

Meeting Minutes
Town of Morristown
August 13, 2019

Present: Gary Turner, David VanArnam, Chris Coffin, Shawn Macaulay, Frank Putman
Also Present: Dan Hoffman(Highway), Carol Woodcock(Bookkeeper), Thomas Bell(Zoning), Cheryl Shatraw(Village), Alex Colby(Village), Jason Pfothenauer(County Planning), Matilda Larson(County Planning)

Public Hearing

Supervisor Putman opened a public hearing to take comment on the Comprehensive Plan document being prepared by St. Lawrence County. Jason Pfothenauer and Matilda Larson from the County Planning Office presented the plan in detail along with a timeline for completion and delivery of the document.

Supervisor Putman asked for public comment. There were no comments received. The hearing was closed

The August meeting was opened by Supervisor Putman.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Shawn Macaulay.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Councilman Macaulay to approve the minutes of July 9, 2019 as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman VanArnam.

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

Correspondence

A letter was received from Barre Hall requesting assessment relief for riverfront property owners due to high water levels.

Old Business

1. Village Dissolution Planning

a. County Planning gave a brief update on the Comprehensive Plan progress to date.

2. **FDIC Town Funds Insurance Update:** Carol Woodcock reported that insurance coverage for the Town's funds will change when any funds from the Village transfers over to the Town.

3. **Teamsters Health Fund Audit:** The fund was audited from 2012 forward. The Town has made a correction to the timeframe for the health insurance offering to start first of the month after hiring. No liability to the Town occurred as a result of the Teamsters audit.

4. **Amendment to Land Use Code-Signs:** The Board discussed the amendment to the land use code concerning a change to the section addressing signs. A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam and seconded by Councilman Turner to hold a public hearing at 7 PM on September 10th just prior to the September meeting to take comment on the proposed amendment.
5. **Other-None**

New Business

1. **Appointment of Assessor:** A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam and seconded by Councilman Macaulay to appoint James P. Snyder to a new 6-year term effective September 1, 2019 and ending August 31, 2015.
Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Chris Coffin-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye
The Clerk will file the appointment with the state of New York, as required.
2. **Notice of Intent to File A Liquor License Renewal:** A notice of intent was filed with the Town Clerk by Gary Turner, DBA Turners Inn, for a liquor license renewal. A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam and seconded by Councilman Coffin to put on record that the Town Board has no concerns with the filing of the liquor license renewal by Gary Turner DBA Turners Inn.
Vote: Gary Turner-Abstain, David VanArnam-Aye, Chris Coffin-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye
3. **Heating Oil Bid Notice Authorization:** A motion was made by Councilman Macaulay and seconded by Councilman VanArnam, to authorize advertising for heating oil for the 2020 winter heating season.
Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Chris Coffin-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye
4. **Winter Sand Bid Notice Authorization:** A motion was made by Councilman Coffin and seconded by Councilman VanArnam to authorize advertising for screened winter sand.
Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Chris Coffin-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye
5. **Other- Cell Service in the Town:** Councilman Macaulay brought to the Boards attention that cellular service on the Verizon Wireless Network for a 2- mile radius around Brier Hill and in other parts of Morristown had recently seen a significant drop in signal. This is a recent change from a few months previous. The Board agreed letters should be sent to Verizon Wireless, the FCC and the NYS Public Service Commission.
6. **Loud Parties:** Councilman Macaulay brought up the issue of loud parties on English Settlement Road on private property. The concern he had was that the party coming up within a few days was advertising and charging for admission and concerned neighbors had asked the town if they had any recourse under town law to control the situation. The Board will look into the issue.

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7. **Other:** The Board has researched the purchase of a waterfront parcel in the village and will have a report on this at the September 10th meeting.
8. **Other:** The Board discussed contractors working for the town. They need to have all required insurances.

Reports

1. **Highway:** A written report was given to the Board. Superintendent Dean Hoffman stated that the State has recently tested the octane rating of the Highway Departments bulk gasoline. Due to an unexpected increase in revenue under state aid for CHIPS and extreme weather funds the town budget requires an amendment to account for that. A motion was made by Councilman Macaulay to modify the budget as follows:
From: DB3501.4 **To:** DB5112.4 - \$44,084.56
Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Chris Coffin-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye
2. **Code Officer:** A written report was handed out
3. **Sewer Districts:** No report available

Executive Session: A motion was made by Councilman Macaulay and seconded by Councilman Turner to enter into executive session to discuss matters relating to the employment history of a particular town employee.

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

The Board entered into executive session at 8:30 PM and returned at 9:10 PM. Supervisor Putman stated that no action was taken.

The meeting adjourned upon motion at 9:15 PM

Minutes prepared and respectfully submitted by David Murray, Town Clerk