

**Monthly Meeting
Town of Morristown
August 11, 2015**

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

Absent: Howard Warren

Also Present: Dean Hoffman, Chris Sherwin, Kevin Crosby, Cheryl Shatraw, Joe Lightfoot

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Councilman Turner, and seconded by Councilman VanArnam, to approve the minutes of July 21, 2015.

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

Correspondence: Correspondence from DANC and the Adirondack Folk School was reviewed.

Public Comment

1. Joe Lightfoot reported on several issues concerning the county including budget, sales tax, and health insurance, budget and judicial.

Old Business

1. **Sewer Districts Update:** Supervisor Putman announced that there will be a meeting on August 24th between the Town attorney, the Supervisor, and the project engineers. There is still no answer from E One on the reason for the high failure rate on the pump switches. The Board explained the budget process timeline in response to a question from Darrell Merkel. Supervisor Putman agreed with Kevin Crosby that a solution to District 2 would not be arrived at in time for Winter 2015/16. The Board discussed the sewer vac trailer briefly with the Highway Superintendent and will look at it at budget time.
2. **Cemetery Contract Re-Bid Opening:** Supervisor publicly opened and read the three bids received for the cemetery contract. The bids were as follows:
 1. Jason Curran DBA Seaway Valley Lawn Care. Price for maintenance only is 12,000 annually.
 2. Jeff Paro. Price for maintenance only is 14,000 annually. Price for burials weekdays/weekends is 450/550 and cremations 325/425. Winter same as summer, but additional for snow and frost removal. No liability insurance provided. Bid states that if successful bidder the contractor will acquire the insurance.
 3. Carmen Wagner. Price for maintenance only is 11,500 annually.The Board decided to review the bids and award the contract at the September meeting.
3. **Troy & Banks:** The Board was updated on the review by Troy and Banks, and the refund due from National Grid.
4. **Teamsters Contract:** The Board set a meeting date of August 24th at 10 AM to formulate a response to the Teamsters proposal.
5. **Other Old Business-**None

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New Business

- 1. Consolidated Funding Records Grant:** The Clerk informed the Board that the Town of Canton was writing a grant for a county wide review of participating town's records. This grant will provide needed information to write a more substantial grant for the microfilming and cloud storage of town records. The clerk has written a letter indicating that the Town of Morristown wishes to participate.
- 2. Liquor License Renewal:** The Board was informed that the Town received notice of the intent to renew the liquor license held by Turner Inn. The Board had no comments.
- 3. Other New Business-**None

Department Reports

- 1. Highway Department:** Superintendent Hoffman handed out a written report for the month. Remote control openers will be installed on the overhead doors at the garage for \$800.00. The new plow truck is on the lot in Watertown and the finance package has been submitted.
- 2. Code Enforcement:** The Code officer requested permission to reduce the time for compliance under the Junk law from 45 to 20 days. The board approved the request and the revision will be sent to the attorney for formatting, and come back to the Board in September.
- 3. DPW:** Superintendent Crosby reported that Siewert will be onsite doing pump repair at the vacuum plant on August 20th.

The meeting was adjourned upon motion at 7:50 PM

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