

**Town of Morristown  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
October 8, 2013**

**Present:** Gary Turner, David VanArnam, David Stout III, Howard Warren, Frank Putman  
**Also Present:** Mike Bogart, Val Harman, Kevin Crosby, Sherry Shatraw, Joe Lightfoot, Tim Burley, Jay Berkman

**Approval of Minutes-** A motion was made by Councilman Stout, and seconded by Councilman VanArnam, to approve the minutes of September 10, 2013 as presented. Vote: G. Turner-Aye, D. VanArnam-Aye, D. Stout-Aye, H. Warren-Aye, F. Putman-Abstain

**Correspondence-** Letters from two companies offering energy efficiency products or services were received and an email offering wireless service for the community was received. The clerk was directed to contact all three for more information.

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

**Old Business**

1. **Sewer Projects-** Jay Berkman gave a brief review of the status of last late winter/spring problems. Most were due to failure to winterize or leave power on. The Board and Jay and Tim Burley agreed that the Town should send out a survey asking homeowners if they winterized their system. The Board discussed having the Highway crew do a one day pass through survey of the systems before winter. At this point in the meeting Supervisor Putman made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss matters relating to pending litigation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Warren. Vote: G. Turner-Aye, D. VanArnam-Aye, D. Stout-Aye, H. Warren-Aye, F. Putman-Aye. The Board entered into executive session at 7:30 PM exited executive session at 7:50 PM. Supervisor Putman stated that no action was taken while in executive session.
2. **Fuel Oil Bid** – No bids were received. The clerk was directed to re-advertise for the November meeting.
3. **River Road East Lighting District-** Tabled
4. **2014 Town Budget-** The Board was presented with a copy of the preliminary 2014 budget. A budget work meeting was scheduled for October 29, 2013 at 6:30 PM.
5. **Other old Business-** Councilman Warren asked if a response had been received on questions the Board had on the Mill Road pertaining to access to a property owners land. A partial answer was received but the Board asked the clerk to ask for a more specific answer to the question.

**New Business**

1. **Life Flight Annual Resolution-** A motion was made by Councilman Warren, and seconded by Councilman VanArnam to move resolution # 13 as follows:  
Resolution #13 of 2013

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**WHEREAS:** Life Flight, Inc. is a not for profit , tax exempt corporation which is responsible for all aspects of patient care by providing medical equipment, training medical personnel and administering the medical portion utilizing the New York State Police helicopter based in Saranac Lake and private fixed wing aviation resources, and,

**WHEREAS:** The New York State Police and private fixed wing aviation resources do not provide a medically trained team or medical equipment for patient transports; and

**WHEREAS:** The people of Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton and St. Lawrence Counties receive a vital emergency medical service which is free of charge to critically ill and seriously injured patients, and, therefore municipal governments are asked to pledge monies for this worthwhile program;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Town Board of the **Town of Morristown** hereby authorizes the Supervisor to enter into a contract with North Country Life Flight, Inc. for the purpose of operating the medical component of the medevac program, which will serve its residents and visitors, and paying the amount of \$150.00, which represents the Towns share for 2013; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the sum of \$150.00 is hereby appropriated to account No. B – 4989.4 for payment to North Country Life Flight, Inc.

Vote: G. Turner-Aye, D. VanArnam-Aye, D. Stout-Aye, H. Warren-Aye, F. Putman-Aye

**2. Appointed Positions-**A letter of interest was received from Robert Dolan for a vacant position on the Zoning Board of Appeals. After discussion, and determining that Mr. Dolan met the requirements for the position, a motion was made by Councilman Warren, and seconded by Supervisor Putman to appoint Robert Dolan to the remainder of the unexpired term of Gary Premo. The appointment will become effective upon completion of oath. The remainder of the term carries through to December 31, 2017.

Vote: G. Turner-Aye, D. VanArnam-Aye, D. Stout-Aye, H. Warren-Aye, F. Putman-Aye

The Historians position which will be vacant in January received two letters of interest from Clara Jane Warren and Debbie Murray. That appointment will be made in December at the 2014 Organizational Meeting.

**2. Other New Business-**

1. Supervisor Putman made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss matters relating to the employment history of a particular town employee. The motion was seconded by Councilman VanArnam.

Vote: G. Turner-Aye, D. VanArnam-Aye, D. Stout-Aye, H. Warren-Aye, F. Putman-Aye  
The Board entered into executive session at 8:05 PM, and left executive session at 9:10 PM. Supervisor Putman reported that no action was taken.

2. Resolution #14 JCAP Grant- Supervisor Putman moved Resolution #14 of 2013, with a second from Councilman Warren, as follows:

Resolution # 14 of the Year 2013 Justice Court Grant

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Morristown shall make application to the Justice Court Assistance Program for 2014; and

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town Board shall seek financial assistance from the Justice Court Assistance Program, grant request not to exceed the sum of \$30,000.00, for needed modifications and upgrades to the Town of Morristown Justice Court ; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board shall authorize the Supervisor to make all necessary applications to the Justice Court Assistance Program.

Vote: G. Turner-Aye, D. VanArnam-Aye, D. Stout-Aye, H. Warren-Aye, F. Putman-Aye

**Department Reports**

1. **Code Enforcement Officer**-A written report was handed out to the Board. The Code Officer reported that she is again receiving complaints about property at 611 English Settlement Road. The Board discussed how to pay for tipping fees and a time frame for cleanup. A motion was made by Supervisor Putman, and seconded by Councilman Turner to authorize the Town Highway Department to start the cleanup as funds are available.

Vote: G. Turner-Aye, D. VanArnam-Aye, D. Stout-Aye, H. Warren-Aye, F. Putman-Aye

2. **Highway Department**- A written report was handed out. Superintendent Bogart presented the specifications for the new pickup being ordered for the Highway Superintendent. A motion was made by Supervisor Putman, and seconded by Councilman Stout to authorize the ordering of the truck as per the specifications presented.

Vote: G. Turner-Aye, D. VanArnam-Aye, D. Stout-Aye, H. Warren-Aye, F. Putman-Aye

The Town Clerk presented the Board with a letter of resignation from Highway Superintendent Michael Bogart effective November 21, 2013. A motion to accept the resignation was made by Councilman Stout, and seconded by Councilman VanArnam.

Vote: G. Turner-Aye, D. VanArnam-Aye, D. Stout-Aye, H. Warren-Aye, F. Putman-Aye

A motion was made by Councilman Stout, and seconded by Councilman VanArnam to appoint Michael Bogart to the remainder of the unexpired term of Highway Superintendent, effective November 23, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

Vote: G. Turner-Aye, D. VanArnam-Aye, D. Stout-Aye, H. Warren-Aye, F. Putman-Aye

3. **Assessor**-no report

4. **Public Works**-Kevin Crosby reported that everything was ok at present.

The meeting was adjourned upon motion at 9:47 PM.

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