

**Town of Morristown
Regular Monthly Meeting
November 13, 2012**

Public Hearing on 2013 Town Budget-Postponed

Present: Gary Turner, David VanArnam, David Stout III, Howard Warren, Frank Putman
Also Present: Michael Bogart, Tim Tuttle, Jay Berkman, Tim Burley, Andy Mason

The meeting was opened by Supervisor Putman at 7:10 PM

Approval of Minutes of October 9, 2012- A motion was made by Councilman Warren, seconded by Councilman VanArnam to approve the minutes of October 09, 2012 with a change to Councilman VanArnam's recorded vote on the Property Tax Cap to "Aye"
Vote:G.Turner-Aye, D.VanArnam-Aye, D.Stout III-Aye, H.Warren- Aye, F.Putman-Aye

Correspondence

Public Comment Period

Allen Langtry addressed the Board on the issue of removing a large tree on his Sand Street property in the Town right of way. Superintendent Bogart stated he has repeatedly contacted the contractor and is trying to get the tree removed. The Board set December 1st as a deadline for removal and directed that the contractor be contacted and apprised of the deadline. If the tree is not removed by that date an alternate contractor will be chosen.

Old Business

- 1. Position Vacancy for Code Enforcement-** Supervisor Putman stated that he had asked Tim Tuttle to cover the vacant Codes position for two weeks. Mr. Tuttle agreed to cover beyond that until January 1st at the rate of pay received by the previous officer. Mr. Tuttle also stated that the Town will need new code software as the previous program was no longer available. A motion was made by Supervisor Putman, and seconded by Councilman VanArnam to officially appoint Mr. Tuttle to fill the vacant position for the remainder of 2012 at the rate the previous officer was paid.

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

The Board reviewed the options for hiring and the qualifications for the position. The Board discussed hiring full time, part time and sharing the position with another municipality. Tim Tuttle stated that the position was more than part time. He also stated that there is a certified code officer living in the town at this time. The Board discussed hiring a code inspector to do building codes and a second inspector to conduct fire inspection and deal with local laws. Supervisor Putman stated that there are three concerns for the Board in regards to the position. 1. Take care of contractors. 2. Ensure the public safety. 3. Local Law enforcement

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Councilman Warren stated that the Town could advertise and see who applies for the position. The Board will meet again on the 20th of November to discuss the matter again.

2. Teamsters Contract-Tabled

3. 2013 Budget - Tabled

4. River Road East Sewer Project-Tim Burley reviewed the final budget costs and two additional change orders. North Country Contractors will do the Thornhill camp installation. 18 box units were winterized by the contractor rather than the homeowner for 2012. Mr. Burley also presented and explained an engineering amendment to cover additional time for the construction observer. Two pay requisitions were presented. Jay Berkman discussed the Alford well request. The Board directed the Clerk to write to Mr. Alford and ask for a definitive request with documented costs to settle the issue. A motion was made by Supervisor Putman, seconded by Councilman VanArnam to approve the engineering amendment as presented by Tim Burley.

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

A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam, and seconded by Councilman Turner to approve change order #3 as presented by Tim Burley.

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

A motion was made by Supervisor Putman, and seconded by Councilman VanArnam, to approve change order # 4 as presented by Tim Burley.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Warren, and seconded by Councilman Stout to hold a public hearing at 7PM on December 11th on the proposed sewer law.

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

6. Cemetery Maintenance Contract Bid-Two bids were received and opened. The bids were from Johnson Lawn Care and Seaway Lawn Care. The Board reviewed the bids and directed the Clerk to ask the Seaway Lawn Care owner to attend the November 20th meeting to answer some questions regarding the bid.

7. Kennel - Tabled

Other Old Business- A motion was made by Supervisor Putman, and seconded by Councilman Stout to move resolution # 15 of 2012 as follows: **RESOLVED:** That the Morristown Town Board herewith changes the number of the Wind Energy Law from Local Law Number 5 of 2012 to Local Law Number 4 of 2012 to maintain the correct numbering order for filing with the Department of State.

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

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New Business

- 1. One Year Winter Maintenance Agreement-** A motion was made by Councilman Warren, seconded by Councilman Stout to authorize the Supervisor to enter extend the contract with the County with no changes for an additional year.
- 2. Sewer Relevy Authorization** – A motion was made by Councilman Stout, and seconded by Councilman Turner to move Resolution # 13 of 2012 Sewer Relevy for 2013 as follows: – A resolution to re-levy all unpaid sewer bills for District 1 in the amount of 8,745.00, and District 2 in the amount of 4,849.00 for a total of 13,594.00 from 2012, to the 2013 Town Tax Warrant.
- 3. Resolution # 12 Sales Tax Home Rule-**A motion was made by Councilman Stout, and seconded by Councilman Warren to move RESOLUTION # 12 of 2012 as follows:
A Resolution to Support Home Rule Legislation to Allow St. Lawrence County to Consider a Possible Increase of Sales Tax
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Morristown respectfully requests that Senator Patricia A. Ritchie, Senator Joseph A. Griffo and Senator Elizabeth O’ C. Little sponsor home rule legislation to allow St. Lawrence County to consider a possible increase of sales tax; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of said resolution will be sent to all Assembly Members representing St. Lawrence County, to the leadership of the Assembly and Senate, and to the Governor.
Vote:G.Turner-Aye, D.VanArnam-Aye, D.Stout III-Aye, H.Warren- Aye, F.Putman-Aye
- 4. Expiring Terms for ZBA & Planning Board-** The Clerk reported that 2 of 3 of the expiring terms can be re-appointed and the third individual will be contacted.
- 5. Land Use Code Amendment-** The Board received the proposed language for the amendment covering the construction and regulation of boathouses for review.
- 5. Other New Business-** None

Department Reports

- 1. Code Enforcement** –No report
- 2. Highway Department-** A written report was given to the Board for review. A written Town property inventory report was also given to the Board and it was requested to include all cemeteries in the report. Superintendent Bogart presented a proposal to purchase a new tractor from DA and DB fund balance for Board consideration.
- 3. Sewer Department-** No report.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned upon motion at 9:24 PM

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