

**Town of Morristown
Monthly Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2016**

Present: Gary Turner, Harvey Bender, Shawn Macaulay, Chris Coffin

Also Present: Dean Hoffman, Chris Sherwin, Rick Johnson, David VanArnam, Frank Putman, Joe Lightfoot, Cheryl Shatraw, Joe Lightfoot

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Councilman Macaulay and seconded by Councilman Bender to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2016 Budget meeting, the September 13, 2016 Regular monthly meeting, and the September 28, 2016 Budget meeting as presented.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, Harvey Bender-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Christopher Coffin-Aye

Correspondence-Supervisor Coffin shared a letter from the NYSDEC concerning the relicensing of Stouts Sand and Gravel for a mining permit. The letter was a notice of the comment period.

Public Comment- County Legislator Joe Lightfoot addressed the Board. The 2017 county budget is 227 million dollars with a .06% increase. The county has established a reserve fund and will put 1% of appropriations into fund balance. They are still looking for a health insurance provider to take over from the county's self- insurance plan. The county will borrow 9.5 million due to mandated programs that the state reimburses slowly or not at all.

Old Business

- 1. Sewer Districts-** Supervisor Coffin updated the Board that engineering drawings for remedial work have been received from Tim Burley and the Town attorney is working on a contract for the remedial work. The drawings are being reviewed by our consulting engineer. There is a question on the load bearing capacity of the insulating foam. Darrell Merkel asked when actual work might commence. Supervisor Coffin replied that he was not sure.
- 2. Solar Project-**There will be a groundbreaking event on October 14th in Watertown.
- 3. 2017 Budget Set Public Hearing-** The Board agreed to hold one more budget meeting at 6 PM on October 26th. The Board also set the date of the 2017 Budget Public Hearing. A motion was made by Councilman Turner, seconded by Councilman Bender, to authorize the clerk to advertise the public hearing on the 2017 budget for Tuesday, November 8, 2016 at 7 PM.
Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, Harvey Bender-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Christopher Coffin-Aye
- 4. Ambulance Contract-**The Board discussed the upcoming renewal of the ambulance contract with the village. Supervisor Coffin stated that the Town pays the village 22 thousand dollars annually over the space of two five year contracts. A proposal was made to invest that money over the ten years before paying the village. Rick Johnson suggested putting the funds into escrow with clearly defined rules for what the money can be spent for. Supervisor Coffin stated that the agreement will be redrafted to read that the

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money will be put in a special fund and sent to the village after ten years. Gary Turner stated that this was the way to proceed. Supervisor Coffin stated that he will have the agreement redrafted and sent to the village.

- 5. Other Old Business-** No other old business was brought before the Board.

New Business

- 1. Other New Business-** Supervisor Coffin presented an amendment to the town policy on medical insurance benefits that was for the Boards review and possible future adoption. Frank Putman advised the Supervisor that it would be prudent to have the Town attorney review the proposal, which the Supervisor will do.

Department & Committee Reports

- 1. Highway Department-**A written report was presented to the Board, and photos of the Town Highway crew replacing a large culvert on Scotch Bush Road were shown to the Board.
- 2. Code Enforcement-** Code Officer, Chris Sherwin made his report to the Board.
- 3. DPW-** No report available.

Public Comment-No Comment received

Supervisor Coffin updated the Board on the issue with the Thornhill property in District 2. He will meet Friday with engineer. The lawsuit brought by Dan Connor was resolved and the project engineer, contractor and surveyor were ordered to pay Mr. Connor damages, and remove the lateral from the property. The Town will notify the Thornhills that no certificate of occupancy can be issued without a connected sewer.

Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned upon motion at 8:56 PM.

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