

**Town of Morristown
Special Meeting
June 19, 2012**

Present: Gary Turner, David VanArnam, David Stout III, Howard Warren, Frank Putman
Also Present: Kevin Crosby, James T. Phillips, Jr., G. Thomas Bertrand, Jr.

The meeting was opened at 6:30 PM by Supervisor Putman. A motion was made by Supervisor Putman, and seconded by Councilman Warren to enter into executive session to discuss matters relating to collective bargaining under the Taylor Law.

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

The Board entered into executive session at 6:35 PM.

The Board left executive session at 9:05 PM. Supervisor Putman reported that no action was taken during executive session.

The meeting was adjourned upon motion at 9:05 PM.

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

**Town of Morristown
Regular Monthly Meeting
June 12, 2012**

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

Absent: Frank Putman

Also Present: Kay Davis, Kevin Crosby, Joe Lightfoot, Tim Burley, Jay Berkman, Andy Mason

Deputy Supervisor Warren opened a Public Hearing at 7 PM to take comment for or against Local Law #3 of 2012 - a local law to amend Local Law 2 of 2007. This amendment removes the restriction preventing homeowners from receiving an exemption on qualifying interior residential improvements. There were no comments from the public. Deputy Supervisor Warren closed the Public Hearing at 7:02 PM.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Councilman Stout, and seconded by Councilman Turner to approve the minutes of May 8, 2012.

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

Correspondence None

Public Comment Period

Joe Lightfoot spoke to the Board about a plan for bringing the Redistricting Plan to public referendum.

Old Business

- 1. River Road East Sewer Project-** Tim Burley gave a financial report to date; Andy Mason gave a status report that 85% of the installations are complete on the project. Tim Burley asked the Board to authorize a contract amendment to increase the funds for the ground observer to allow for extended observation time because of the project time extension authorized by the Board in May. A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam, and seconded by Councilman Stout to authorize Deputy Supervisor Warren to sign the contract change to the Owner –Engineer Agreement.
Vote: G. Turner - Aye, D. VanArnam-Aye, D. Stout-Aye, H. Warren-Aye
- 2. Wind Law** –The Board authorizes proceeding with the SEQR process leading to public hearings. Kay Davis will contact LaBella to do so.
- 3. Code of Ethics-**Tabled
- 4. Teamster’s Contract-set meeting-** The Board set the meeting for Tuesday, June 19th, at 6:30 PM. The Clerk was directed to advertise the meeting.
- 5. Other Old Business-**No other Old Business.

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New Business

1. Local Law #3 of 2012-Proposed Amendments to Local Law #2 of 2007. A motion was made by Councilman Warren, and seconded by Councilman Turner to adopt Local Law 3# of 2012 as follows:

LOCAL LAW # 3
OF THE YEAR 2012

An amendment to the local law "Entitled Exemption for Improvements to One and Two Family Dwellings", Local Law #2 of 2007 at Article I, Section 6.

BE IT ENACTED By the TOWN BOARD of the TOWN of MORRISTOWN as follows:
Section 6. Requirements for obtaining exemption.

- A. No exemption shall be granted for reconstruction, alterations, or improvements unless:
- (1) Such reconstruction, alteration, or improvement must be commenced subsequent to the effective date of this article; and
 - (2) The value of such reconstruction, alteration, or improvement must exceed \$1,500. The maximum exemption permitted under this article is \$24,000.; and
 - (3) The greater portion, as so determined by square footage, of the building reconstructed, altered, or improved must be at least five years old; and
 - (4) Building permits must be obtained in accordance with local law; and
 - ~~(5) Reconstruction, alteration, or improvements must be to the exterior of the structure.~~

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

2. Brier Hill Cemetery Fence- Deputy Supervisor Warren briefed the Board on a situation where dogs are crawling through the fence into the cemetery and causing damage. The fence has a hole in it and it has also been determined that there is no bottom rail around the entire fence causing a gap of two feet or more around the bottom of the entire fence line. The Board was unsure if a bottom rail had ever been installed. The Board will have the Highway Superintendent check to see who installed the fence and if a bottom rail should have originally been installed. They also are interested in getting a quote for installing the bottom rail.

3. Office Maintenance –The Board decided that due to dissatisfaction with the current cleaning service they want to advertise for a new cleaner.

4. Court Hours Request- A request was received to change the Court office hours.

5. Software Request- A motion was made by Councilman Stout, seconded by Councilman VanArnam, to authorize the purchase of 1 license for Microsoft Office 2010 as an add on to the bookkeeping program.

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

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6. Other New Business-The Board has been informed that a tree in the Town ROW dropped branches onto power lines which may have caused damage to appliances in a residence owned by Allen Langtry. The Board requested the Highway Superintendent to get a quote for removal of the tree. The Board also requested that the Town insurance agent be contacted.

Other-Board was informed that Mary Ann Bailey from River Road East will be presenting a petition to strengthen traffic control on River Road East due to speeding.

Other-The Board instructed the Clerk to gather information for the procedure to change the office of Town Highway Superintendent from elective to appointed.

Department Reports

1. Code Enforcement-A written report was handed out.

2. Highway Department-A written report was handed out.

3. Sewer Department-Kevin Crosby reported that there was OT in May due to a stuck valve, and pump problems at the vacuum plant. Seiwert has performed maintenance on them and the problems should be fixed.

A motion was made by Councilman Stout, and seconded by Councilman VanArnam to enter into executive session to discuss matters relating to the employment history of a particular Town employee.

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

The Board entered into executive session at 8:05 PM and left executive session at 8:52 PM. Deputy Supervisor Warren reported that there was no action taken while in Executive Session.

The meeting was adjourned upon motion at 8:54 PM.

Minutes prepared and respectfully submitted by David Murray, Town Clerk