

**Minutes of Joint Town/Village Meeting
August 27, 2019**

Present: Town Board: Frank Putman, Gary Turner, David VanArnam, Christopher Coffin, Shawn Macaulay

Present: Village Board: Cheryl Shatraw, Janet Newtown,

Absent: Francis Colby

Also Present: Dean Hoffman (Highway), John Newtown, Tom Bell (Zoning Chair), Dona Hooker, James Walsh, Wayne Moquin, Diane LaRock

The meeting was convened at 6:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Shawn Macaulay

Introduction of Boards: By Supervisor Frank Putman

Combined Boards Business Items

- 1. Sidewalks:** Supervisor Putman said the Town has been talking about future actions on sidewalk maintenance. Mayor Shatraw stated that maintaining sidewalks year-round was important for the safety of the public and school children. Stairways would also need to be in a winter maintenance plan. The Board discussed how this would be paid for. Councilman Chris Coffin looked at 2018 Village expenses for sidewalks. Could use state incentive aid from the Dissolution. Mayor Shatraw will get firm numbers for Councilman Coffin. Supervisor Putman asked what routes in the village would need to be maintained in the winter for the safety of pedestrians and school children travelling to school. The Boards thought, after some discussion, that from Montgomery to Morris, part of Gouverneur leading to the school, both sets of stairs, and around Library Corner should be cleared and sanded. The Town Board agreed that there should be a policy establishing the specifics for sidewalk construction for the village.
- 2. Lighting:** Lights will become part of the Town-wide district for safety reasons.
- 3. Streets:** Streets will also be incorporated in the Towns Road inventory and not be a special district.
- 4. Dockside Property:** Due to time constraints the Town will not pursue an attempt to purchase the property.
- 5. Water/Wastewater:** The current wastewater and water district may be short on revenue versus expenses. Currently wastewater has a three hundred-sixty- dollar annual charge and water is eight dollars per thousand gallons. These districts may see a 15% increase to come into balance. The Town could also start charging for putting in and taking out seasonal meters. Winter water charges will be estimated for billing.
- 6. Incentive Aid:** John Newtown asked the Town Board how the State Incentive Aid will be used and how the Town will prove to the State it is being spent in an approved manner. Councilman Coffin will contact the Comptrollers office to get an answer to that question.

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Town Board Business

1. The Board discussed the need to move up the September 10th Board Meeting to September 4th. A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam to move the September Regular Board Meeting to September 4th at 7 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner
Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Chris Coffin-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye The motion passes.

It was noted that the next combined Boards meeting will be at 6 PM on September 24th.

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