

**Town of Morristown  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
November 4, 2014**

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

**Absent:** Howard Warren

**Also Present:** Dean Hoffman, Chris Sherwin, Cheryl Shatraw

**Members of the public present:** R.B. Lawrence

**Public Hearing on 2015 Town Budget**

Supervisor Putman opened the public hearing on the 2015 Town Budget at 7 PM for comment. Mayor Shatraw asked the Supervisor and the Highway Superintendent if the Town would still be assisting the Village on the road project around the Morristown Bay. The Highway Superintendent stated that the Town would be assisting the Village on the project. Since there were no more questions or statements concerning the 2015 budget, the Supervisor closed the hearing.

**Approval of Minutes-** A motion was made by Councilman Turner, and seconded by Councilman VanArnam to approve the minutes of October 14, 2015 and October 21, 2015 as presented.

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

**Correspondence-**A letter from the Association of Towns was received concerning an energy savings program for towns. The Board will review it and consider the benefits it may bring by joining the program.

**Old Business**

**1. 2015 Budget Adoption-** A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam, and seconded by Councilman Turner to adopt the 2015 Budget for the Town of Morristown as presented.

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

**2. Wastewater Districts** A quote was received from Randy Huot for work to done at the Sever Residence in District 2. The Board reviewed the quote and discussed the scope of work and the need to have it done by the end of the month. The Board agreed that the price reflected the difficulty of working on the site. A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam to accept the quote from Randy Huot for 6,500 dollars to do the repair work as specified, with the additional requirement that the work be completed by November 25<sup>th</sup>. Motion to also include that Mr. Huot provides the Town with a certificate of insurance naming the Town as an additional insured. The motion was seconded by Councilman Macaulay.

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**Old Business continued**

**3. Town Hall-**Supervisor Putman informed the Board he had a conversation with Father Seymour regarding the parish center. The church has is asking 150,000 dollars for the parish center. The engineer has asked for the asbestos study and a parking plan before he can move ahead with plans. Councilman Warren and the Code Officer will be going to the Town of Hopkington to review the plans for their new town hall. Supervisor Putman asked the Clerk to write a letter to the parish requesting the asking price in writing as well as the church's plans for doing the asbestos study and remediation.

**4. Employee Handbook-**Tabled until December.

**5. Other Old Business-** The Board asked what was happening with the solar energy

**New Business**

**1. Expiring Appointed Positions 2015** –A term on both the Planning and Zoning Boards is expiring. The incumbent on the Planning Board has expressed interest in being re-appointed to another 5 year term. The Zoning Board incumbent will not be returning. That position will be advertised.

**2. 2015 County Highway Winter Maintenance Agreement-** The contract has not yet been received for Board action.

**3. 2015 Sewer Re-levy Resolution-** A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam, and seconded by Supervisor Putman to move resolution #12 of 2014 as follows:

Resolution #12 of 2014- Sewer Re-levy Authorization 2015:

**Be It Resolved,** that the Town Board of the Town of Morristown authorizes the re-levy of all unpaid sewer bills for Sewer District #1, and Sewer District #2 from the year 2014, to the 2015 Town Tax Warrant.

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

**4. Other New Business-**No other new business was brought before the Board.

**Department Reports**

**1. Highway Department-** The Superintendent reported that winter sand is in place and all the trucks are ready for the winter. The Board discussed the purchase of a replacement small plow truck. The Board instructed the Superintendent to present a current State Bid quote for Board action in December.

**2. Code Enforcement-** The Code Officer reported that fire inspections are complete for the year. Officer Sherwin also reported that 11 permits for new houses were issued to date in 2014. He also reported that he will be working with the DEC on a flood plain evaluation for two days in November. Mr. Sherwin asked the Board for permission to have the window in his office replaced. They are broken and blow out into the room in high winds. The Board directed Mr. Sherwin to get a couple of quotes and forward them to the Supervisor so the he can review them and authorize the replacement.

**3. Public Works-**No report

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A motion was made by Supervisor Putman, and seconded by Councilman VanArnam, to enter into executive session to discuss matters concerning ongoing litigation.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye The Board entered into executive session at 7:37 and left out of session at 7:50 PM. Supervisor Putman reported that no action was taken while in executive session.

The meeting was adjourned upon motion at 7:50 PM

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