

**Town of Morristown
Regular Monthly Meeting- April 12, 2011**

Present: Frank Putman, David Stout III, Howard Warren, Mark Blanchard

Absent: Gary Turner

Also Present: Mike Bogart, Kay Davis, Kathy Bateman, Kevin Crosby, Joe Lightfoot

Approval of Minutes A motion was made by Councilman Warren, seconded by Councilman Stout to approve the minutes of March 01, 2011 as presented.

Vote: M. Blanchard- Aye, D. Stout-Aye, H. Warren-Aye, F. Putman-Aye. Approved

Correspondence -none

Public Comment Period - none

Old Business

1. **River Road East Sewer Project-** The project Engineer and Town Clerk met today to review permanent easements which are completed or being re-designed. Highway Superintendent Bogart traveled the project route with engineer Jay Berkman to map out culverts and design issues.
2. **Health Insurance-** The Board heard a presentation from Richard Edsall from Benefit Services Group from Watertown. Mr. Edsall presented a packet of information to the Board. Discussed medication cards, plan types and possible savings. Mr. Edsall stated that there are two main choices of providers in the county. He also stated that coverage policy must be consistent for all employees. The Board agreed they would review the information presented and meet either in regular session or at a special meeting with a member of Benefit Services Group to discuss the alternatives in more detail at a later date.
3. **Wind Law-**A new draft version was presented by Kay Davis to the Board containing additions and wording changes. The Board will review the new draft and it will then be sent to County Planning for their review. The Board directed the clerk to put this version on the website.
4. **Other-**None

New Business

1. New Horizons Wireless Presentation- Chad Rice from New Horizons Wireless presented a proposal to the Board for bringing broadband wireless to the un-served and underserved areas of the town of Morristown. He requested a general letter of support to be used as part of his application for USDA funding. A motion was made by Councilman Warren, seconded by Councilman Stout to send a letter of support for broadband access in the town.

Vote: M. Blanchard- Nay, D. Stout-Aye, H. Warren-Aye, F. Putman-Aye.

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2. U.S. Air and Water Entry Fee Proposal- A motion was made by Supervisor Putman, seconded by Councilman Blanchard to send the drafted letter to Congressman Owens opposing the proposed fee for entry by air or water into the U.S. Vote: M. Blanchard- Aye, D. Stout-Aye, H. Warren-Aye, F. Putman-Aye. Approved

3. Other- None

Committee Reports

1. **Pre-Disaster Mitigation** -No report.

Department Reports

1. **Assessor-** Reported that the tentative assessment roll is ready print but there is a software problem with the program that may create an issue in printing it. The state and the county are looking into fixing the problem.
2. **Codes-** Kay Davis handed out a written report for codes. Discussed a new Fire Code Regulation concerning the placarding of unsafe vacant structures. The Board approved instituting a 60 day grace period until June 13th before instituting the new fee schedule for permits.
3. **Highway-** Superintendent Bogart handed out a written monthly report. Reported that the state may consider a 5 year CHIPS plan to replace the annual one now being used. The Board agreed that a White Goods day is not necessary because of all the available metal dumpsters around the town.
4. **Dog Control-** no report
5. **Town Sewer** – Kevin Crosby reported on sewer overtime. He also asked the Board about changing how he and Pat Barse are paid. He asked about having the village billing the Town for overtime accrued while working for the town sewer district. He stated the rate would stay the same and taxes would be paid at the villages end. There was no decision by the board.

At this point in the meeting Supervisor Putman made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blanchard to enter into executive session to discuss matters relating the employment history of a particular town employee.

Vote: M. Blanchard-Aye, D. Stout-Aye, H. Warren-Aye, F. Putman-Aye. Motion Approved

The Board entered into executive session at 8 PM

At 8:15 PM the Board left executive session. Supervisor Putman reported no action taken.

The meeting was adjourned upon motion at 8:25 PM.

Minutes respectfully prepared and submitted by David Murray, Clerk