

**Town of Morristown
2015 End of Year Meeting
December 29, 2015 11:00 AM**

Present: Gary Turner, Howard Warren, Frank Putman
Absent: David VanArnam, Shawn Macaulay

Also Present: Dean Hoffman, Carol Woodcock, Kevin Crosby

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Councilman Warren and seconded by Councilman Turner, to approve the minutes of 12/08/2015 as presented.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, Howard Warren-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

Old Business

1. Budget Modifications: The following budget modifications were presented to the Board: **2015 End of Year Budget Modifications**

GENERAL A

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| 1. From A1990.4 Contingent to A1110.4: Justices Contr. | \$ 569.00 |
| 2. From A1990.4 Contingent to A1420.4: Attorney Contr. | \$ 3,913.00 |
| 3. From A1990.4 Contingent to A1430.1 Personnel Salary | \$ 1,181.00 |
| 4. From A1990.4 Contingent to A1910.4 Unallocated Ins. | \$ 417.00 |
| 5. From 1990.4 Contingent to A5010.4: Highway Contr. | \$ 455.00 |
| 6. From A1990.4 Contingent to A9060.8 Hospitalization | \$ 451.00 |
| 7. From A3620.2Safety Insp. Equip. to A3620.4 Safety Insp. Contr. | \$ 472.00 |
| General A Total Transfer - <u>\$7,458.00</u> | |

GENERAL B

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| 1. From B4010.4 Bd. Of Health Contr. to B7310.4: Youth Prog. Contr. | \$3,168.00 |
| General B Total Transfer - <u>\$3168.00</u> | |

HIGHWAY DA

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| 1. From 9030.8 Social Security to DA9060.8 Hospitalization | \$ 381.00 |
| Highway DA Total Transfer- <u>\$ 381.00</u> | |

HIGHWAY DB

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| 1. From DB5130.4 Machinery Contr. to DB5112.4 Perm. Improv. | \$11,184.00 |
| 2. From DB5130.4 Machinery Contr. to DB9060.8 Hospitalization | \$ 2,810.00 |
| Highway DB Total Transfer- <u>\$13,994.00</u> | |

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SEWER DISTRICT#1

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| 1. From SS1 8110.1 Admin. Salary to SS8120.4 Sanitary Sewer Contr. | \$ 1,000.00 |
| 2. From SS8110.4 Admin Contr. to SS8120.4 Sanitary Sewers Contr. | \$ 1,902.00 |
| 3. From SS8120.2 Sanitary Sewer Equip. to SS8120.4 Sanitary Sewer Contr. | \$10,433.00 |
| 4. From SS8130.4 Treatment Contract to SS8120.4 Sanitary Sewer Contr. | \$ 1,000.00 |

Sewer District #1 Total Transfer-\$14,335.00

Appropriated Fund Balance 3,662.00

Total \$17,997.00

SEWER DISTRICT#2

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| 1. From SS8120. Sewer Equip. to SS8120.4 Sanitary Sewer Contr. | \$7,004.00 |
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Sewer District #2 Total Transfer- \$7,004.00

Bookkeeper Carol Woodcock explained to the Board that it was necessary to appropriate \$3,662.00 from Sewer District 1 Savings to Sewer District 1 operating fund to cover unanticipated repairs. A motion was made by Supervisor Putman, and seconded by Councilman Turner to move \$3,332.00 from Sewer District 1 Savings to Sewer District 1 Operating Fund.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, Howard Warren-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

A motion was made by Supervisor Putman and seconded by Councilman Warren, to approve the budget modifications as presented.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, Howard Warren-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

2. Municipal Solar Energy Project: A motion was made by Councilman Warren, and seconded by Councilman Turner to adopt Resolution # 12 of 2015 as follows:
Resolution # 12 of 2015

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Lewis Hamilton Herkimer Oneida BOCES (“BOCES”) received a grant from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (“NYSERDA”) to study the feasibility of, and if feasible, to determine the best option for the installation of solar photo voltaic arrays on school and municipal property to reduce those entities electrical energy costs; and

WHEREAS, one of the primary goals of said study is to determine how to structure a solar energy program in such a way that participants in the program will be able to function as a group, as opposed to acting individually, thereby saving additional money by being able to install larger solar arrays and by pursuing, taking advantage of and receiving volume discounts; and

WHEREAS, another primary goal of said study is to determine how best to take advantage of Federal tax credits and Remote Net Metering Credits (RNM) that are presently available to further maximize savings in energy costs; and

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WHEREAS, the BOCES has undertaken the aforementioned study, via meeting with, consulting, and/or hiring various solar consultants, solar developers, engineers, legal counsel, energy suppliers, and other related professionals with experience in the solar and utility industries, as well as the State Education Department, to determine a means by which the BOCES, its component districts,

and other interested regional municipal entities can best take advantage of their common desire to reduce their electrical energy costs; and

WHEREAS, at a presentation held on June 11, 2015, attended by various school districts and other regional municipal entities interested in the possibility of reducing their electrical energy costs, the BOCES, its legal counsel and its consultants presented the preliminary results of the BOCES study; and

WHEREAS, the preliminary results indicated that the estimated savings per kilowatt hour would be .04 cents, which represented approximately a 40% reduction in present energy costs, and that the best means by which the BOCES, interested school districts and regional municipal entities could take advantage of the potential savings offered by a solar energy program was to form and then join an energy consortium, to be established via an inter-municipal agreement pursuant to Article 5-G of the New York State Municipal Law, the details of which were explained by BOCES legal counsel; and

WHEREAS, it was further explained that the proposed consortium would be an independent entity, managed and controlled by a Board of Directors consisting of a designated representative from each member of the consortium, and an Executive Board elected by the Board of Directors, similar to the Jefferson-Lewis et al Healthcare Plan, rather than being operated by the BOCES; and

WHEREAS, it was further explained that executing the proposed inter-municipal agreement simply preserved an interested entity's right to participate in the consortium, without committing it to anything further, thereby presenting no risk whatsoever to any interested participant; and

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WHEREAS, as a result, the BOCES proposed the formation of the Tri-County Alternative Energy Cooperative (“Co-op,” or “Consortium”), to be controlled as set forth above, which an interested entity could join via the execution of an inter-municipal agreement; and

WHEREAS, the BOCES urged that any interested parties execute the aforementioned agreement in the near future, as time was of the essence in terms of commencing the project in order to meet the December 31, 2016, operational deadline to take full advantage of the tax credits that are presently available; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Morristown is interested in the possibility of reducing its electrical energy costs and is desirous of joining the Consortium to further explore the same.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board as follows:Section 1. The Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute an inter-municipal agreement on behalf of the Town of Morristown, whereby the Town will become a member of the Tri-County Alternative Energy Cooperative.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, Howard Warren–Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

A motion was made by Councilman Warren, and seconded by Councilman Turner to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Inter-Governmental Agreement between the Town and Jeff Lewis BOCES for the Tri-County Energy Cooperative

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, Howard Warren–Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

3. Teamsters Contract Authorization: A motion to officially approve the 2016 Teamsters 3 Year Contract was made by Supervisor Putman, and seconded by Councilman Turner.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, Howard Warren–Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

4. Other Old Business: Councilman Warren directed that employees should be signing off on the revised handbook as soon as possible. He also thought that language that was placed in the new Teamsters contract on Drugs and Alcohol should be included in the handbook.

New Business

1. 2016 Town Insurance Approval: A motion was made by Councilman Turner, and seconded by Councilman Warren to accept and approve the quote for Town insurance for 2016 as presented by the St. Lawrence Agency.

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2. Other New Business: A request was received from Judy Wright to receive an extra week of vacation in 2016 because she was unable to use all her vacation time in 2015 due to work circumstances beyond her control. A motion to grant the extra week of vacation in 2016 was made by Supervisor Putman, and seconded by Councilor Turner.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, Howard Warren-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 AM by Supervisor Putman.
Meeting minutes prepared and respectfully submitted by David Murray, Town Clerk.