

**Town of Morristown
Monthly Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2015**

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

Absent: Howard Warren

Also Present: Chris Sherwin, Dean Hoffman, Joe Lighfoot, Cheryl Shatraw

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Councilman Turner, and seconded by Councilman VanArnam, to approve the minutes of September 8, 2015 as presented.

Vote: G. Turner-Aye, D. VanArnam-Aye, S. Macaulay-Aye, F. Putman-Aye

Correspondence: A solar energy information packet was received by the Board.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Old Business

1. **Sewer Districts** – Supervisor Putman reported that the Town would be meeting on October 15th with the engineer and our attorney to discuss matters relating to the condition of the wastewater system on River Road East. Dean Hoffman, Darrel Merkel and David VanArnam haven't yet met to work on a rewrite of the winterization guide.
2. **Cemetery Contract** – The Board decided to rebid the Opening and Closing contract to include a smaller liability policy for the bidders. Motion was made by Supervisor Putman, and seconded by Councilman Macaulay, to rebid the contract for cemetery opening and closing to include a requirement for reduced liability insurance of 1 million. Bids will be opened at the November meeting.
Vote: G. Turner-Aye, D. VanArnam-Aye, S. Macaulay-Aye, F. Putman-Aye
3. **Teamsters Contract Process** – The Board agreed to enter into executive session at the end of the meeting.
4. **2016 Budget** – A budget meeting was set for Thursday, October 22nd at 6:30 PM.
5. **Resolution on Speed Reduction CR 2** – A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam, and seconded by Councilman Macaulay, to adopt Resolution # 7 of 2015 as follows: Resolution Requesting the Saint Lawrence County Department of Transportation to Increase a Linear Speed Zone within the Town of Morristown

Whereas, the Town of Morristown Highway Barn is located at a corner on County Route 2 that blocks the view of oncoming traffic approaching from a north easterly direction, and,

Whereas, Town of Morristown Highway vehicles entering the roadway onto County Route 2 from the Town Barn cannot see and are not seen by oncoming vehicles from the north east creating a traffic hazard, and

Whereas, the Town of Morristown has concluded that the current speed zone along County Route 2, from the Post Office in the hamlet of Brier Hill, to 206 County Route 2 is too fast for the visibility of traffic on the road, and

Whereas, the Town of Morristown is desirous of ensuring the safety and wellbeing of its Highway Department employees, the motoring public, and all its residents and visitors,

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Therefore Be It Resolved, the Town of Morristown requests the Saint Lawrence County Department of Transportation extend and continue the 35 mile per hour linear speed zone along County Route 2 from the Brier Hill Post Office to 206 County Route 2.

Vote: G. Turner-Aye, D. VanArnam-Aye, S. Macaulay-Aye, F. Putman-Aye

6. 2015/2016 Fuel Oil Bid Opening - As no bids were received a motion was made by Supervisor Putman, and seconded by Councilman Turner to rebid the fuel oil contract for 2016.

Vote: G. Turner-Aye, D. VanArnam-Aye, S. Macaulay-Aye, F. Putman-Aye

7. Solar – Councilman Macaulay presented a packet to Board with information on a new solar grant opportunity. The village of Morristown is interested in partnering with the Town. Councilman Macaulay will get in touch with the school district to see if they want to be involved as well.

5. Other Old Business - None

New Business

1. 2016 Budget - Set November Public Hearing – The Board set the 2016 Budget Public Hearing for November 5th.

2. Resolution #5 Life Flight – A resolution was made by Councilman Macaulay, and seconded by Councilman VanArnam, to adopt Resolution # 5 as follows:

WHEREAS: North Country 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 Medivac program, which will serve its residents and visitors, and paying the amount of \$150.00, which represents the Towns share for 2016; 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, S. Macaulay-Aye, F. Putman-Aye

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3. Resolution #6 CHIPS – A motion was made by Supervisor Putman, and seconded by Councilman VanArnam, to adopt Resolution # 6 of 2015 as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, The Town of Morristown will continue to maintain a snow plow turnaround on the Scotch Bush Road with signage and gravel, and does not desire to have it removed from the New York State GIS Mapping Inventory of Town Roads. Said road in the Town of Morristown is .09 miles in length and is listed on the NYS GIS Inventory as DOT ID# 260170.

Vote: G. Turner-Aye, D. VanArnam-Aye, S. Macaulay-Aye, F. Putman-Aye

4. Other New Business

1. Justice Court Records Review Resolution: A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam, and seconded by Councilman Turner, to adopt Resolution #8 of 2015 as follows: Resolution Approving the Examination of the Justice Court Records for the Town of Morristown for the Fiscal Year 2015

Whereas, the Morristown Town Board has completed an examination of the financial and other records for the Morristown Justice Court on October 13, 2015, and,

Whereas, the Town Board has found that all financial accounts were in balance and all other records of the Morristown Justice Court appeared to be accurate, complete and filed in a timely manner,

Therefore Be It Resolved, the Town of Morristown has completed their review and examination of the Morristown Justice Court records for 2015.

Vote: G. Turner-Aye, D. VanArnam-Aye, S. Macaulay-Aye, F. Putman-Aye

Department Reports

- 1. Highway Department** – A written report was given to the Board. The Board received a request from Superintendent Hoffman to purchase a new front end loader. After discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Putman to purchase the loader. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. After further discussion the motion was withdrawn by Supervisor Putman. The motion will be introduced at the next Town meeting.
- 2. Code Enforcement-** A report was given to the Board for the month of September. Code Enforcement Officer Sherwin reported that he has spoken to Senator Ritchie's office concerning monies for a new town hall. The clerk is writing up a request to send to Senator Ritchie.
- 3. DPW-DPW** Supervisor Kevin Crosby spoke to the Board about the pumps at the vacuum plant that have just been recalibrated.

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Supervisor Putman made a motion to enter into executive session at 7:35 PM to discuss matters relating to contract negotiations with the Teamsters Union. The motion was seconded by Councilman VanArnam.

Vote: G. Turner-Aye, D. VanArnam-Aye, S. Macaulay-Aye, F. Putman-Aye

The Board let executive session at 8:10 PM. Supervisor Putman reported that no action was taken while in executive session.

The meeting was adjourned upon motion at 8:10 PM

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