

**Meeting Minutes
Town of Morristown
February 13, 2018**

Present: Gary Turner, Shawn Macaulay, Christopher Coffin

Absent: Frank Putman, David VanArnam

Also Present: Dean Hoffman, Chris Sherwin, Cheryl Shatraw (Village Mayor)

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Shawn Macaulay

Approval of Minutes of: A motion was made by Councilman Gary Turner, and seconded by Councilman Shawn Macaulay, to approve the minutes of January 9, 2018 as presented.

Vote; Gary Turner-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Christopher Coffin-Aye

Correspondence: A letter was received from Charter Communications stating that they wished to initiate talks with the Town in advance of the 2020 franchise end date.

Public Comment 1: Mayor Shatraw spoke to the Board about coordinating their attendance at the public hearing concerning the village dissolution. She asked the Board to give her dates they would be available. A Tuesday date would be the preferred day for the hearing. Mayor Shatraw also reported that she was attending the Bike Ferry Project meetings, and the replacement of the U.S. Customs reporting camera with a Kiosk and upgraded technology for out of country visitors arriving by boat at the village docks.

Old Business

- 1. Economic Development:** Deputy Supervisor Coffin stated that he feels the Town of Morristown can do more to facilitate business here. He has contacted the Black Lake Chamber to see how the Town can assist them. He also has looked at grants available for economic development to create jobs. He has spoken with the County Planning Office about various ways to bring development to the Town.
- 2. Sewer Districts:** Highway Superintendent Hoffman stated that the River Road East System has been fairly trouble free this winter.
- 3. Town Office Building:** The Board discussed the wiring issue in the basement. The Board agreed this was an emergency and that they wanted to get the work done right away. The Board agreed that the quote from Electech was reasonable and a motion was made by Councilman Macaulay and seconded by Councilman Turner to accept the quote from Electech Services to proceed with the wiring remediation in the Town hall, not to exceed eight thousand dollars.
Vote; Gary Turner-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Christopher Coffin-Aye
- 4. Other Old Business:** None brought forward.

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New Business

1. Resolution#4 Justice Court Audit for 2017: A motion was made by Councilman Turner, and seconded by Councilman Macaulay, to adopt Resolution #4 of 2018 as follows:
Resolution Approving the Examination of the Justice Court Records for the Town of Morristown for the Fiscal Year 2017

Whereas, on February 13, 2018, the Morristown Town Board has completed an examination of the financial and other records for the Morristown Justice Court for the Fiscal Year 2017 (January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2107), and

Whereas, the Town Board has found that all financial accounts were in balance and all other records of the Morristown Justice Court appeared to be accurate, complete and filed in a timely manner,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, the Town of Morristown has completed their review and examination of the Morristown Justice Court records for the Fiscal Year 2017(January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2107).

Vote; Gary Turner-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Christopher Coffin-Aye

2. Budget Modifications: A motion was made by Councilman Turner, and seconded by Councilman Macaulay, to authorize the budget modification as presented:

Budget Modifications:

General B

From: B1990.4 Contingent Acct. To: B4540.4 Ambulance Contract \$250.00
Total General B Transfer \$250.00*

*This line was put in the 2018 budget at \$15,000.00. The correct budget amount should have been \$15,250.00. This budget modification is being submitted to cover the additional \$250.00.

Vote; Gary Turner-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Christopher Coffin-Aye

3. 2018 Exemptions/Income Ceiling Changes: The Board noted that there was no change to the income ceiling.

4. Cold War Exemption: The Board received the letter from the County explaining the sunset provision in the Cold War Exemption. Future action will be considered.

5. Resolution #5 County Hold Harmless: The Board received a Hold Harmless request from the County to allow the County Highway department to provide services to the Town. The Board discussed the County requirement for a 3 million- dollar aggregate liability ceiling in its insurance policy. The Town currently has 2 million. The Town will request a price quote from St. Lawrence Agency for that increase to see how it might impact the 2019 budget. A motion was made by Councilman Macaulay, and seconded by Councilman Turner to adopt Resolution #5 of 2018 as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town of Morristown is desirous of St. Lawrence County Department of Highways providing shared services such as paving, signage, road stripping, blasting, and other routine maintenance activities to the Town, and

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WHEREAS, both the Town_of Morristown and the County of St. Lawrence are desirous of promoting partnering efforts for the safety of the traveling public in St. Lawrence County, and **WHEREAS**, in this joint cooperative endeavor the Town_of Morristown and the County of St. Lawrence desires to be reimbursed for their expenditures, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Morristown is aware that the County may incur liability in the providing of the services and wishes to indemnify the County in this regard,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that to the fullest extent permitted by law, the Town of Morristown will indemnify and hold harmless the County, their officers, directors, partners, representatives, agents and employees from and against any and all claims, suits, liens, judgments, damages, losses and expenses, including legal fees and all court costs and liability (including statutory liability) arising in whole or in part and in any manner from injury and/or death of person or damage to or loss of any property relating to or arising out of any negligent or intentional acts and/or omissions of the Town of Morristown or any of its directors, officers, employees, contractors, representatives, or agents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following request for General Liability (GL) coverage is as follows:

General Liability Insurance

On an "Occurrence" basis, with the following limits:

\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence

\$2,000,000 General Aggregate

\$1,000,000 Products Aggregate

\$1,000,000 Personal Injury

\$ 50,000 Fire Damage Legal Liability

\$ 5,000 Medical Payment Expense

Vote; Gary Turner-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Christopher Coffin-Aye

6. Spectrum Franchise Contract: Discussed in Correspondence.

Department & Committee Reports

- 1. Highway Department:** The Highway Superintendent submitted a written report to the Board.
- 2. Code Enforcement:** The Code Enforcement Officer reported that he was continuing to work on 2017 complaints.
- 3. DPW- Wastewater Districts:** No report

Public Comment 2: None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned upon motion at 7:42 PM

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