

## **Town of Morristown July 21, 2015 Monthly Meeting**

**Present:** Gary Turner, David VanArnam, Howard Warren

**Absent:** Shawn Macaulay

Also Present: Chris Sherwin, Dean Hoffman, Sherry Shatraw, Kevin Crosby

Deputy Supervisor Warren opened a public hearing at 7:01 PM, to take comment for or against the proposed: Local Law #3 of 2015 A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 4 of 2006 Providing For the Administration And Enforcement Of The New York State Uniform Fire Prevention And Building Code.

There were no public comments brought forward. Deputy Supervisor Warren closed the public hearing and opened the regular meeting portion of the evening.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam, and seconded by Councilman Turner, to approve the minutes of June 9, 2015 as presented.

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

**Correspondence:** Correspondence received included a letter of resignation from Supervisor Putman effective July 18, 2015. . A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Howard Warren, and seconded by Councilman David VanArnam, to accept Mr. Putman's resignation, and to appoint him to the remainder of his term as Supervisor. Term to end December 31, 2017.

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

Deputy Supervisor Warren turned over the meeting to Supervisor Putman.

### **Public Comment**

1. John Sever – Brought to the Boards attention that motorists on River Road East are not following the posted speed limit. Visitors park on road side and road I narrow. Mr. Sever was advised to call law enforcement.
2. Rick Johnson – Asked if the Highway Department was going to stripe River Road East this year. Superintendent Hoffman stated that he had not submitted a request to the County.
3. Darrell Merkel asked what the painted numbers on the road were on River Road East. Superintendent Hoffman stated they were sonar depth readings for sewer lines. Mr. Merkel also asked if the 2016 budget will include be impacted by problems in the upcoming winter season. Supervisor Putman stated that he hoped there would not be an increase in district 2 sewer rates for 2016.
4. Rick Johnson asked if the Town budget could loan money to the district to fix problems.
5. Darrell Merkel remarked that it would be a good idea to mark all grinder locations with rods or flags. Superintendent Hoffman stated that he was planning to do that before Winter.

### **Old Business**

**1. Sewer Districts Update** (If available) – Supervisor Putman informed the Board and the members of the public that he and Councilman VanArnam had met with the Town attorney to review the situation and a meeting with the attorney and the engineers would be scheduled.

**2. Local Law #3 of 2015-Revision to Fire and Building Code** - A motion was made by Supervisor Putman, and seconded by Councilman VanArnam, to adopt Local Law # 3 of 2015, A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 4 of 2006 Providing For the Administration And Enforcement Of The New York State Uniform Fire Prevention And Building Code.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Howard Warren-Aye, Supervisor Putman-Aye

**3. Cemetery Contract Bid Opening** – Supervisor Putman received two sealed bids from the clerk which were opened publicly. Bid #1 was from Seaway Valley Lawn Care for 12,800 for cemetery maintenance. Bid #2 was from St. Lawrence County NYSARC, for an hourly rate of \$55 per hour. After reviewing the bids the Board decided to reject both and directed the Clerk to re-advertise the request for bids for the August 11 meeting.

**4. Other Old Business** – No other Old Business

### **New Business**

1. No New Business

### **Department Reports**

**1. Highway Department** – A written report was handed out. Superintendent Hoffman stated that he had submitted his CHIPS re-imbusement request. Has been in contact with E-One concerning widespread problems with pump pressure switches but has not heard back. Superintendent Hoffman brought up the need for an extra FTE for highway to be principally responsible for the sewer district.

**2. Code Enforcement** – Written report was handed out. Mr. Sherwin was asked about several issues in the Town including a malfunctioning sewer system and garbage accumulating.

**3. DPW** – Kevin Crosby submitted a proposal from Siewert to repair the pumps in the vacuum plant. After review of the proposal a motion was made by Councilman Warren, and seconded by Councilman VanArnam, to approve the repairs as proposed provided sufficient funds were available.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Howard Warren-Aye, Supervisor Putman-Aye

Meeting was adjourned upon motion at 7:55 PM

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