

**Meeting Agenda
Town of Morristown
January 9, 2018**

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes of: December 28th, 2017 & 2018 Organizational Meeting

Correspondence

- 1. Chargebacks**
- 2. Village of Waddington Proposal**

Public Comment 1

Old Business

- 1. Local Law #1– Home Improvement Exemption**
- 2. Local Law #2 Disability Exemption**
- 3. Other Old Business**

New Business

- 1. Resolution#2 Life Flight**
- 2. Resolution #3 Setting Official Workday**
- 3. 2018 Exemptions/Income Ceiling Changes**
- 4.**

Department & Committee Reports

- 1. Highway Department**
- 2. Code Enforcement**
- 3. DPW- Wastewater Districts**

Public Comment 2

Adjournment

Town of Morristown
2017 End of Year Meeting
December 28, 2017 11:00 AM

Present: Gary Turner, Shawn Macaulay, Chris Coffin, Frank Putman

Absent: David VanArnam

Also Present: Dean Hoffman, Chris Coffin, Lisa Whitmarsh, Tom Bell III

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Councilman Gary Turner, and seconded by Councilman Chris Coffin, to approve the minutes of December 12, 2017 as presented.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, Christopher Coffin-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

Business

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

Budget Modifications: General A

From: A1430.4 Personnel Contr. To: A1430.1 Personnel PS - \$397.00

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, Christopher Coffin-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

2. Payment of Final Bills for 2017: Done Prior to meeting

3. Budget Transfer/Payments Authorization: A motion was made by Councilman Coffin, and seconded by Councilman Turner to authorize the Supervisor to make any budget modifications and payments through December 31, 2017.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, Christopher Coffin-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

4. 2018 Town Insurance- NYMR: A motion was made by Councilman Shawn Macaulay, and seconded by Councilman Chris Coffin, to accept the insurance package from St. Lawrence Agency as presented.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, Christopher Coffin-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

5. Local Law #1 of 2018-Improvement Exemptions Amendment: A motion was made by Councilman Chris Coffin, and seconded by Councilman Gary Turner, to hold a public hearing on January 9, 2018 at 7pm for Local Law #1 of 2018 Improvement Exemptions Amendment.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, Christopher Coffin-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

6. Local Law #2 of 2018-Property Tax Disability Exemption: A motion was made by Councilman Gary Turner, and seconded by Councilman Shawn Macaulay, to hold a public hearing on January 9, 2018 at 7 PM for Local Law #2 of 2018 Property Tax Disability Exemption.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, Christopher Coffin-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

Town of Morristown
2017 End of Year Meeting
December 28, 2017

7. Resolution #15 of 2017 A Resolution to Approve the Village Dissolution Plan: A discussion was held by the Board as to their feelings on the plan presented for village dissolution. The Board agreed they were in favor of the plan as presented. Councilman Turner moved resolution #14 of 2017, with a second by Councilman Macaulay approving the Village Dissolution Plan as follows:

Resolution# 15 of 2017 Endorsement of Village Dissolution Plan

Whereas, the Village of Morristown established a Dissolution Study Committee in 2017 and applied for and was successful in obtaining funds from a Local Government Citizens' Re-organization Empowerment Grant to complete a Dissolution Study and develop a plan, and

Whereas, the Dissolution Study Committee members are John Barse, Phil Barse, Mark Blanchard, Chris Coffin, Diane LaRock, Jay Moore, John Newtown, Cheryl Shatraw, Michele Whalen, Don Woods, and

Whereas, the Village's Dissolution Committee has been conducting a study since February 2017 with assistance from the study consultants, the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC), and

Whereas, the Dissolution Study Committee has accepted the final Dissolution Plan and submitted the Plan to the Village and Town Boards for endorsement, and

Whereas, Town Outside of Village taxpayers will be affected by dissolution and the Dissolution Plan explains these impacts.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Town of Morristown does hereby endorse the Village Dissolution Plan.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, Christopher Coffin-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

8. Tri County Solar Energy Consortium: The Board was updated that the array at the Watertown BOCES location will go online by the end of December.

9. Retirement Reporting Requirement: The Board was briefed on the hours worked reporting requirement for 2018.

10. Authorize Credit Card Payments for Sewer District Payments: A motion was made by Councilman Macaulay, and seconded by Councilman Coffin, to authorize the Supervisor to enter in a contract with Hamer Enterprises to offer credit card payments for Sewer District charges.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, Christopher Coffin-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

The meeting was adjourned upon motion at 11:32 AM.

Meeting Minutes prepared by and respectfully submitted by David Murray, Town Clerk.

**Town of Morristown
Annual Organizational Meeting for 2018
12/28/2017**

Present: Frank Putman, Shawn Macaulay, Christopher Coffin

Also Present: Chris Sherwin, Dean Hoffman, Tom Bell III, Lisa Whitmarsh

The meeting was opened at 11:35 AM by Supervisor Frank Putman.

- 1. Oaths of Office** –Oaths were received from Supervisor Frank Putman, Councilman/Deputy Supervisor Christopher Coffin, Councilman Shawn Macaulay, Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Registrar David Murray, Justice Lisa Whitmarsh.
- 2. Appointments for 2018:** A motion was made by Councilman Macaulay to make the appointments for 2018 and for expiring positions as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Coffin.
Christopher Coffin – Deputy Supervisor
Court Clerk/Bookkeeper/Summer Recreation Director – Carol Woodcock
Cemetery Secretary-Carol Woodcock
Bookkeeper/ Court Clerk – Judy Wright
First Deputy Clerk- M. Patricia Reagen
Second Deputy Clerk- Debbie Murray (uncompensated)
Secretary to BAR, ZBA, Planning-David Murray
Registrar of Vital Statistics – David Murray
Records Management Officer – David Murray
FOIL Officer– David Murray
Dog Control Officer – Dan Moyer
Historian – Debbie Murray
Town Attorney –Silver & Collins

Open Positions:

ZBA – Janet Newtown- Term 01/01/2018-12/31/2022

Planning Barbara Whitman- New Term 01/01/2018-12/31/2022

Vote: Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Christopher Coffin-Aye Frank Putman-Aye

Current Terms for information only.

Cemetery Caretaker- Jason Curran (3- year Contract. 2016 -2018)

Assessor – James Snyder Term ends 09/30/2019

BAR – James Bogardus - Term Ends 09/30/2019
James Kelly – Term Ends 09/30/2020
Sean Jenkins – Term Ends 09/30/2021

Planning Board- Barbara Whitman Term Ends 12/31/2022
Darrell Merkel Term Ends 12/31/2018
Ryan Demick Term Ends 12/31/2019
Jane Fay Term Ends 12/31/2020
Michael Warren Term Ends 12/31/2021

**Town of Morristown
Annual Organizational Meeting for 2018
12/28/2017**

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| ZBA – | Janet Newtown | Term Ends 12/31/2022 |
| | Thomas Bell | Term Ends 12/31/2018 |
| | Lanny Simmons | Term Ends 12/31/2019 |
| | Michael Looney | Term Ends 12/31/2020 |
| | Allen Langtry | Term Ends 12/31/2021 |

3. Town Procurement Policy: A motion was made by Councilman Macaulay, and seconded by Councilman Coffin, to adopt the procurement policy for 2017 as presented.

GUIDELINE 1. All purchases of: a) supplies or equipment which will exceed \$20,000.00 in the fiscal year or b) public works contracts over \$35,000.00 shall be formally bid pursuant to GML, 103.

GUIDELINE 2. ALL PURCHASES OF:
Less than \$20,000.00 but greater than \$10,000.00 require written quotes from 3 vendors; Less than \$10,000.00 but greater than \$5,000.00 require written quotes from 2 vendors; Less than \$5,000.00 is left to the discretion of the Purchaser.

All information gathered in complying with the procedures of this Guideline shall be preserved and filed supporting the subsequent purchase or public works contract.

GUIDELINE 3. The lowest responsible proposal or quote shall be awarded the purchase or public works contract unless the Purchaser prepares a written justification providing reasons why it is in the best interest of the Town to make an award to other than the low bidder.

GUIDELINE 4. A good faith effort shall be made to obtain the required number of proposals or quotations. If the purchaser is unable to obtain the required number of proposals or quotations, the purchaser shall document the attempt made at obtaining the proposals. In No event shall the inability to obtain the proposals or quotes are a bar to the procurement.

GUIDELINE 5. Except when directed by the Town Board, no solicitations of written proposals or quotations shall be required under the following circumstances:

- a. Acquisition of professional services
- b. Emergencies
- c. Sole source situations
- d. Goods purchased from correctional facilities.
- e. Goods purchased from another governmental agency.
- f. Goods purchased from agencies for the blind or severely handicapped.
- g. Goods purchased at auction.
- h. Goods purchased for less than \$5,000.00.

GUIDELINE 6. This policy shall be reviewed annually by the Town Board at its Organizational meeting, or, as soon after as is reasonably practical.

Vote: Christopher Coffin-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

**Town of Morristown
Annual Organizational Meeting for 2017
12/29/2016**

A motion was made by Councilman Coffin to approve agenda items 4 through 14 as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Macaulay.

3. **Shared Services Agreement** –Authorize the Highway Superintendent to enter into shared services agreements with other entities as needed.
Authorize the Code Enforcement Officer to enter into shared services agreements with other entities as needed
4. **Second Notice Fee** –Second notice fee on Town & County tax bills at \$2.00.
5. **Monthly Meeting Date** –Monthly meeting will be the second Tuesday of each month, at 7 PM, at the Town Offices at 604 Main Street.
6. **BAR re-imbursement** - Rate for the BAR at \$250 per year per member.
7. **Official Newspaper** –Designate the Watertown Daily Times as the official Town newspaper.
8. **Official Bank** –Designate the Citizens National Bank of Hammond as the Towns official bank.
9. **Authorization to Pay Bills** - Authorize the payment of Town bills prior to the monthly meeting as needed.
11. **Mileage Rate** - Mileage rate at .50 cents per mile.
12. **Per Diem**- As per established Board Policy- GSA Rates.
13. **School Tax Collection Permission**- Permit the Town Clerk to contract with the School District to collect school taxes for 2017.
14. **Notice of Highway Defects** - Re-affirmation of local law #1 Of 2009

Vote: Christopher Coffin-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

15. Resolution #1 of 2018 Official Undertakings for 2018 A motion was made by Councilman Macaulay, and seconded by Councilman Coffin, to adopt Resolution #1 of 2017 as follows: **WHEREAS**, various sections of New York State Town Law and Public Officers Law require that certain officials execute an Official Undertaking, **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the Town Board of the Town of Morristown approve the document entitled "Town of Morristown Official Undertaking of Municipal Officers" as to its form and manner of execution and the sufficiency of the insurance, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Official Undertaking containing the notarized signatures of those named municipal officials be filed in the Office of the Town Clerk, as well as the original copies of the insurance policies indicating the sufficiency of the sureties to indemnify the Town of Morristown against losses which may arise from failure of such officials to properly discharge their duties.

Vote: Christopher Coffin-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

**Town of Morristown
Annual Organizational Meeting for 2018
12/28/2017**

There being no more business before the Board the meeting was adjourned upon motion at 12 Noon

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

| 11/16/17 | 2018 CHARGEBACKS | | | | | |
|--------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| MUNICIPALITY | ELECTION CHARGES | REAL PROP CHARGES | WORKER'S COMP CHRGS | COMMUNITY COLLEGE | 2018 TOTALS | 2017 TOTALS |
| BRASHER | \$17,207.51 | 12,880.08 | 6,744.00 | 37,676.10 | 74,507.69 | 87,826.85 |
| CANTON | \$65,447.35 | 28,410.40 | 44,510.00 | 28,046.84 | 166,414.59 | 194,440.59 |
| CLARE | \$7,715.46 | 2,433.61 | 3,908.00 | 1,232.66 | 15,289.73 | 17,948.11 |
| CLIFTON | \$32,092.79 | 9,080.46 | 35,891.00 | 8,089.37 | 85,153.62 | 107,435.60 |
| COLTON | \$49,446.42 | 15,277.73 | 0.00 | 10,451.30 | 75,175.45 | 72,116.78 |
| DEKALB | \$19,669.36 | 11,656.55 | 22,997.00 | 8,328.00 | 62,650.91 | 71,923.31 |
| DEPEYSTER | \$8,814.24 | 5,429.07 | 8,611.00 | 0.00 | 22,854.31 | 27,072.72 |
| EDWARDS | \$11,498.61 | 10,051.78 | 23,464.00 | 7,540.10 | 52,554.49 | 46,723.04 |
| FINE | \$24,120.56 | 14,875.70 | 40,222.00 | 8,130.68 | 87,348.94 | 92,003.99 |
| FOWLER | \$24,009.76 | 13,829.69 | 28,177.00 | 31,105.33 | 97,121.78 | 96,957.14 |
| GOUVERNEUR | \$37,371.52 | 23,054.86 | 27,099.00 | 82,599.21 | 170,124.59 | 177,357.90 |
| HAMMOND | \$30,766.77 | 13,824.06 | 15,734.00 | 20,402.79 | 80,727.62 | 113,931.50 |
| HERMON | \$13,813.38 | 9,092.60 | 26,306.00 | 11,775.94 | 60,987.92 | 55,284.35 |
| HOPKINTON | \$17,736.55 | 11,745.82 | 25,563.00 | 8,476.40 | 63,521.77 | 68,561.41 |
| LAWRENCE | \$12,560.33 | 10,644.88 | 16,076.00 | 27,211.61 | 66,492.82 | 58,479.33 |
| LISBON | \$33,676.69 | 14,694.35 | 44,191.00 | 53,835.33 | 146,397.37 | 143,737.53 |
| LOUISVILLE | \$30,499.87 | 12,050.93 | 28,837.00 | 38,155.24 | 109,543.04 | 107,853.72 |
| MACOMB | \$14,771.74 | 10,671.38 | 20,625.00 | 5,025.84 | 51,093.96 | 65,810.41 |
| MADRID | \$14,173.34 | 9,954.14 | 32,659.00 | 3,199.67 | 59,986.15 | 57,594.36 |
| MASSENA | \$91,372.32 | 21,616.58 | 951,900.00 | 144,463.63 | 1,209,352.53 | 363,239.72 |
| MORRISTOWN | \$28,814.48 | 16,556.83 | 21,417.00 | 27,636.35 | 94,424.66 | 110,066.50 |
| NORFOLK | \$29,521.33 | 14,395.68 | 44,970.00 | 42,999.82 | 131,886.83 | 130,524.48 |
| OSWEGATCHIE | \$38,990.21 | 19,058.71 | 36,327.00 | 20,136.20 | 114,512.12 | 143,004.81 |
| PARISHVILLE | \$30,652.69 | 15,479.30 | 42,114.00 | 18,534.99 | 106,780.98 | 140,587.81 |
| PIERCEFIELD | \$20,816.43 | 8,070.39 | 0.00 | 11,946.00 | 40,832.82 | 33,646.48 |
| PIERREPONT | \$29,474.19 | 18,332.27 | 37,060.00 | 21,747.72 | 106,614.18 | 116,059.21 |
| PITCAIRN | \$11,853.81 | 5,031.49 | 10,670.00 | 20,737.97 | 48,293.27 | 48,317.29 |
| POTSDAM | \$91,292.76 | 19,226.91 | 64,979.00 | 85,541.49 | 261,040.16 | 299,038.94 |
| ROSSIE | \$10,118.10 | 6,773.55 | 11,526.00 | 7,662.34 | 36,079.99 | 38,590.12 |
| RUSSELL | \$15,959.26 | 15,696.93 | 35,985.00 | 11,405.33 | 79,046.52 | 63,252.67 |
| STOCKHOLM | \$27,088.50 | 20,431.25 | 23,972.00 | 48,362.30 | 119,854.05 | 140,045.71 |
| WADDINGTON | \$23,567.14 | 14,475.12 | 28,917.00 | 10,305.90 | 77,265.16 | 75,731.43 |
| OGDENSBURG | \$51,723.27 | 8,845.80 | 463,477.00 | 65,113.74 | 589,159.81 | 376,728.33 |
| ST. LAW CO | | | 1,252,203.00 | 0.00 | 1,252,203.00 | 1,954,050.00 |
| SUBTOTALS | 966,636.74 | 443,648.90 | 3,477,131.00 | 927,876.19 | 5,815,292.83 | 5,695,942.12 |
| CANTON VILL | 0.00 | | 84,158.00 | | 84,158.00 | 74,501.00 |
| RENSFALLS | 0.00 | | 10,063.00 | | 10,063.00 | 1,796.00 |
| RICHVILLE | 0.00 | | 15.00 | | 15.00 | 1,517.00 |
| GOUVERNEUR V | 0.00 | | 79,066.00 | | 79,066.00 | 45,913.00 |
| HAMMOND VILL | 0.00 | | 5,682.00 | | 5,682.00 | 2,472.00 |
| HEUVELTON V | 0.00 | | 25,310.00 | | 25,310.00 | 13,162.00 |
| MASSENA/L/M | 0.00 | | 324,336.00 | | 324,336.00 | 168,915.00 |
| MORRISTOWN V | 0.00 | | 11,384.00 | | 11,384.00 | 12,535.00 |
| NORWOOD | 0.00 | | 31,106.00 | | 31,106.00 | 17,995.00 |
| POTSDAM VILL | 0.00 | | 179,835.00 | | 179,835.00 | 119,048.00 |
| WADDINGTON V | 0.00 | | 24,360.00 | | 24,360.00 | 22,295.00 |
| SUBTOTALS | 0.00 | | 775,315.00 | | 775,315.00 | 480,149.00 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 966,636.74 | 443,648.90 | 4,252,446.00 | 927,876.19 | 6,590,607.83 | 6,176,091.12 |
| 2017 Totals | 796,656.61 | 426,352.84 | 4,089,160.00 | 863,921.67 | 6,176,091.12 | |

VILLAGE OF WADDINGTON

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Janet Otto-Cassada
Mayor

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Pamela Dalton
Village Clerk

To Our Surrounding Communities,

The Village of Waddington and our Fire Department are looking to purchasing an Air Boat. We have been informed that if we purchase the air boat we will be the only community from Hammond to Massena along the river that would have this equipment.

Since that may be correct, we the village of Waddington are reaching out to you, the other Towns and Villages on the river district to ascertain your interest in joining us financially in this purchase.

I should have a quote by the first board meeting in the New Year to send out to those who would like to band together with us to help protect our citizens in case of an emergency.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Janet Otto-Cassada

Mayor, Village of Waddington

Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2018
Amending local Law #3 of 2012

ARTICLE I: Exemption for Improvements to One- and Two-Family Dwellings

Section 1. Intent

The intent of this article is to encourage property owners to make improvements to one- and two-family residential housing, to improve the quality of housing in the community, and to preserve and expand the tax base of the Town of Morristown.

Section 2. Eligibility; amount of exemption.:

In accordance with § 421-f of the New York State Real Property Tax Law, and subject to meeting the requirements of this article, reconstructions, alterations, or improvements to one- and two-family residential buildings occurring subsequent to the effective date of this article resulting in a change in the assessed valuation of at least \$3,000.00 shall be, upon application, eligible for an exemption of Town of Morristown property taxes per the terms of this article, such abatement not to exceed \$50,000.00

Section 3. Definitions:

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

RECONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION, AND IMPROVEMENT – Shall not include ordinary maintenance and repairs. Swimming pools, garages, or any other accessory structure shall not be considered to constitute an alteration or improvement for the purpose of this article. Furthermore, reconstruction, alteration, and improvement shall not include any increase in the size and/or square footage of the residential structure.

RESIDENTIAL BUILDING – Any building or structure designed and occupied exclusively for residential purposes by not more than two families.

Section 4. Exemption granted.

The improvements to one and two-family residential buildings reconstructed, altered, or improved for residential purposes subsequent to the effective date of this article shall be exempt from taxation to the extent provided hereinafter.

Section 5. Amount of exemption.

- A. One- and two-family residential buildings reconstructed, altered, or improved for residential purposes subsequent to the effective date of this article shall be exempt for a period of one year to the extent of 100% of the increase in assessed value thereof attributable to such reconstruction, alteration, or improvement, and for additional period of seven (7) years, subject to the following:
 - (1) The extent of such exemption shall be decreased by 12.5% of the initial exemption each year during said additional seven (7)-year period; and
 - (2) Such exemption shall be limited to \$50,000.00 in increased market value of the property attributable to such reconstruction, alteration, or improvement, and any increase in market value greater than such amount shall not be eligible for the exemption pursuant to this article.
- B. For purposes of this section, the market value of the reconstruction, alteration, or improvement shall be equal to the increased assessed value attributable to such reconstruction, alteration, or improvement divided by the then most recently established state equalization rate. However, where the then most recently established state equalization rate equals or exceeds 95%, the increase in assessed value attributable to such reconstruction, alteration, or improvement shall be deemed to equal the market value of such reconstruction, alteration, or improvement.

Section 6. Requirements for obtaining exemption.

- A. No exemption shall be granted for reconstruction, alterations, or improvements unless:
 - (1) Such reconstruction, alteration, or improvement must be commenced subsequent to the effective date of this article; and
 - (2) The value of such reconstruction, alteration, or improvement must exceed \$3,000. The maximum exemption permitted under this article is \$50,000.; and
 - (3) The greater portion, as so determined by square footage, of the building reconstructed, altered, or improved must be at least five years old; and
 - (4) Building permits must be obtained in accordance with local law; and
- B. The exemption shall be granted only upon application by the owner of such residential building on a form prescribed by the state board. The application shall be filed with the Assessor having the power to assess property in the Town of Morristown for taxation, with such filing to be received in the office of said Assessor on or before the taxable status date for the Town of Morristown. A certificate of compliance or a certificate of occupancy issued in connection with the reconstruction, alteration, or improvement must be submitted with the application.

- C. If the Assessor is satisfied that an applicant is entitled to an exemption under the provisions of this article, the Assessor shall approve the application, and such residential building shall thereafter be exempt from taxation and special ad valorem levies as herein provided commencing with the next assessment roll. The assessed value of any exemption granted pursuant to this article shall be entered by the Assessor on the assessment roll with the taxable property, with the amount of the exemption shown in a separate column.

Section 7. Cessation of exemption.

An exemption granted pursuant to this article shall cease in the event that a building granted an exemption pursuant to this article ceases to be used primarily for residential purposes, or, in the event that title thereto is transferred to other than the heirs or distributees of the owner. Properties currently receiving an exemption or abatement under other sections of the Real Property Tax Law (such as § 485-e) shall continue under the previous exemption or abatement.

Section 8. Severability; filing; when effective.

- A. If any section or subsection, paragraph, clause, phrase, or provision of this article shall be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional, the remaining portion(s) of this article shall remain and operate as if that section, subsection, paragraph, clause, phrase, or provision did not exist.
- B. The Town Clerk is hereby instructed to file a certified copy of this article with the State Board of Equalization, and with the Assessor who prepares the assessment roll on which the taxes of the Town of Morristown are levied.

Town of Morristown
Local Law No. 2 of the year 2018

A Local Law Establishing a Real Property Tax Exemption for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Incomes in accordance with Section 459-C of the New York State Real Property Tax Law

SECTION 1

Real property owned by one or more persons with disabilities, or real property owned by a husband, wife or both, or by siblings, at least one of whom has a disability, and whose income, as hereafter defined, is limited by reason of such disability, shall be exempt from taxation by the Town of Morristown to the extent provided in the following schedule:

| <u>Annual Income</u> | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Equal to or greater than | But less than | <u>% Exempt</u> |
| \$0.00 | \$10,000.00 | 50% |
| \$10,000.00 | \$11,000.00 | 45% |
| \$11,000.00 | \$12,000.00 | 40% |
| \$12,000.00 | \$13,000.00 | 35% |
| \$13,000.00 | \$13,900.00 | 30% |
| \$13,900.00 | \$14,800.00 | 25% |
| \$14,800.00 | \$15,700.00 | 20% |
| \$15,700.00 | \$16,600.00 | 15% |
| \$16,600.00 | \$17,500.00 | 10% |
| \$17,500.00 | \$18,400.00 | 5% |

SECTION 2

For purpose of this Local Law:

- a) "Sibling" shall mean a brother or sister, whether related through half blood, whole blood or adoption.
- b) A person with a disability is one who has a physical or mental impairment, not due to current use of alcohol or illegal drug use, which substantially limits such person's ability to engage in one or more major life activities, such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning and working, and who:
 - i. is certified to receive social security disability insurance (SSDI) or supplemental security income (SSI) under the Federal Social Disability Security Act; or
 - ii. is certified to receive Railroad Retirement Disability benefits under the Federal Railroad Retirement Act; or
 - iii. has received a certificate from the State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped stating that such person is legally blind; or
 - iv. is certified to receive a United States Postal Service disability pension; or
 - v. Is certified to receive a United States Department of Veterans Affairs disability pension pursuant to 38 U.S.C. § 1521.

An award letter from the Social Security Administration or the Railroad Retirement Board or a certificate from the State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped, or an award letter from the United States Postal Service shall be submitted as proof of disability.

SECTION 3

Any exemption provided by this Local Law shall be computed after all other partial exemptions allowed by law, excluding the school tax relief (STAR) exemption authorized by New York Real Property Tax Law Section Four Hundred Twenty-Five, have been subtracted from the total amount assessed, provided, however, that no parcel may

receive an exemption for the same municipal tax purpose pursuant to both this Local Law and NY Real Property Tax Law Section Four Hundred Sixty-Seven of this title.

SECTION 4

No exemption shall be granted:

- a) If the income of the owner or the combined income of the owners of the property for the income tax year immediately preceding the date of making application for exemption exceeds the sum of \$18,400. Income tax year shall mean the twelve (12) month period for which the owner or owners filed a Federal personal income tax return, or if no such return is filed, the calendar year. Where title is vested in either the husband or the wife, their combined income may not exceed such sum, except where the husband or wife, or ex-husband or ex-wife, is absent from the property due to divorce, legal separation or abandonment, and then only the income of the spouse or ex-spouse residing on the property shall be considered and may not exceed such sum. Such income shall include social security and retirement benefits, interest, dividends, total gain from the sale or exchange of a capital asset which may be offset by a loss from the sale or exchange of a capital asset in the same income tax year, net rental income, salary or earnings, and net income from self-employment, but shall not include a return of capital, gifts, inheritances or monies earned through employment in the Federal foster grandparent program. (In computing net rental income and net income from self-employment, no depreciation deduction shall be allowed for the exhaustion, wear and tear of real or personal property held for the production of income);
- b) Unless the property is used exclusively for residential purposes, provided, however, that in the event any portion of such property is not so used exclusively for residential purposes but is used for other purposes, such portion shall be subject to taxation and the remaining portion only shall be entitled to the exemption provided by this Local Law;
- c) Unless the real property is the legal residence of and is occupied in whole or in part by the disabled person, except where the disabled person is absent from the residence while receiving health-related care as an inpatient of a residential health care facility as defined in Section Twenty-Eight Hundred One of the Public Health Law, provided that any income accruing to that person shall be considered

income for purposes of this Local Law only to the extent that it exceeds the amount paid by such person or spouse or sibling of such person for care in the facility.

SECTION 5

Application for such exemption much be made annually by the owner, or all of the owners of the property, on forms prescribed by the State Board, and shall be filed in the Town of Morristown Assessor's office on or before the appropriate taxable status date, provided, however, proof of a permanent disability need be submitted only in the year exemption pursuant to this Local Law is first sought or the disability is first determined to be permanent.

SECTION 6

At least sixty days prior to the appropriate taxable status date, the Assessor shall mail to each person who was granted exemption pursuant to this section on the latest completed assessment roll an application form and a notice that such application must be filed on or before taxable status date and be approved in order for the exemption to continue to be granted. Failure to mail such application form or the failure of such person to receive the same shall not prevent the levy, collection and enforcement of the payment of the taxes on property owned by such person.

SECTION 7

The provisions of this Local Law shall apply to real property held in trust solely for the benefit of a person or persons who would otherwise be eligible for a real property tax exemption, pursuant to Section 1 of this Local Law, were such persons or persons the owner or owners of such real property.

SECTION 8

This Local Law is intended to conform with the provisions of New York Real Property Tax Law §459-c. Any act of the New York State Legislature which, in form, amends or repeals or purports to amend or repeal any provision or provisions of New York Real Property Tax Law §459-c shall be construed as an amendment or repeal, as the case may be, of the corresponding provision or provisions of this Local Law.

SECTION 9

This Local Law shall take effect upon its filing with the New York State Secretary of State.

Resolution #2 of 2018 Life Flight

WHEREAS: North Country Life Flight, Inc. is a not for profit , tax exempt corporation which is responsible for all aspects of patient care by providing medical equipment, training, medical personnel and administering the medical portion utilizing the New York State Police helicopter based in Saranac Lake; and,

WHEREAS: The New York State Police aviation resources do not provide a medically trained team or medical equipment for patient transports; and

WHEREAS: The people of Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton and St. Lawrence Counties receive a vital emergency medical service which is free of charge to critically ill and seriously injured patients, and, therefore municipal governments are asked to pledge monies for this worthwhile program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Town Board of the **Town of Morristown** hereby authorizes the Supervisor to enter into a contract with North Country Life Flight, Inc. for the purpose of operating the medical component of the medevac program, which will serve its residents and visitors, and paying the amount of \$150.00, which represents the Towns share for 2018; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the sum of \$150.00 is hereby appropriated to account B – 4989.4 for payment to North Country Life Flight, Inc.

Resolution # 3 of 2018

Setting Standard Work Day for All Elected and Appointed Officials

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Morristown hereby establishes the following as a standard work day for elected and appointed officials for the purpose of determining days worked reportable to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System:

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Supervisor
Councilmember's
Town Clerk/Tax Collector
Justice
Five- day work week, six- hour workday

Superintendent of Highways
Five day work week, eight hour day

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Code Enforcement Officer
Assessor
Court Clerk
Deputy Court Clerk
Deputy Town Clerk
Zoning Board of Appeals Members
Planning Board Members
Board of Assessment Review
Animal Control Officer
Five- day work week, six- hour day

Motor Equipment Operators
Five day week, eight hour day