

**Town of Morristown
Regular Monthly Meeting
December 8, 2015**

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

Absent: Frank Putman

Also Present: Dean Hoffman, Chris Sherwin, John Barse, John Warnick, Sherry Shatraw

The meeting was opened at 7 PM by Deputy Supervisor Howard Warren.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam, seconded by Councilman Turner, to approve the minutes of November 10, 2015 as presented.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Howard Warren-Aye

Correspondence

Public Comment Period: None

Old Business

- 1. Sewer Districts Update (If available):** The Clerk reported that the easement request is in progress and the Deputy Clerk is working through District 1 materials (4 boxes plus minutes)
- 2. Teamsters Contract:** Executive session after Department Reports.
- 3. Solar Energy:** John Warnick from Jefferson Lewis BOCES gave a presentation on the Solar Energy System Cooperative. The proposal is for 30- 2 megawatt arrays in Northern Jefferson County and the St. Lawrence River Valley. Sites must be at least 12 acres and have 3 phase power nearby. Interested municipalities and schools need to signed on by the end of 2015. The Town would need to sign an IMU and a power purchase agreement. The Town can expect a 40-50 percent savings on their total electric bill. At the end of the contract period of 20 years the developer will remove the array or offer it for sale to the municipality.
- 4. Other Old Business:** No other old business was brought before the Board.

New Business

- 1. 2015 End of Year/2016 Organizational Meeting Date:** The Board set Tuesday, December 29, 2015, at 11 AM at the Town Barn, for the 2015 End of Year, and the 2016 Organizational meetings.
- 2. Personnel Item:** The Clerk received a letter of resignation from Code Officer Christopher Sherwin with an effective date of December 9, 2015. A motion was made by Councilman Macaulay, and seconded by Councilman VanArnam, to accept Mr. Sherwin's letter of resignation.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Howard Warren-Aye
A motion was made by Councilman Warren, and seconded by Councilman VanArnam to appoint Christopher Sherwin effective December 10, 2015 to the remainder of the term of the vacant Code Officer position which would be December 10 –December 31, 2015.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Howard Warren-Aye

- 3. Budget Mods:** No budget modifications were brought before the Board.

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- 4. 2016 Kennel Contract:** A motion was made by Councilman Warren, and seconded by Councilman VanArnam, to authorize the Supervisor to renew the Kennel contract for 2016 with Daniel Moyer as presented.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Howard Warren-Aye

- 5. Historians Report:** A written report for 2015 was presented to the Board.

- 6. Other New Business:** Councilman Macaulay asked if the Town had reached out to Senator Ritchie regarding the new Town Hall project. Code Enforcement Officer Sherwin stated that a letter had been sent and the Supervisor had spoken with James Reagan in the Senators Office.

Department Reports

- 1. Highway Department:** A written report was given to the Board.
- 2. Code Enforcement:** A written report was presented.
- 3. DPW:** Kevin Crosby reported that it was quiet as far as the sewer districts were concerned.

A motion was made by Councilman Warren, and seconded by Councilman VanArnam, to enter into executive session to discuss matters relating to the ongoing contract negotiations with the Teamsters employees.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Howard Warren-Aye

The Board entered into executive session at 8:05 PM and came out of executive session at 9:50 PM. Deputy Supervisor Howard Warren reported that no action was taken. He also stated that the negotiations were at an impasse.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM.

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