

Meeting Minutes
Town of Morristown
August 11, 2020

Present: Gary Turner, David VanArnam, Shawn Macaulay, Frank Putman

Absent: Chris Coffin, Dean Hoffman

Also Present: Chris Sherwin (Codes), James Moore (MVFD)

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Shawn Macaulay

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam, with a second by Councilman Turner to approve the minutes of July 14, 2020, as presented.

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

Correspondence: A letter was received from a resident of the Town expressing thanks for assistance received from the Assessor and Clerks offices on exemption issues.

Old Business

1. **Supervisors Update: Town Signs:** Supervisor Putman asked the Board to look at a selection of sign designs prior to discussion at the September meeting.
2. **REDI Grant Update:** Supervisor Putman has been working with the County's engineering consultant to secure a permanent easement from New York State for location of water and wastewater infrastructure under the Morristown Bay as part of the bridge removal project.
3. **Bayside Park Dock Repair Grant:** Staff have been working with the Town's engineer on providing additional documentation to Homeland Security/FEMA for the modified plans for Phase Three.
4. **Sale of Town Property:** The clerk is looking for the survey map and description.
5. **DANC Report:** The Board received the July Operations report for their information.
6. **Street Light Conversion:** The Board reviewed the cost estimate to proceed versus the return from the incentive and the savings in energy costs. A motion was made by Councilman Macaulay, with a second by Councilman VanArnam, to authorize proceeding with the conversion of all highway lights in the Town lighting district.
Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye
7. **Greenwood Cemetery:** The Board ordered a survey for the cemetery.

New Business

1. **Ridge View Tel Request:** Tabled
2. **Authorization to Advertise Winter Fuel Oil Bid:**
Authorization to Advertise Winter Sand Bid:

A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam, with a second by Councilman Turner, to authorize advertising bids for Winter Heating Oil and Winter Screened Sand. Bids to be opened at the September 8th Board Meeting.

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

3. **Appropriations:** Councilman Macaulay brought up the issue of unexpended appropriations for fireworks. He also mentioned that the Gateway Museum received five hundred dollars annually for programs, but the Morristown Fire Department had an unexpended balance for fireworks that did not happen due to Covid-19 restrictions. James Moore, MVFD Chief asked the Board if some of that money could be released for the children's holiday party in December. Councilman VanArnam asked if the BHVFD was being left out. Supervisor Putman raised the idea of giving money to both the MVFD and the BHVFD for their respective parties. Councilman VanArnam moved that in lieu of fireworks the Town will appropriate one thousand dollars to the Morristown Volunteer Fire Department, and one thousand dollars to the Brier Hill Volunteer Fire Department for their 2020 children's holiday parties. Councilman Turner seconded the motion.
Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye
4. The Board had a conversation on getting a speed control radar sign placed on County Route 6 at the beginning of the speed zone. Councilman Macaulay will check into this.

Department Reports

Highway Department- No report available

Code Enforcement Office: A written report was presented.

Sewer/Water Districts- The Board discussed putting exhaust fans in the vacuum plants for odor control.

Next Meeting Date – September 8, 2020 at 7 PM.

Adjournment- Adjourned upon motion at 7:50 PM.

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