

## **Minutes of Joint Town/Village Meeting July 23, 2019**

**Present: Town Board:** Frank Putman, Gary Turner, David VanArnam, Christopher Coffin,

**Absent:** Shawn Macaulay

**Present: Village Board:** Cheryl Shatraw, Janet Newtown, Francis Colby

**Also Present:** Dean Hoffman (Highway), James Moore (Fire Chief), Tom Bell (Zoning Chair)

The meeting was convened at 6:03 PM.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Fran Colby

**Introduction of Boards:** By Supervisor Frank Putman

### **Combined Boards Business Items**

#### **Sidewalks**

- Supervisor Putman stated he had toured the village sidewalks with Village Trustee Janet Newtown and compared them with the DANC map.
- Mayor Cheryl Shatraw stated that there are many locations in the village that need work on the sidewalks.
- The cost and maintenance of sidewalks and streets was discussed.
- James Moore felt that the cost of sidewalks should be paid for the same way streetlights are funded.
- Councilman Christopher Coffin commented that if sidewalks are not cleared of snow children walking to school could be forced to walk on the roads.
- Councilman David VanArnam asked who would be responsible, liability wise, if the town government assumed the task of clearing sidewalks in the village. Supervisor Putman said he would forward that question to the town attorney.
- It was noted that there are two sets of stairs on North UMBERLAND Street and a set of stairs on MORRIS Street. The Boards discussed who should be clearing them and asked who actually owns those stairs.
- Highway Superintendent Dean Hoffman stated that if the town is clearing sidewalks it improves safety for school children. He also said the school clears the snow from directly in front of school. He asked the village to provide an estimate on what they spend annually on winter sidewalk maintenance.
- Supervisor Putman stated he remembers an article that indicated that when a municipality clears walks it assumes liability.
- Councilman Coffin added that he wants the town attorney to advise on the legal issues brought up concerning sidewalks. He supports keeping sidewalks and stairways clear in the village.
- James Moore asked if it would be possible to have the town attorney present for the next joint meeting so answers can be available when questions are asked about issues.
- James Moore asked how many additional MEO's were added in the dissolution plan.

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- Supervisor Putman and Councilman VanArnam both stated that the Town Board members present attended to listen to the proceedings but had very little input in the process.
- Councilman Coffin stated that the DANC plan said the Town would perform services but didn't state all services.
- Mayor Shatraw stated that the services provided will be those the Town Board decides to provide.
- The metal recycling dumpster will continue to be available.
- Supervisor Putman said there were other items the town need to have information about. He asked the mayor to identify:
  1. The areas in the village that required winter water to be run.
  2. Any grants that might carry over into the Town's tenure.
  3. The bath house and issues and budget costs associated with Bayside and Chapman Park.
  4. Garbage cans around the village.
  5. Historic buildings and budget costs for heat, lights and maintenance.

Supervisor Putman concluded the Joint Meeting at 6:48 PM.

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A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Morristown was called into session at 6:46 PM by Supervisor Frank Putman.

**Present:** Frank Putman, Gary Turner, David VanArnam, Christopher Coffin, Shawn Macaulay  
**Also Present:** Cheryl Shatraw

A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam to enter into executive session to discuss matters relating to the acquisition, lease or sale of real property or securities when publicity would substantially affect the value. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner.

Vote: David VanArnam-Aye, Gary Turner-Aye, Christopher Coffin-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye the Board entered executive session at 6:55 PM. Mayor Shatraw was invited to attend the executive session.

At 7:40 PM the Board left executive session. Supervisor Putman reported no action was taken in executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

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