

**Town of Morristown  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
November 10, 2015**

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

**Also Present:** Dean Hoffman, Chris Sherwin, Kevin Crosby, Matilda Larson, (Planning), Howard Warren

**Public Hearing Sewer Grant:** Supervisor Putman opened the hearing at 7:04 PM. Matilda Larson Moderated the hearing. She presented a short interview of the program and the number of households served for both Morristown and Macomb. A handout with the financials for the program was available to the public.

Comments:

1. Chris Sherwin, Code Officer stated that working with the county on the program was a good experience and went well.

2. Howard Warren commented that it was good for the town.

3. Rick Johnson commented that he remembered that early in the program there was a lack of qualified applicants in the service area. He asked if the program was successful.

Matilda Larson stated that the service area was expanded to the entire town to draw from a wider pool of applicants. The program was able to expend all the funds.

There were no additional comments and the hearing was closed at 7:10 PM

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam, and seconded by Councilman Turner to approve the minutes of October 13, 2015 as presented.

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

**Correspondence:** Letters were received from NYMIR concerning town insurance and from National Grid concerning possible changes to street lights to LED's.

**Public Comment:** No public comment was received.

The Supervisor changed the order of business to address item # 6 in New Business as follows:

**New Business**

**6. Appointment of Vacant Board Position:** A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam, and seconded by Councilman Macaulay, to appoint Howard Warren to the remainder of the term of the Board position that became vacant November 2, 2015.

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

**Old Business**

- 1. Town Sewer Repair/Replacement Grant Closeout:** This was covered during the Public Hearing earlier in the meeting.

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2. **Sewer Districts Update (If available):** Supervisor Putman stated that he had met with the Engineer and the contractor. At the meeting the engineer agreed to look at the issue of freezing cleanouts to find a fix. The engineer also has come up with the idea of drilling a well at the end of the line and pumping water through the entire system to prevent freezing. Darrell Merkel asked if the contractor will help if problems occur this winter. Supervisor Putman stated they would be helping with problems if needed. Supervisor Putman stated that the well won't happen this year but the cost of the well and well house would be picked up by the contractor, Rick Johnson asked if the contractor acknowledged that variances to the engineering plan caused some of the problems experienced by the system. Supervisor Putman stated that the contractor acknowledged that. Rick Johnson asked about the location of the well and Supervisor Putman said that was to be determined. Darrell Merkel informed the Board that he and Dean Hoffman had spent several hours working on an updated brochure for users of the system. Dean Hoffman stated he and David VanArnam had worked on the technical part of the brochure.
3. **Cemetery Contract (Opening/Closing Bid) Opening:** Supervisor Putman opened the sole bid from Jeffrey Paro. The bid was for \$450 opening and closing, \$325 for cremations and \$100 extra for weekends and holidays. A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam, seconded by Supervisor Putman, to accept the bid as presented by Jeffery Paro.  
Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Howard Warren-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye
4. **Teamsters Contract**
5. **2016 Budget:** Tabled
6. **2015/2016 Fuel Oil Bid Opening:** One bid was received from Morristown Fuel and Supply. Supervisor Putman opened the bid. The bid was for 22 cents under the daily cash price. A motion was made by Councilman Warren, seconded by Councilman Macaulay, to accept the bid from Morristown Fuel and Supply.
7. Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Abstain, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Howard Warren-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye
8. **Solar Energy:** Councilman Macaulay talked with Jeff Warnick from Jeff Lewis BOCES who will be making a presentation at the December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.
9. **Other Old Business:** No other old business was presented.

**New Business**

**1. Expiring Appointed Positions 2016:** The Board was informed of whose terms were expiring in 2015. The Clerk will check with those people to ask if they would accept reappointment.

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**2. 2016 Sewer Re-levy Resolution:** A motion was made by Supervisor Putman, and seconded by Councilman VanArnam to adopt Resolution # 11 2016 Sewer Re-levy as follows:  
**Be It Resolved**, that the Town Board of the Town of Morristown authorizes the re-levy of all unpaid sewer bills from Sewer District #1 in the amount of \$13,570.70, and from Sewer District #2 in the amount of \$10,855.16, from the year 2015, to the 2016 Town Tax Warrant.

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

**3. Resolution #9 County Hazard Mitigation Plan:** A motion was made by Councilman Turner, and seconded by Councilman Warren, to move adopt Resolution # 9, A Resolution Adopting the St. Lawrence County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan as follows:  
WHEREAS, the Town of Morristown, with assistance from Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C., and St. Lawrence County, has gathered information and prepared the St. Lawrence County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Morristown is a local unit of government that has afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input in the Plan and the actions in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Morristown has reviewed the Plan and affirms that, with the assistance of St. Lawrence County, the Plan will be updated no less than every five years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Town of Morristown adopts the St. Lawrence County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan as this jurisdiction's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, and resolves to execute the actions in the Plan.

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

**4. Resolution # 10 Authorization to Purchase:** A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam, and seconded by Councilman Macaulay, to adopt Resolution #10 of 2015 as follows:  
Resolution to Authorize the Purchase of Highway Equipment

**Resolved**, that the Town Board of the Town of Morristown authorizes the purchase of a 2015 Caterpillar 938M Front End Loader under New York State Contract Pricing. Purchase price after trade in to be \$13,528.

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

**5. Board Authorization Credit/Debit Acceptance:** A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam, and seconded by Supervisor Putman, to authorize the Town Clerk to pursue setting up credit/debit acceptance for his office.

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

**6. Appointment of Vacant Board Position:** Done at beginning of meeting.

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A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam, and seconded by Supervisor Putman, to enter into executive session for discussion on the Teamsters Union contract negotiations.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Howard Warren-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye The Board entered into executive session at 7:45 PM  
The Board left executive session at 8:17 PM.

**7. Other New Business**

1. A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam, and seconded by Councilman Macaulay, that no health insurance will be offered to full or part time elected officials effective 11/10/2015.

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

2. A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam, and seconded by Councilman Turner that effective 11/10/2015 no health insurance will be offered to retired elected officials, not including current retired officials.

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

3. **2016 Budget:** Supervisor Putman stated that adjustments to the 2016 budget would be given to the bookkeeper.

**Department Reports**

1. **Highway Department:** A written report was handed out. The new Loader is not here yet. The old small plow sold at auction for \$13,100.
2. **Code Enforcement:** A written report was handed out. A conversation was had concerning problems with problems enforcing Town Law within the judicial system. Problems with jurisdiction and having warrants served. Rick Johnson suggested having the Town attorney talk with the Sheriff's Department about the problem. The Board asked the Code Officer about some code issues with some properties in Brier Hill and State Highway 37.
3. **DPW:** Reported that all was quiet on the sewer district side. The Board asked Mr. Crosby to put more detailed information into the overtime reports that accompany the OT vouchers. Councilman VanArnam asked if there are any Village residents that are on the Town line in District 1, and was the Town charged OT if the Village was checking for vacuum leaks on the Village pots connected to the Town line. Mr. Crosby stated that he believed there were approximately 8 users on 5 pots that feed into the Town Vacuum station and possibly the Town was charged overtime.

The meeting was adjourned upon motion at 8:45 PM.

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