

**Town of Morristown  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
March 11, 2014**

**Present:** David VanArnam, Shawn Macaulay, Howard Warren, Frank Putman

**Absent:** Gary Turner

**Also Present:** Dean Hoffman, Christopher Sherwin, Sherry Shatraw, Kevin Crosby

**Approval of Minutes** A motion was made by Councilman Warren, and seconded by Councilman VanArnam, to approve the minutes of February 4, 2014 as presented.

**Vote:** D. VanArnam-Aye, S. Macaulay-Aye, H. Warren-Aye, F. Putman-Aye

**Correspondence**-was received from the City of Ogdensburg and William Fay.

**Public Comment**-No public comment was received

**Old Business**

- 1. Employee Handbook** –A meeting was set for April 22 at 6:30 PM.
- 2. SH 37 & SH 58 Intersection Traffic Control** – The Village forwarded a letter from the NYS DOT informing us that the request to review the safety of the intersection was in progress.
- 3. Internet Hotspots**-Information from Verizon Wireless was reviewed but no action was taken.
- 4. Town Internet Initiative** – Still awaiting a response from Castle Cable.
- 5. Solar Energy Project**-No report back from Jason Clark has been received yet.
- 6. Town Hall Project** –The Board agreed that they will start with a firm idea of cost. Then, they will have a discussion with the engineer about what is needed, and any environmental remediation. The Supervisor will talk with the engineer to determine what the costs would be for his services.
- 7. Other Old Business**-No other business was presented.

**New Business**

- 1. Historian's Computer** –The Board authorized the expenditure for a new computer. A recent state bid price came in at approximately 500 dollars.
- 2. Request from Cancer Action** –A request was received from Cancer Action for the Board to write a letter to Dr. Christopher Portier, Director of the National Center Environmental Health asking him to produce a booklet on the dangers of POPS exposure. The Board directed the Clerk to write and send the letter.
- 3. Official Newspaper**-The Board discussed the situation where the Ogdensburg Journal now only publishes two times weekly and wouldn't be able to accommodate state mandated publication timeframes in many instances. A motion was made by Councilman Warren, and seconded by Councilman Macaulay, to rescind a previous motion designating the Ogdensburg Journal as the Town of Morristown's official paper and now designating the Watertown Daily Times as the official paper of record.  
**Vote:** D. VanArnam-Aye, S. Macaulay-Aye, H. Warren-Aye, F. Putman-Aye

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**4. Other New Business** – A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam, and seconded by Councilman Warren, to change the date of the April meeting to April 2, 2014.  
Vote: D. VanArnam-Aye, S. Macaulay-Aye, H. Warren-Aye, F. Putman-Aye

**Department Reports**

**1. Highway Department-** A written monthly report was given to the Board. Superintendent Hoffman reported to the Board that the pay loader has been experiencing major mechanical issues that have been expensive, and more problems are expected. He presented the Board with two quotes for new pay loaders. Both on New York State Contract Pricing. One quote was for a John Deere and the other was for a Caterpillar. After discussing the specifics of both vehicles the Board authorized the purchase of the Caterpillar pay loader. A motion was made by Councilman Warren, and seconded by Councilman VanArnam, to purchase a new 2014 Caterpillar Pay Loader for \$18,522.00 after a trade in credit of \$120,000.

Vote: D. VanArnam-Aye, S. Macaulay-Aye, H. Warren-Aye, F. Putman-Aye

**2. Code Enforcement-**Code Enforcement Officer, Christopher Sherwin, reported to the Board that the transition was going smoothly. He reported that he has attended Code School, and that permits are beginning to pick up. He also reported a problem with the cruise control on the Town Jeep. The Board directed the Highway Superintendent to take the vehicle in to the garage and have the problem corrected.

**3. Public Works-**Kevin Crosby reported that there was one recent trouble call for district two. Also, no parking signs will soon be installed on one side of Mercer Street.

The meeting was adjourned upon motion at 8 PM.

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