

**Town of Morristown
Regular Monthly Meeting
April 13, 2010 7 PM**

Present: Frank Putman, Mark Blanchard, Howard Warren, Kay Davis, Kathryn Bateman, Joe Lightfoot

A motion was made by Councilman Warren, seconded by Councilman Blanchard to approve the minutes of March 2, 2010

Vote: Frank Putman-Aye, Mark Blanchard-Aye, Howard Warren-Aye

A motion was made by Councilman Blanchard, seconded by Councilman Warren to approve the minutes of the handbook meeting of March 16, 2010.

Vote: Frank Putman-Aye, Mark Blanchard-Aye, Howard Warren-Aye

Public Comment Period

The director of the Morristown Public Library spoke to the board about outdoor story boards that will be placed around the town for children and young people to enjoy.

Dick Davis asked Joe Lightfoot about his position on raising the sales tax by 1 cent.

Joe Lightfoot spoke about the current budget shortfall and the 2011 budget. He is in favor of raising the sales tax by 1 cent.

Correspondence

Old Business

1. River Road East Sewer Project –The Board was updated on progress to date. Survey and mapping and subsurface investigation is being done. Senator Aubertines office has called for a grant update and was referred to Carrie Tuttle.

2. Town Hall Project-Clerk is to get a copy of cost estimates to the Board for the May meeting.

3. Time Warner Contract-A motion was made by Councilman Warren, seconded by Councilman Blanchard to authorize the supervisor to enter into a new 10 year contract with Time Warner Cable.

Vote: Frank Putman-Aye, Mark Blanchard-Aye, Howard Warren-Aye

4. Employee Handbook –A handbook meeting will be set at the May meeting so that the full board can attend

5. LaBella Associates- Mark Tayrien made a presentation to the board on the services and contract before them. A motion was made by Councilman Warren, seconded by Councilman Blanchard to authorize the Supervisor to enter into a contract with LaBella, Associates, for review of the Wind Law for a cost of \$3,500.

Vote: Frank Putman-Aye, Mark Blanchard-Aye, Howard Warren-Aye

The Board discussed the probable sequence of events before bringing the wind law to a public hearing. The sequence will be a review meeting with the wind committee to make any changes, and a subsequent final review by the wind committee. Then, if the wind committee is ready, the document will be presented to the Board. The Board will then forward the law to The Saint Lawrence County Planning Office for review and any noted changes. It will then be sent to LaBella Associates, P.C. for review and comment. After LaBella returns the document the Board will make any suggested changes and then give the law to the town attorney for a legal

review. Once all changes and edits are finished the Board can set a public hearing . After the hearing the board has the option of bringing the law to adoption..

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New Business

1. Website -

- a. Government reporting requirement-** A motion was made by Councilman Warren, seconded by Supervisor Putman to adopt resolution # 10 of 2010 as follows:
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Morristown hereby establishes the following as a standard work day for elected and appointed officials for the purpose of determining days worked reportable to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System:

ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS

Supervisor (1)
Councilmember's (4)
Town Clerk/Tax Collector (1)
Justice (2)
Five day work week, six hour day

Superintendent of Highways (1)
Five day work week, eight hour day

ALL APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Code Enforcement Officer (1)
Assessor (1)
Court Clerk(1)
Deputy Court Clerk (1)
Deputy Town Clerk (1)
Zoning Board of Appeals Members (5)
Planning Board Members (5)
Board of Assessment Review (3)
Animal Control Officer (1)
Five day work week, six hour day

Motor Equipment Operators (4)
Five day week, eight hour day

Vote: Frank Putman-Aye, Mark Blanchard-Aye, Howard Warren-Aye

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- b. **Financial reporting requirement-** the clerk will post the town's financial information on the website.
2. **Resolution # 12** – A motion was made by Supervisor Putman, seconded by Councilman Blanchard to adopt resolution # 12 of 2010 as follows:

Resolution #12 of 2010

Resolution setting Official Office Hours for the Town Offices

BE IT RESOLVED, the official hours for all offices of the Town of Morristown will be set as 9 A.M. to 4 P.M., Monday through Friday, excepting legal holidays. Non-elected employees are expected to be present during those hours.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, daily time sheets will be used by all non-elected employees to record time worked, and vacation, sick, personal and bereavement time used.

Vote: Frank Putman-Aye, Mark Blanchard-Aye, Howard Warren-Aye

3. **Junk Storage Survey for 2010-** The Code Enforcement Officer asked for permission to conduct a junk storage survey in April. Councilman Blanchard stated that he didn't feel permission was needed as enforcement of the junk law was a regular duty of the Code Officer. The Board agreed that the survey should be done. The violation letters will give 45 days to come into compliance. The Town will also hold a white goods pickup on June 5th at the Town Barns to help with the cleanup.
4. **Other- request from Don Hassig-** Supervisor Putman presented a request from Don Hassig of Cancer Action to pass a resolution supporting cancer prevention education and to hold a public meeting on the subject. The clerk will prepare a resolution based on a sample received from Mr. Hassig. The board discussed the issue but did not take any action on it. County Legislator Joe Lightfoot suggested the Board contact the county Board to discuss how they handled a similar request from Cancer Action.

Committee Reports

Wind Energy- The next meeting is scheduled for April 28 at 7 PM.

PDM- No report available

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Department Reports

Code Enforcement - Monthly report was handed out. The Board also received a copy of pending state legislation including information on a law that may affect how wind farms are sited in New York State.

Assessor- Monthly report was presented .

Highway Superintendent- The monthly report was given to the Board. The Highway Superintendent asked the Board to authorize the lease purchase of a new plow truck to replace the 1999 plow truck currently in service. The Town of DeKalb wants to purchase the 1999 truck for \$15,000. After discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Putman, seconded by Councilman Blanchard to authorize the award of contract for the lease-purchase of a new 2011 Stadium truck at OGS contract pricing.

Vote: Frank Putman-Aye, Mark Blanchard-Aye, Howard Warren-Aye

An additional motion was made by Councilman Blanchard , seconded by Councilman Warren, to authorize the sale of the 1999 plow truck to the Town of DeKalb, as is, for \$15,000.

Vote: Frank Putman-Aye, Mark Blanchard-Aye, Howard Warren-Aye

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM Minutes submitted by David Murray, Town Clerk