

**Town of Morristown
Regular Monthly Meeting
February 14, 2012**

Present: Gary Turner, David VanArnam, David Stout, Howard Warren

Absent: Frank Putman

Also: Mike Bogart, Kevin Crosby, Jay Berkman, Andy Mason, and Tim Burley

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Councilman Stout, and seconded by Councilman VanArnam, to approve the minutes for the 2011 End of Year Meeting, and the 2012 Organizational meeting, both held on December 27, 2011, as presented.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, David Stout- Aye, Howard Warren-Aye

Public Comment Period- No public comment

Old Business

1. River Road East Sewer Project –Jay Berkman, Tim Burley and Andy Mason of Burley-Guminiak, and Associates gave a status report on the construction progress. Construction on the lateral lines is proceeding. The main line is currently being tested and will go into service soon. The Board was briefed on the situation with the almost exhausted EFC loan and the continuing long turnaround time of the DASNY grant funds. The Board also discussed the restoration of the road surface later on in the project.

2. Town Hall Project –Councilman Warren reported that several versions of the design were being considered. He also reported that the road around Bay Street may need to be rerouted to avoid impacting the proposed location.

3. Wind Energy Law – There has been no action to report

4. Vacant Positions-ZBA/Planning Board-A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam, and seconded by Councilman Stout, to appoint John Newtown to the remainder of the open term ending December 31, 2012 for the ZBA.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, David Stout- Aye, Howard Warren-Aye

5. Other Old Business-Superintendent Bogart reported that the Highway employees don't want to be on call all year long to work on the new wastewater **system** after being on call all winter. Superintendent Bogart stated he wanted to hire a position for that purpose.

New Business

1. Resolution #1- Reality Check-A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam, and seconded by Councilman Turner, to move Resolution #1 of 2012 as follows:

Resolution of Support Reducing Youth Exposure to Tobacco Marketing in Stores

WHEREAS, the tobacco spends approximately \$1.1 million per day to market its product in New York State;

WHEREAS, each year in New York State, 24,100 new youth being smoking;

WHEREAS, tobacco companies place most of their advertising in convenience stores, where 75% of teenagers shop at least once a week;

WHEREAS, studies show that even brief exposure to tobacco advertising influences adolescents' intentions to smoke;

**Town of Morristown
Regular Monthly Meeting
February 14, 2012**

WHEREAS, 90% of smokers start before the age of 18;

WHEREAS, tobacco product displays in stores gives youth the impression that tobacco products are easily accessible;

And **WHEREAS**, exposure to tobacco marketing in stores is a primary cause of youth smoking, **THEREFORE**, the Town of Morristown supports reducing tobacco marketing in stores to protect our youth.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, David Stout- Aye, Howard Warren

2. Resolution #2 of 2012-Life Flight –A motion was made by Councilman Turner, and seconded by Councilman VanArnam, to move resolution #2 as follows:

Resolution # 2 of 2012- Life Flight

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 medivac program, which will serve its residents and visitors, and paying the amount of \$150.00, which represents the Towns share for 2012; 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: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, David Stout- Aye, Howard Warren

A motion was made by Councilman Stout, seconded by Councilman VanArnam to authorize the Supervisor to execute the annual contract with Life Flight, Inc.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, David Stout- Aye, Howard Warren

3. Resolution #3-St. Lawrence Co. Hold Harmless-A motion was made by Councilman Warren, seconded by Councilman VanArnam, moving Resolution # 3 as follows:

**HOLDING HARMLESS THE COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE FOR PROVIDING SERVICE
FOR THE TOWN OF MORRISTOWN**

By Town Board Town of the Town of Morristown

WHEREAS, the Town of Morristown is desirous of St. Lawrence County Department of Highways providing shared services such as paving, shoulder widening, signage, road stripping, blasting and other routine maintenance activities to the Town, and

WHEREAS, both the Town of Morristown and the County of St. Lawrence are desirous of promoting partnering efforts for the safety of the traveling public in St. Lawrence County, and

**Town of Morristown
Regular Monthly Meeting
February 14, 2012**

WHEREAS, in this joint cooperative endeavor, the Town of Morristown and the County of St. Lawrence desires to be reimbursed for their expenditures, and

WHEREAS, the Town is aware that the County may incur liability in the providing of the services and wishes to indemnify the County in this regard,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Morristown hereby agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County of St. Lawrence from and against liability, loss, damage, claim or action resulting from the work performed by St. Lawrence County Department of Highways. The Town of Morristown does not indemnify and hold harmless the County for any liability, loss, damage, claim, or action which arises during the actual performance of services by the St. Lawrence County Department of Highways. Said St. Lawrence County Department of Highways and the County of St. Lawrence assumes the liability for losses, damages and claims for the actual physical performance of the work, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following request for General Liability (GL) coverage is as follows:

General Liability Insurance

On an "Occurrence" basis, with the following limits:

\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence

\$2,000,000 General Aggregate

\$1,000,000 Products Aggregate

\$1,000,000 Personal Injury

\$ 50,000 Fire Damage Legal Liability

\$ 5,000 Medical Payment Expense

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that St. Lawrence County shall be an additional insured on the GL Policy, via ISO endorsement CG 2026.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, David Stout- Aye, Howard Warren

4. Resolution #4 of 2012-County Health- Donald Hassig addressed the Board and presented a short talk on cancer education and persistent organic pollutants (POPS). He also stated that other towns were passing resolutions in support of cancer education. A motion was made by Councilman Turner, and seconded by Councilman VanArnam, to move resolution #4 of 2012 as follows: **Resolution # 4 of 2012- County Public Health**

Be it Resolved, the Morristown Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to write to the Director of the St. Lawrence Public Health Office asking that office to review the current scientific literature regarding Persistent Organic Pollutants, including the recent World Health Organizations report concerning the same, and make available to the public the results of such a review.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, David Stout- Aye, Howard Warren

5. Agreement to Spend Town Highway Funds- A motion was made by Councilman Stout, and seconded by Councilman VanArnam, to authorize the expenditure of Town Highway Funds for 2012.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, David Stout- Aye, Howard Warren

**Town of Morristown
Regular Monthly Meeting
February 14, 2012**

6. Code of Ethics Policy-The Board received a copy of the State Comptroller's Office model for municipalities for their perusal. The Clerk will also provide a copy of the Village of Morristown's Policy.

7. Rabies Clinic-The Board directed the Clerk to attend a workshop at County Public Health on conducting a rabies clinic in the Town.

8. Local Law #1 of 2012-Grievance Day- Councilman Stout moved that the Board hold a Public Hearing on Local Law #1 of 2012, a local law to change the date of Grievance Day from the 4th Tuesday in May to the first Tuesday in June. This is being done to allow the assessor who is shared with the Town of Potsdam to be present for Grievance Day. Councilman VanArnam seconded the motion. The Public Hearing will be held on March 6, 2012 at 7 PM at the Town Hall.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, David Stout- Aye, Howard Warren

9. North Country Affordable Housing Letter of Support- A motion was made by Councilman Warren, and seconded by Councilman VanArnam to authorize the Supervisor to execute a letter of support for North Country Affordable Housing's Mobile Home Replacement Program grant application.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, David Stout- Aye, Howard Warren

10. Tug Hill Conference- The Board received a reminder that applications are due soon for the Tug Hill Conference.

11. Copier Lease-The Board authorized the renewal of the current copier lease upon a motion by Councilman Stout, seconded by Councilman Turner.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, David Stout- Aye, Howard Warren

12. Cancer Action- See item #4 under New Business.

13. Other New Business- The Board changed the date of the March Regular Monthly meeting to March 6, 2012. The Clerk was directed to advertise the meeting change.

Reports

1. Code Officer-A written report was presented to the Board. Kay has been having problems dealing with dealers and banks to get the needed price even though the Town is paying cash. Councilman Warren will assist Kay in finding a vehicle.

2. Assessor- No report available.

3. Highway Superintendent- A written report was handed out. Superintendent Bogart will not be at the March meeting due to the Highway Superintendents Day in Albany.

4. Sewer Districts-Kevin Crosby reported 4 calls since January. Also had the generator serviced.

The meeting was adjourned upon motion at 8:30 PM

Minutes prepared and respectfully submitted by David Murray-Town Clerk