

**Monthly Meeting  
Town of Morristown  
August 14, 2018**

**Present:** Gary Turner, David VanArnam, Chris Coffin, Shawn Macaulay, Frank Putman

**Also Present:** Dean Hoffman (Highway), Chris Sherwin (Code Enforcement), Kevin Crosby (Wastewater Districts), Wayne Moquin (Teamsters Shop Steward)

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Shawn Macaulay

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam, seconded by Councilman Coffin, to approve the minutes of July 10, 2018 as presented.

**Vote:** Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Chris Coffin-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

**Executive Session (If Needed)**

**Correspondence:** Notice of upcoming NYSERDA webinar

**Public Comment 1**

1. Michelle Whalen asked the Board if residents in Wastewater District 1 will see a reduction of their rate when the districts debt is paid off in 2018. Supervisor Putman informed her that the Board had discussed this, and Councilman Coffin will be reviewing the capital equipment and costs for the district during the next 12 months.

**Old Business**

1. **Village Dissolution Planning:** Supervisor Putman stated that the Town had contracted with DANC for technical services during the dissolution process. He also said that the CREG Grant had been submitted and the Board was waiting for that process to be completed. Supervisor Putman discussed the benefits of changing the Town meeting night to allow Town Board members to attend the Village meetings and Village Board members to attend Town meetings, to allow everyone to remain informed with their respective progress. The Board agreed, and a motion was made by Councilman VanArnam, seconded by Councilman Macaulay, to move the monthly meeting to the third Tuesday of the month for the remainder of 2018.  
**Vote:** Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Chris Coffin-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye
2. **Cemetery Internment Bids:** The Board reviewed the bid from Jeff Paro and compared the fees from other cemeteries in the area. The discussed whether it should be re-bid or to accept the current bid before them. The Board agreed that they would accept the current bid. A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam, seconded by Councilman Turner to accept the bid from JP Lawncare and Plowing.  
**Vote:** Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Chris Coffin-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

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- 3. Other Old Business:** George Cosler, a resident from Lina Street, asked the Board if they can do something about the burned-out abandoned house at 611 English Settlement Road. The Supervisor explained the process which is costly to the taxpayers. He asked the Town to at least send a letter to the current owner to see what the response would be. Wayne Sardullo, Jr. stated that it is time for the Town to start cleaning up properties. Councilman Coffin stated that he would like to see the Town take a more active role in cleaning up abandoned properties. The Supervisor stated that the Board has discussed this regarding establishing a fund for cleaning up properties. He directed the Code Officer to send the current owner a letter requesting the property be cleaned up.

**New Business**

- 1. 2019 Town Budget Process**

Councilman Coffin submitted a 2019 budget document to the Board. He stated that he has reviewed the Town financial statements to date and expenditures and income is as expected. He proposed to set a budget meeting date for August. August 21, at 6 PM was set for the first budget meeting.

**Department Reports**

- 1. Highway Department:** A written report was presented to the Board.
- 2. Code Enforcement Office:** A written report for the Town and the Village was presented to the Board. Code Officer Chris Sherwin said the new permit fee is in effect and working well.
- 3. Sewer Districts:** Kevin Crosby was informed that some pumps from District 2 have been sent for repair.

**Executive Session (If Needed):** A motion was made by Councilman Macaulay to enter executive session to discuss matters relating to collective negotiations under the Taylor Law. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gary Turner.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Chris Coffin-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye Executive session began at 7:52 PM. The Board returned at 8:27 PM. Supervisor Putman reported that no action was taken while in executive session.

**Public Comment 2:** None

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned upon motion at 8:28 PM.

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