Town of Morristown Regular Monthly Meeting August 10, 2010

Present: Frank Putman, Gary Turner, Mark Blanchard, David Stout-7:20, Howard Warren Also Present: Kay Davis, Kathy Bateman, Mike Bogart, G. Thomas Bertrand, Jr., Cheryl Shatraw

Approval of Minutes – A motion was made by Councilman Blanchard, seconded by Councilman Warren to approve the minutes of July 13, 2010 as presented. Vote: F. Putman-Aye, G. Turner-Aye, M. Blanchard-Aye, D. Stout, H. Warren-Aye

Public Comment Period

- 1. Superintendent David Glover reported that the School district will be instituting pickup points for bus routes and wanted the town to know so the Highway Department could ensure that the roads were clear for students walking to the points.
- 2. Bill Woods reported that there were dogs running loose on River Road East. Also asked if homeowners could have input on the placement of sewer lines.

Old Business

- 1. River Road East Sewer Project Supervisor Putman gave a report.
- **2. Town Hall Project-**The Board received the cost comparison estimate sheet. The Board requested the engineer on the project to be present for the September meeting to answer questions.
- 3. Workplace Violence Protection Program Supervisor Putman informed the Board that The town was now in compliance. A motion to authorize additional panic buttons was tabled to allow time to get a quote for a security camera in the court office.
- 4. Personnel Issues- see end of minutes.
- **5. Other: Cancer Action-**The Board discussed the issue of air monitoring and solid waste disposal by burying. Air quality enforcement would be very expensive to enforce and private landowners can legally bury their own waste generated on their property. The Board discussed the safeguards in place for notifying the public in the event of an accident at the Canadian plants in Prescott and Maitland, Ontario. Councilman Warren asked for additional information on that subject and Legislator Lightfoot stated he would send it to the town.
- **6. Other:** Councilman Blanchard acknowledged Councilman Warren for his efforts in setting up the recent employee and volunteer appreciation gathering. It was noted that Mayor Shatraw was not invited and should have been on the guest list.

New Business

- 1. **Dog Licensing-**Information was given to the Board by the supervisor concerning the state mandating towns become solely responsible for dog licensing authority as of January 1, 2011.
- 2. Court Room Work Authorization Request- A motion was made by Councilman Stout, seconded by Councilman Warren to authorize work on the air conditioning ductwork and energy efficiency package for the ductwork as per the estimate from Mason Mechanicals for \$677.00

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

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Committee Reports

PDM -No report available

Department Reports

Code Enforcement Officer-written report was given to the Board

Assessor-Report presented to the Board. Discussed states proposed 4 year assessment cycle. **Highway Superintendent-**Presented his written report. Also asked the Board for authorization to advertise for bids for winter sand. A motion was made by Supervisor Putman, seconded by Councilman Blanchard, to authorize the Highway Superintendent to advertise for bids for winter screened sand per supplied specifications.

Vote: F. Putman-Aye, G. Turner-Aye, M. Blanchard-Aye, D. Stout-Aye, H. Warren-Aye A motion was made by Supervisor Putman, seconded by Councilman Warren to authorize the highway department to assist the Brier Hill Fire Department with site work. Vote: F. Putman-Aye, G. Turner-Aye, M. Blanchard-Aye, D. Stout-Aye, H. Warren-Aye

Sewer District - No report

Dog Control Officer- No report

Old Business # 4- Personnel Issues- A motion was made by Councilman Blanchard, seconded by Councilman Turner to enter into executive session to discuss matters relating to the employment history of a particular individual.

Vote: F. Putman-Aye, G. Turner-Aye, M. Blanchard-Aye, D. Stout-Aye, H. Warren-Aye Entered into executive session at 7:55 PM and left session at 8:25 PM. No action reported taken during executive session.

The meeting was adjourned upon motion at 8:25 PM

Minutes recorded by M. Patricia Reagen and prepared by David Murray