town attorney for review and compliance with current NYS requirements for an ethics policy.

4. Local Law #1 Grievance Day-After a brief discussion a motion was made by Councilman Turner, and seconded by Councilman Warren to adopt Local Law # 1 of 2012- A Local Law to Change the Date of Grievance Day.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, David Stout- Aye, Howard Warren-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye – motion approved

5. Other Old Business-A letter of interest was received from Michael Warren for the Planning Board vacancy. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Putman, seconded by Councilman Stout to appoint Michael Warren to a full five year term on the Planning Board. The term appointment is retroactive to January 2012.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, David Stout- Aye, Howard Warren-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye – motion approved

5. Other - Town Hall Project-Councilman Warren reported that a new revised road placement map is being prepared by the County.

New Business

1. Ratification of IMA Contract-Sewer District #2- Done previously-see item 1 under Old Business.

2. Authorization to let Bid-Highway-The Board authorized a request from Superintendent Bogart, to bid out surplus equipment as follows: A motion was made by Councilman Warren, seconded by Councilman Stout to advertise for bids to sell the Chevy Blazer, previously used by the Code Officer, at a minimum bid of \$250.00, sold as is.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, David Stout- Aye, Howard Warren-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye – motion approved The bids will be opened at the April 10th meeting.

3A. Other New Business-New Hire-The Board discussed a request from the Highway Superintendent to hire a 20 hour employee for the Highway Department. This employee would also be able to work separately for the new sewer distract. A motion was made by Supervisor Putman, and seconded by Councilman Stout to authorize the request to hire by the Highway Superintendent.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, David Stout- Aye, Howard Warren-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye – motion approved

3B. Other-Ambit Energy-The Board heard a presentation from Patricia Lalonde of Ambit Energy offering Ambit Energy as an alternate electric supplier. Supervisor Putman thanked Ms. Lalonde for the information. No action was taken.

3C. Power Lines – The Board discussed the condition of power lines in the Town in certain areas that have moved and are pulling tight against buildings or are sagging and touching roofs. The Board directed the Code Officer to write a letter to National Grid on behalf of the Supervisor, who will sign it.

3D. Town Tax Incentive-The Board discussed a tax incentive at the Town level to encourage businesses to locate or upgrade in the Town. Mayor Shatraw stated that she would be interested in being kept informed on this issue.

Department Reports

1. Codes-A written report was handed out to the Board.

2. Assessor-No report available.

3. Highway Superintendent-Written report available in packet.

4. Sewer District 1- Kevin Crosby reported that overtime occurred as pumps lost their prime and may need servicing under contract.

A motion was made by Supervisor Putman, and seconded by Councilman Warren to enter into executive session to discuss matters relating to ongoing litigation with the Town.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, David Stout- Aye, Howard Warren-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye – motion approved Entered into executive session at 8:20 PM and left session at 8:45 PM. Supervisor Putman reported that no action was taken.

Meeting adjourned upon motion at 8:45 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by David Murray-Town Clerk