

**Town of Morristown
Regular Monthly Meeting
December 09, 2014**

Present: Gary Turner, David VanArnam, Shawn Macaulay (arrived 7:10 PM), Howard Warren

Absent: Frank Putman

Also Present: Dean Hoffman, Chris Sherwin, Kevin Crosby, Cherie Shatraw, Debbie Murray, Cyril Aldrich, Ron Tully, Joe Lightfoot

Approval of Minutes A motion was made by Councilman Turner, and seconded by Councilman VanArnam, to approve the minutes of November 04, 2014 as presented.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Howard Warren-Aye

Correspondence

Public Comment

1. Town Historian, Debbie Murray, presented her annual report for 2014 to the Board.
2. Ron Tully and Cyril Aldrich asked the Board why their insurance rates doubled in 2014 and are rising again in 2015. They also asked if the ratio the Town is paying has changed for 2015. The Board directed the Clerk to have Carol Woodcock provide answers to the questions. Joe Lightfoot, District 3 Legislator, briefed the Board on a move to give significant Tribal Compact monies to two towns and school districts instead of paying down County debt.

Old Business

1. Wastewater Districts- Councilman VanArnam reported that the retrofit at the Sever residence is progressing quickly and the insulation will be twice as thick as specified. The Board discussed the type of heater being installed and that it must be left on by the homeowner to reduce the possibility of freeze ups. The Board reviewed the draft contract for District 2. The following amendments were ordered by the Board. Paragraph 4 will add a 2 thousand dollar limit on the purchase of supplies for O&M. Above that will require authorization by the Board. Paragraph 5 shall include the formula used to calculate the annual rate. With these 2 amendments the Board agreed they would vote in the affirmative to accept the contract. A motion was made by Councilman Warren, and seconded by Councilman Turner to authorize the Supervisor to endorse the Inter Municipal Sewer Agreement for District #2 with the Village of Morristown.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Shawn Macaulay – Aye, Howard Warren-Aye

2. Town Hall - The Board reviewed a letter from St. Johns regarding their asking price for the parish center. The Code Officer reported that he had visited the new town hall in Brasher and handed out some designs for the new town hall in Hopkinton. The Board agreed to table any action until the supervisor is present.

3. Employee Handbook – Tabled

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A motion was made by Councilman Warren, and seconded by Councilman VanArnam, 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, Shawn Macaulay – Aye, Howard Warren-Aye
Board entered into executive session at 8 PM. The Board left executive session at 8:25 PM.
Councilman Warren reported that no action was taken.

Old Business, cont.

4. SASS – A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam, and seconded by Councilman Warren to adopt resolution # 13 of 2014 as follows:

Withdrawal of Support and Participation in the Thousand Islands Regional Assessment Project

Whereas, the Town of Morristown has investigated the potential impact from receiving the designation as a Scenic Area of Statewide Significance, and

Whereas, the Town has determined that said impacts could have the effect of diminishing local control over land use in the Town of Morristown,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that The Town of Morristown withdraws its support and participation in the Thousand Islands Regional Assessment Project effective December 9, 2014.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Shawn Macaulay – Aye, Howard Warren-Aye

5. Other Old Business-No Other Old Business

New Business

1. 2015 County Winter Maintenance Contract Authorization – A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam, and seconded by Councilman Macaulay, to authorize the supervisor to endorse the 2015 County Highway Winter Maintenance Contract.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Shawn Macaulay – Aye, Howard Warren-Aye

2. 2014 End of Year and 2015 Organizational Meeting Dates – The Board set Monday, December 29th for the 2014 end of year and 2015 organizational meetings. The meetings will be held at 11 AM at the Brier Hill Fire Hall.

3. 2015 Kennel Contract Renewal – A motion was made by Councilman Warren, and seconded by Councilman VanArnam, to accept the 2015 Kennel Contract as presented.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Shawn Macaulay – Aye, Howard Warren-Aye

4. Resolution on Health Insurance for Elected Officials – A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam, and seconded by Councilman Turner, to adopt resolution # 11 of 2014 as follows:
Town of Morristown Health Insurance for Elected Officials

WHEREAS the Town of Morristown wishes to provide services to its residents and meet its obligations at the lowest responsible cost to taxpayers, and

WHEREAS the cost of health insurance has risen to become a very expensive cost to the Town, and

WHEREAS the majority of full and part time elected officials have opted to remove themselves from the health insurance plan offered by the Town,

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that effective January 1, 2016 the Town of Morristown will not provide paid health insurance benefits to any full or part time elected town officials, or their families.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any elected Town officials currently receiving health insurance from the Town will not be eligible to receive health insurance after the expiration of their current term.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that full or part time elected officials may opt to purchase, at their own expense, for themselves and their families, health insurance, through the Town of Morristown's health insurance plan, if available.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Shawn Macaulay – Aye, Howard Warren-Aye

5. Budget Mods – A motion was made by Councilman Warren, and seconded by Councilman VanArnam, to approve the following budget modifications to the 2014 budget:

General A

From: A1430.4 to A1430.1	\$ 974.00
A1430.4 to A1420.4	\$2,703.00
A1990.4 to A1620.4	\$2,000.00
A1990.4 to A9060.8	\$4,000.00

General B

From: B1990.4 to B7310.4	\$500.00
B1990.4 to B8020.4	\$325.00

Highway DA

From DA5148.4 to DA9060.8	\$7,593.00
DA9030.8 to DA9060.8	\$3,000.00
DA5142.1 to DA9060.8	\$2,000.00
DA5142.1 to DA5142.4	\$ 200.00
DA5142.1 to DA5142.4	\$6,620.00
DA5148.1 to DA5148.4	\$8,511.00

Highway DB

From DB5112.1 to DB5112.4	\$6,000.00
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Sewer District 1

From SS8110.4 to SS8120.4	\$1,500.00
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Sewer District 2

From SS8120.2 to SS8120.4	\$5,662.00
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Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Shawn Macaulay – Aye, Howard Warren-Aye

6. Other New Business – Board Action Opposing County Resolution of Distribution of Mohawk Land Claim Funds- A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam, and seconded by Councilman Warren, to adopt Resolution # 14 of 2014: **BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town of Morristown opposes the County resolution brought by Mr. Putney, District 15, that directs a portion of Mohawk Land Claim Settlement Monies to select other Towns and school districts, and urges the County Legislature to use all funds to reduce County debt.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Shawn Macaulay – Aye, Howard Warren-Aye
Department Reports

1. Highway Department – A written report was given to the Board. St. Lawrence Agency has received an updated list of Town Highway equipment. After a review of the government contract quote for a new small plow truck a motion was made by Councilman Macaulay, and

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seconded by Councilman VanArnam, to authorize the Highway Superintendent to order and purchase a 2016 International 4300M7 SBA 4X2 plow truck with a Tenco Equipment package. Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Shawn Macaulay – Aye, Howard Warren-Aye
The Board also discussed replacing a large plow truck and the Highway Superintendent will be placing monies into Capital Equipment at the End of Year Meeting. Superintendent Hoffman also stated that the highway consortium is working well and rentals have paid for all maintenance on the paver this year.

2. Code Enforcement – A written report was given to the Board. The Code Officer explained how workers compensation works, including a loophole allowed by the State. He also discussed registering all contractors who work in the Town of Morristown. The Board directed him to research how it would work and what the local law would look like.

3. Public Works – Kevin Crosby reported that this month's overtime in District one is due to the recent power outages. Also, both vacuum pumps need to be serviced to prevent continuing loss of prime. David VanArnam stated that Bernie Lawton may be able to provide repair services for the grinder pumps. Kevin will check into this.

The meeting was adjourned upon motion at 9:10 PM.

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