

Meeting Minutes
Town of Morristown
April 28, 2020

Present: Chris Coffin, David VanArnam, Shawn Macaulay, Frank Putman

Absent: Gary Turner

Also Present: Dean Hoffman

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam and seconded by Councilman Macaulay to approve the minutes of March 3, 2020.

Vote: Chris Coffin-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye.

Old Business

1. **Supervisors Update: Town COVID-19 Response:** Supervisor Putman updated the Board on the response measures he has instituted during the Covid-19 pandemic.
2. **REDI Grant Update:** No update available.
3. **Finances:** Councilman Coffin will be requesting current financial statements to review income and expenses. He updated the Board on the projected impact the Covid-19 pandemic will have on sales tax revenue. He reported a possible decrease of 4% on the low end to 11% at the upper end. This was not projected to require layoffs.
4. The board questioned how much money the former village gave to the fire department prior to January 1, 2020. Fire District Chairman Dean Hoffman stated that the Village gave money to the Fire Department and not the Fire District.

New Business

5. **Bayside Park Dock Repair Grant:** No update as there has been no activity from the Federal level.
6. **Use of Town Public Spaces Policy:** The Board gave the Clerk some guidance on what they want to see included.
7. **Resolution # 8 Dissolution and Receipt of Public Funds/Debt Acknowledgement:** A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam and seconded by Councilman Coffin, with amendments to the resolution showing where debt was transferred to, to adopt Resolution #8 of 2020, as follows:

Whereas, the Village of Morristown contracted with the Development Authority of The North Country to conduct a yearlong study on the ramifications of dissolution, and

Whereas, after the Village Board was presented with the results of this study the board agreed to set a public referendum to allow the voters of the village to decide on dissolution, and

Whereas, the results of the referendum held on June 26, 2018 were 304 votes in favor of dissolution, and 47 votes against dissolution, and

Whereas, the date of dissolution was set for midnight, December 31, 2019,
and

Whereas, upon the dissolution of the Village of Morristown the Town of Morristown received the following fund balances from the village:

General A: \$36,487.50

Sewer District: \$72,277.62

Water District: \$58,679.33 and

Whereas, the Town of Morristown has ascertained the following debt balances for the former village from the 2019 Village Annual Update Document and the 12/31/2019 operating statement shows the following debt balances:

Water Bond \$441,936.00 *Transferred to Water District #1
Sewer \$ 31,740.00 *Transferred to Sewer District #3
Fire Equipment \$194,616.00* Officially transferred to the Fire District
Ambulance Equipment \$55,800.00*Officially transferred to the Fire District

Therefore, Be It Resolved, The Town Board of the Town of Morristown verifies that the Village of Morristown was officially and legally dissolved on December 31, 2019, and that the Town of Morristown verifies the fund balances received and the Debt amounts transferred to the Town as accurate and true.

Vote: Chris Coffin-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye.

8. Resolution #9 Pilot Consent Agreement: The Board tabled action on approving the PILOT Consent until the Supervisor negotiates addition benefits from the Source Renewables.

9. Grievance Day Protocol: The BAR Chair will be working with the Clerk to ensure Grievance Day goes forward in a safe manner.

10. Selling Town Property: Supervisor Putman discussed selling a Town parcel with the Board who were in favor of doing so. The Clerk was directed to research the proper procedure to do so.

11. Councilman Macaulay asked if the letters to residents in the hamlet had been sent out. Those letters have been sent.

Department Reports

Highway Department: Highway Superintendent Dean Hoffman report on several different maintenance items concerning Town property in the hamlet of Morristown. He is waiting for a final notice on how much CHIPS money will be coming to the Town. The Highway Department is out sweeping roads town-wide. The recent auction sold both surplus town vehicles for good prices. Several Town Highway employees will be taking water tests soon.

Superintendent Hoffman brought a proposal to the Town for the purchase of a new plow truck, complete, for \$210,375.90 from Stadium International . After some discussion a motion was made by Councilman Coffin and seconded by Councilman VanArnam to authorize the purchase.

Vote: Chris Coffin-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye.

Code Enforcement Office: No report available

Assessor: No report available

Sewer/Water Districts: The sewer treatment plant still has blower issues.

The vacuum plant on North Umland Street will be shut down for several hours in the near term to change some valves. The shutdown will be during the overnight hours and will be advertised on the website and Facebook.

Superintendent Hoffman asked for patience from the public as his crews are at half staffing levels due to Covid-19.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM

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