

**Town of Morristown
Regular Monthly Meeting
July 8, 2014**

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

Also Present: Chris Sherwin, Dean Hoffman, Sherry Shatraw, Wayne Moquin

Approval of Minutes A motion was made by Councilman Warren, seconded by Councilman Turner to approve the minutes of June 10, 2014 as presented.

Vote: G. Turner-Aye, D. VanArnam-Aye, S. Macaulay-Aye, W. w. Warren-Aye, F. Putman-Aye

Correspondence

The Board noted correspondence from the Village of Morristown, Penny Young and Henry LaCroix.

Public Comment

1. The Black Lake Association- spoke to the Board concerning invasive species. They also stated that they are conducting an outreach to the 6 communities that border Black Lake in an effort to improve communications with all stakeholders concerning the health of the Lake.
2. Chris Woodcock, president of the Recreation Commission,-spoke to Board on the issue of their recent action concerning Corey Simmons. Mr. Woodcock felt the issue was being handled through him and was surprised by the Town Boards request. He asked to have the Recreation Committee to be part of the Boards future discussions concerning the committee. The Board asked the Rec Committee also maintains open communication with them.
3. Wayne Moquin-in the capacity of shop steward, asked the Board what the status of determining who would be servicing the wastewater districts was. The Supervisor stated that the Board would include the union employees in the process.

Old Business

1. **Employee Handbook-** The changes arrived at in the meetings are being incorporated into the Handbook and when ready, will be sent to the Board for review.
2. **Town Hall -** The Board directed the Clerk to write Mr. Bender and have him proceed with the items in his action outline for the Parish Center.
3. **Wastewater Districts-** Problems of varying severity were noted with settling of sides of roads and driveways where the project had rebuilt them. A problem with the installation of a grinder pump was noted at 518 River Road East. The Board directed the Clerk to follow up on this with the engineer.
4. **River Road East Lighting District** After reviewing the request from Michael Durki for additional street lights and the cost estimate from National Grid to install additional poles, the Board agreed that it was too expensive to install the extra poles.
5. **Other Old Business-**No other old business.

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New Business

1. Black Lake Association (presentation) See Public Comment

2. Other New Business – A motion was made by Councilman Warren, and seconded by Supervisor Putman, to enter into executive session to discuss matters relating to the employment history of a particular Town employee.

Vote: G. Turner-Aye, D. VanArnam-Aye, S. Macaulay-Aye, W. w. Warren-Aye, F. Putman-Aye

The Board entered into executive session at 7:50 PM. The Board left executive session at 8:15 PM and reported that no action was taken.

3. Change in position-A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam to change the position of Code Enforcement Officer. The motion appoints Christopher Sherwin to the position of Code Enforcement Officer-position to be ½ time for not more than 19 hours per week, and to the position of Fire Inspector-position to be ½ time for not more than 19 hours per week. Change effective immediately. Salary to remain the same, split between the two positions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Macaulay.

Vote: G. Turner-Aye, D. VanArnam-Aye, S. Macaulay-Aye, W. w. Warren-Aye, F. Putman-Aye

The Clerk was directed to have this change reported to the St. Lawrence County Human Services Office.

Department Reports

1. Highway Department – Superintendent Hoffman handed out a written report. Also presented to the Board were specs for a new plow truck under State Contract pricing. The Board discussed the option of repairing the existing truck until next budget year. The superintendent will bring pricing for that option to the next meeting.

The Superintendent gave the Supervisor the sole winter sand bid received. Supervisor Putman unsealed and read aloud the bid. The bid was received from Stouts Sand and Gravel. Bid was for winter screened sand picked up at 5.30 per ton, concrete sand picked up at 6.80 per ton. The delivered price for each would be 1.50 per ton additional.

A motion was made by Councilman Warren to accept the bid from Stouts Sand and Gravel. The motion to accept was seconded by Councilman VanArnam.

Vote: G. Turner-Aye, D. VanArnam-Aye, S. Macaulay-Aye, W. w. Warren-Aye, F. Putman-Aye

2. Code Enforcement- Chris Sherwin presented a written report to the Board. The Board reviewed the building permit change for Warren Putman at 279 River Road East. Engineered plans are being drawn up to comply with the Code Officers direction due to a deviation from the original permit. The Code Officer noted that Town Land Use Code allows the construction of residences up to 35 feet in height in the R1 zone. The Code Officer has also reviewed the setback variances granted back in 2012 and found the project has stayed within those setbacks.

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The Code Officer and the Highway Superintendent have looked at where drainage is being discharged from Mr. Putman's property and they stated that it is in the Town R.O.W. The Superintendent will monitor the drainage for potential problems. The Board discussed a request for a Town noise ordinance but came to a consensus that they won't, at this time, pursue the adoption of one.

The Code Officer brought to the Board's attention that the Jeep is costing a significant amount of money to maintain and is getting very poor mileage. They discussed working a new vehicle into the 2015 budget.

3. Public Works-No report available.

The meeting was adjourned upon motion at 8:35 PM.

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