

**Regular Monthly Meeting
Town of Morristown
August 9, 2011**

Present: Frank Putman, Gary Turner, Mark Blanchard, Howard Warren

Absent: David Stout III

Also Present: Mike Bogart, Kay Davis, Kevin Crosby

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Councilman Turner, seconded by Councilman Blanchard to approve the minutes of July 12, 2011 as presented.

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

Correspondence – Letter received from Gloria Johnson asking for additional speed control signage on River Road East and for a spelling change to Olds Mill Road.

Public Comment Period

1. Kerry Bliss asked what the status of the Edwardsville Grocery Store was. CEO responded.
2. Phil Bertrand asked for re-imbursement from the Drainage District for his share of the contributions toward the district and accrued interest. The Board directed the clerk to do so. He also asked for action by the Board on the Mill Road abandonment so he can put in his request for the land running through his property.
3. Donnie Aldrich presented a letter and petition requesting the Town Board ask the County to extend the speed zone on County Route 2 further out for safety.

Old Business

1. **Sewer Project** –The easements are nearing completion and the preconstruction meeting will be held on August 25th and Board members are encouraged to attend.
2. **Health Insurance**-Frank sent an email to Teamsters asking for information and is awaiting a response.
3. **Wind Law**- Attorney Silver is reviewing the draft and will have a response for the September meeting.
4. **Other**

New Business

1. **Workplace Violence Prevention Education Update**- The Board received training on the program components and the current security and safety procedures in place. The Board was also updated on the annual security review.
2. **2012 Budget Process**- The Supervisor has the preliminary budget sheets and will meet with the bookkeeper soon.
3. **Court Grant Resolution**- Justice Bertrand spoke to the Board about the 2012 Justice Court Grant and items the court was looking at to request. A motion was made by Councilman Warren, seconded by Councilman Turner to move resolution # 7 of 2011 as follows: Resolution # 7 of the Year 2011 Justice Court Grant

WHEREAS, the Town of Morristown shall make application to the Justice Court Assistance Program for 2012; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board shall seek financial assistance from the Justice Court Assistance Program, grant request not to exceed the sum of \$30,000.00, for needed modifications and upgrades to the Town of Morristown Justice Court ; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board shall authorize the Supervisor to make all necessary applications to the Justice Court Assistance Program.

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

4. County Route 2 Speed Limit Request-A motion was made by Supervisor Putman, seconded by Councilman Blanchard to send a letter to the St. Lawrence County Highway Department requesting that the department evaluate the speed zone and consider extending it for safety reasons. Said letter to include a copy of a letter and petition submitted by Donnie and Jill Aldrich requesting the speed zone be extended.

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

Department Reports

1. Assessor-No Report

2. Code Enforcement-Reported on trip to Syracuse to assist the Brier Hill Fire Department with their variance request to the State of NY. A written report was also presented.

3. Highway Department- A written report was presented. Superintendent Bogart reported that repairs were done to keep the front end loader running. He also asked the Board to either extend the current contract with Cookes Sand and Gravel at the current price or to put the winter sand out to bid as soon as possible. After a short discussion a motion was made by Councilman Turner, seconded by Councilman Blanchard to extend the current contract for Screened Winter Sand at the current price of \$6.75 per ton delivered for an additional year.

Vote: Frank Putman-Aye, Gary Turner-Aye, Mark Blanchard- Aye, Howard Warren-Aye
The Superintendent will also review Gloria Johnsons request for additional speed control signage on River Road East and a change to the Old Mills Road sign.

4. Sewer Department- No report

5. Dog Control – No report

The meeting was adjourned upon motion at 8 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by David Murray, Town Clerk