

**Meeting Minutes
Town of Morristown
January 14, 2020**

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

Absent: David VanArnam

Also Present: Dean Hoffman (Highway), Tom Bell (ZBA), Dona Hooker, Neil White, Nada White, Donnie Aldrich, Janet Newtown, Wayne Sardullo Jr., Joe Lightfoot (County Legislator)

The meeting was opened at 7:04 PM by Supervisor Putman

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Shawn Macaulay

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of January 7, 2020 were received and will be approved at the February meeting.

Executive Session (If Needed)

Correspondence

Public Comment 1: None

Old Business

- 1. Supervisors Update:** Supervisor Putman reported that he had attended several REDI Grant meetings and an IJC meeting concerning water levels. He plans on posting regular reports to the Town's Facebook page.
- 2. Water Street One-Way Street-Change:** The legal notice has been placed in the official paper and the 30-day period will be over on February 10th. Water Street will revert back to two-way traffic on that date.
- 3. Local Law Review- Open Container Law:** The Board reviewed the Open Container Local Law and agreed that it was what they wanted. The Board will formally introduce the Open Container Law and set a public hearing at an upcoming meeting.
- 4. Solar Project:** The Planning Board will set up a meeting now that all involved agencies have responded.

New Business

- 1. New 3 Year Snow & Ice Contract:** Tabled until February meeting.
- 2. Resolution #3 Undertakings:** A motion was made by Councilman Coffin and seconded by Councilman Turner to adopt Resolution #3 of 2020 as follows:

Resolution #3 of 2020- Official Undertakings for 2020:

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

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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: Gary Turner-Aye, Chris Coffin-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

- 3. Liquor License Application:** An application for a liquor license was received from Last Chance Restaurant, LLC for the Boards review. The Board had no objections or concerns with the application. A motion was made by Councilman Shawn Macaulay: Moved, that the Town Board has reviewed the liquor license application from Last Chance Restaurant, LLC and finds no concerns with the application. Further the Town Board supports the waiver of the 30- day waiting period for submission of the application. The Town Board adds one condition that such waiver is supported as long as it is legally allowable by the New York State Liquor Authority. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gary Turner.

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

- 4. Streetlight:** Councilman Turner proposed asking National Grid to put a streetlight on the pole at the intersection of State Highway 58 and State Highway 37. Accordingly, Councilman Turner moved that the Town request National Grid to place a streetlight on a pole located at the intersection of State Highway 58 and State Highway 37. The motion was seconded by Councilman Macaulay.

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

- 5. Other:** A motion was made by Councilman Macaulay and seconded by Councilman Turner and seconded by Councilman Coffin to authorize an annual clothing allowance of 250 dollars per year for the 2 DPW positions. And to further authorize 50 dollars per month cell phone allowance per DPW position. Superintendent Hoffman agreed that the 2 DPW positions use their phones a lot in their positions.

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

- 6. LED Street Lights:** The Board held a discussion on retrofitting streetlights with LED fixtures. Supervisor Putman will check into what that would require.

Department Reports

Highway Department: Superintendent Hoffman reported that a lot of salt has been used due to the bad weather. He reported that there were sewer problems on New Year's Eve. Due to the phones being shut off the Vacuum plant by the Bay Bridge shut down and caused problems for some homeowners. The crews spent long hours to fix the problems. At the wastewater treatment plant many problems have been found. Equipment is not working; electronics have failed or are faulty and a company is coming in to work on the issues. The Highway Superintendent will be attending water school and asked the Board to approve a hotel room for that school training. A motion was made by Councilman Coffin and seconded by Councilman Macaulay to pay for a room for water school for the Highway Superintendent.

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

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Department Reports

Code Enforcement Office: A written report was available.

Assessor: No Report

Sewer Districts: No report

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Public Comment 2

County Legislator Joe Lightfoot spoke to the Board. He has attended REDI Grant meetings with Supervisor Putman. The DOT will be the oversight agency for the project. Current utilities are underground below the bridge. The new bail reform law is in effect and has reduced the population at the county jail. The county will be building 3 salt storage facilities around the county. The state police signed a new 5-year contract for office space at the emergency services building. There will be some changes in the pistol permit process now that different judges are in place at the county level.

The meeting was adjourned upon motion at 8 PM.

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