

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

Present: Gary Turner, David VanArnam, Christopher Coffin, Shawn Macaulay, Frank Putman
Also Present: Chris Sherwin, Town Manley, Trevor Emmett, 3 Members of the HCS Senior Government Class.

Public Hearing #1 Supervisor Putman opened the hearing at 7 PM to take comments for or against Local Law #1 of 2018 A Local Law to Amend Local Law #3 of 2012 Exemption for Improvements to One and Two Family Residential Housing. No comments were received. Supervisor Putman closed the hearing at 7:02 PM.

Public Hearing #2 Supervisor Putman opened the Hearing at 7:03 PM to take comments for or against Local Law #2 of 2018 Establishing a Real Property Tax Exemption for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Incomes. No comments were received. Supervisor Putman closed the hearing at 7:05 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Shawn Macaulay

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Councilman Macaulay and seconded by Councilman Coffin to approve the End of Year minutes of December 28th, 2017.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Abstain, Christopher Coffin-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye 2018

A motion was made by Councilman Coffin and seconded by Councilman Macaulay, to approve the 2018 Organizational minutes of December 28th, 2017.

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

Correspondence

1. Chargebacks: The Board received the Real Property break down of 2018 Chargebacks.

2. Village of Waddington Proposal: The Board discussed the letter from the Village of Waddington concerning Town interest in joining them in purchasing an airboat. Supervisor Putman directed Councilman Macaulay to get a proposal with costs. The Board also asked if the Village was proposing a consortium to maintain and administrate the use of the airboat.

Public Comment 1- No comment received.

Old Business

1. Local Law #1– Home Improvement Exemption: A motion was made by Councilman David VanArnam, and seconded by Councilman Gary Turner, to adopt Local Law #1 of 2018 A Local Law to Amend Local Law #3 of 2012 Exemption for Improvements to One and Two Family Residential Housing.

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

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2. Local Law #2 Disability Exemption-A motion was made by Councilman Shawn Macaulay, and seconded by Councilman David VanArnam, to approve Local Law #2 of 2018 Establishing a Real Property Tax Exemption for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Incomes.

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

3. Other Old Business: The Board discussed the quote presented by Trevor Emmett for electrical work in the cellar. The Board agreed that it would be proper to request a second quote. The Board also received an update on the condition of the failing phone switch and other IT issues from Thomas Manley.

New Business

1. Resolution#2 Life Flight: A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam, and seconded by Councilman Shawn Macaulay, to approve Resolution # 2 as follows:

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 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.

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

2. Resolution #3 Setting Official Workday: A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam, and seconded by Councilman Macaulay, to approve Resolution #3 of 2018 as follows:

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 to determining days worked reportable to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System:

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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

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

3. 2018 Exemptions/Income Ceiling Changes: The Board was informed that any exemption changes must be reported to the County Real Property Office before March 1st, which is taxable status date.

4. Economic Development: Councilman Coffin addressed the Board economic development in the Town. After a conversation with the, Board Councilman Coffin agreed to do some research and bring back ideas for them to consider.

Department & Committee Reports

1. Highway Department: A written Report was available

Code Enforcement: A report was given. It was noted that project valuation for 2017 was 2.5 million dollars

DPW- Wastewater Districts: Nothing to report

Public Comment 2- No comment received.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned upon motion at 7:51 PM

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