

**Town of Morristown  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
December 8, 2009 7 PM  
Meeting Location: Town Offices, 604 Main Street**

**Present:** Frank Putman, Gary Turner, Mark Blanchard, Howard Warren, Mike Bogart

**Absent:** David Stout III

**Also:** Kay Davis, Kathy Bateman, Sherry Shatraw & Kevin Crosby(Village), Carl Bender, Wayne Storie, Stan Piercey, Wayne Storie

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Councilman Warren, seconded by Councilman Turner to approve the minutes of November 10, 2009.

Vote: Putman-Aye, Turner-Aye, Blanchard-Aye, Warren-Aye-Motion passes

**Public Comment Period**

Jay Moore expressed concern over amount of village rent increase and presented estimate of actual costs by village.

Sean Jenkins asked for an update on Ridgeview-Tel and Sherry Shatraw gave a brief update. County Legislator Joe Lightfoot addressed the Board and members of the public on the county tax levy and the expected budget problems in 2010 and 2011.

**Correspondence**

**Old Business**

- 1. River Road East Sewer Project**—Update on Village grant received
- 2. Teamsters Contract** -See after Department reports
- 3. Town Hall** - Engineer Carl Bender presented s comparison of costs vs. sq. footages. Also discussed USDA grants and mortgage costs. Next step is to decide on a doable mortgage and proceed to design. The Supervisor and budget staff will meet with Carl.
- 4. Court Financial Audit-** not ready yet.
- 5. Time Warner-** Update on letter by Andy Silver to Time Warner- no response back yet.
- 6. Employee Handbook Update-** Supervisor Putman will get some quotes from appropriate sources to get arrive at language to cover all employees. Set a tentative date of January 20, 2010 to meet to work on the handbook.
- 7. Employee Contracts-**Board agreed to have handbook revisions before resuming work on contracts.
- 8. Other**

**New Business**

- 1. End of Year Meeting-** December 29, 2009 at 12 PM at the Town Hall
- 2. 2010 Organizational Meeting** December 29, 2009 at 12 PM at the Town Hall
- 3. Insurance Presentation-St. Lawrence Agency** –Presented the details on the quote for NYMIR policy. Total premium is \$16,923.71
- 4. Income Ceiling for Senior Citizen Exemption** –No changes for 2010.

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5. **Expiring Terms for ZBA/Planning/BAR-** Expiring terms members on Zoning and BAR would like to be re-appointed. The Planning Board expiring term member has not responded yet.
6. **Village Office Use Cost-** Supervisor Putman stated that after further discussion with Mayor Shatraw they had mutually arrived at a cost of \$75 per month cost to the village for use of Town Hall space. Upon a motion by Supervisor Putman, and seconded by Councilman Turner, the Board agreed that the Village of Morristown will be asked to pay \$75 per month for use of their space at the Town Hall.  
Vote: Putman-Aye, Turner-Aye, Blanchard-Aye, Warren-Aye-Motion passes
7. **Complaint on Town Sidewalks-**The Board agreed to install had rails on the lower front steps where there are none at present.
8. **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Rec. Proposal-** Stan Piercey asked the Town to sponsor a 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade girls basketball winter team. He sponsored the team himself in 2009. He wants the program to be a Town recreation program. He is asking the Town to also pay for the schools liability insurance would cover the team at Morristown Central School. Wayne Storie stated that insurance to cover injury to the participants would be under the sports blanket policy if the team was part of Town recreation program. A motion was made by Councilman Warren, seconded by Councilman Blanchard to sponsor the team as part of the Town Recreation Program.
9. Vote: Putman-Aye, Turner-Aye, Blanchard-Aye, Warren-Aye-Motion passes
10. **Other-**Scotch Bush Property- Arthur Mason asked the Town for permission to use an existing road on Town property on Scotch Bush Road to access his adjacent property. He would be interested in purchasing the property. Wayne Storie was asked to check with NYMIR on liability coverage if Mr. Mason is allowed to use the road to access his property. The Clerk will check on the legal process of selling the property.

**Committee Reports**

**Wind Energy-** Will meets on December 9<sup>th</sup>  
PDM - Still working

**Department Reports**

**Time Cards**

**Code Enforcement Officer-** Report was given to the Board. An update was presented on administrative exemptions for Black Lake cottage owners.

**Assessor-**Report was given to the Board.

**Highway Superintendent-** Report was given to the Board

**Dog Control Officer-**no report available

**Town Sewer-**Kevin Crosby reported that a coupling had broken at the plant but will be fixed.

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**Old Business**

**2. Teamsters Contract-** A motion was made by Councilman Warren, seconded by Councilman Blanchard to enter into executive session to discuss matters relating to contract negotiations.  
Vote: Putman-Aye, Turner-Aye, Blanchard-Aye, Warren-Aye-Motion passes  
Entered in at 8:45 PM-left at 8:50 PM. No action reported

A question on clothing receipts arose relating to the revisions to the proposed contract. A motion was made by Councilman Warren, seconded by Councilman Blanchard to enter into executive session to discuss matters relating to contract negotiations.  
Vote: Putman-Aye, Turner-Aye, Blanchard-Aye, Warren-Aye-Motion passes  
Entered in at 8:58 PM-left at 9:05 PM. No action reported

Motion to adjourn at 9:07 PM by Councilman Warren.

Minutes submitted by David Murray, Town Clerk