

**Town of Morristown
Regular Monthly Meeting
July 14, 2009 7 PM
Meeting Location: Town Offices, 604 Main Street**

Present: Frank Putman, Gary Turner, Mark Blanchard, David Stout III, Howard Warren, Michael Bogart, Kay Davis, Kathryn Bateman, Dan Moyer
Also Present: Carol Woodcock, Kevin Crosby, Jim Lowery (BHFD), John Collins (Labella)

A motion was made by Councilman Warren, seconded by Councilman Turner to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2009 meeting as presented.

Vote: F Putman – Aye, G. Turner – Aye M. Blanchard – Aye D. Stout – Aye H. Warren – Aye
Motion Passes

Public Comment Period

Old Business

1. Town Hall Project – Councilman Warren reported that the sub-division request for the property was approved by the village.

2. Sewer Extension Project- A motion was made by Councilman Turner, seconded by Councilman Stout to approve the IMA between the village and the town.

Vote: F Putman – Aye, G. Turner – Aye M. Blanchard – Aye D. Stout – Aye H. Warren – Aye
Motion Passes

3. Employee Contracts –moved to later in the meeting.

4. Brier Hill Fire District Re-organization – Frank Putman moved resolution # 8 of 2009, and was seconded by Howard Warren as follows:

Resolution #8 of 2009

Resolution for Public Hearing on Extension of Brier Hill Fire District

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Morristown, New York (the "Town"), deems it advisable that Brier Hill Fire District be extended and shall henceforth be described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the shore of the St. Lawrence River, being the

Northwesterly corner of the Tax Map Parcel 83.063-1-2, titled in the Names of Spies and FitzRandolph by deed recorded as Instrument #2004-22221; thence an extension of the Westerly line thereof, Northwesterly On the waters of the St. Lawrence River to a point on the Northerly line Of the Town of Morristown; thence Northeasterly on the waters of said River to the Northerly corner of the Town of Morristown; thence along Said town line southwesterly to the Northwesterly corner of the Town Of Morristown; thence Southeasterly along the boundary line of the Towns of Morristown and Hammond to the Southwesterly corner of The Town of Morristown; thence Northeasterly along the boundary Line of the Towns of Morristown and Macomb to the Easterly margin Of State Highway 58; thence Northwesterly along the margin of said

Highway to the Southerly line of the Village of Morristown; thence Westerly along State Highway 37 and State Highway 12 to the South-Easterly corner of Tax Map Parcel 83.003-1-20, titled in the names of William and Keith Warren by deed recorded as Instrument #2005-5265; Thence along the Northerly margin of State Highway 12 to the South-Westerly corner of Warren; thence Northwesterly along the Westerly line Of Warren to the Northwesterly corner thereof; thence along the Westerly Line of Tax Map #83.003-1-23, titled in the name of Bogardus by deed Recorded as Instrument #2006-23173, and the Westerly line of the Aforementioned Spies and FitzRandolph to the place of beginning.

Also to include all of Booth Island (Tax Map Parcels 98.003-5) lying Easterly of State Highway 58.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that said Town Board shall meet at the Brier Hill Fire Department, 2704 SH 37, Morristown, New York, on the 18th day of August, 2009, at 7 P.M., to hear all persons interested in the matter of the extension of such Fire District, and be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish notice of said hearing in the official newspaper of the Town, and to post copies of such notice in the manner provided by law.

Vote: F Putman – Aye, G. Turner – Aye M. Blanchard – Aye D. Stout – Aye H. Warren – Aye

Frank Putman moved resolution # 9 of 2009, and was seconded by Howard Warren as follows:

Resolution #9 of 2009

Resolution for Public Hearing on Extension of Morristown Fire Protection District No. 1

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Morristown, New York (the "Town"), deems it advisable that Morristown Fire Protection District No. 1 be extended and shall henceforth be described as follows:

Beginning on a point on the shoreline of the St. Lawrence River at the intersection with the Easterly line of the Town of Morristown and the Westerly line of the Town of Oswegatchie and thence proceeding in a southerly direction along the boundary between the Towns of Morristown and Oswegatchie to a point on the shoreline of Black Lake, thence along the shoreline of Black Lake in a South-Westerly direction to the Easterly margin of SH 58, thence in a North Westerly direction along the Easterly margin of SH 58 to the Southerly line of the Village of Morristown, thence along the Southerly line of the Village of Morristown in a general North Easterly direction to the line of the Town of Morristown, thence along the line of the Town of Morristown in a general North Westerly direction to the shoreline of the St. Lawrence River, thence along the shoreline of the St. Lawrence River, in a general North Easterly direction to the place of beginning. To specifically include the island named: "Jennies Island" located in Black Lake, situate Easterly of SH 58.

Also to contain the following area: Beginning at a point on the shore of the St. Lawrence River, being the Northwesterly corner of Tax Map Parcel 83.063-1-2, titled

in the names of Spies and FitzRandolph by deed recorded under instrument number 2004-22221; thence along the shoreline of the St. Lawrence River in a general North Easterly direction to the Westerly line of the Village of Morristown, thence along the Westerly line of the Village of Morristown in a South Easterly direction to the Northerly margin of State Highway 12 to the South Easterly Corner of Tax Map Parcel 83,003-1-20, titled in the names of William and Keith Warren by deed recorded under instrument no. 2005-5265; thence along the Northerly margin of State Highway 12 to the Southwesterly corner of Warren; thence Northwesterly along the Westerly line of Warren to the North Westerly corner thereof; thence along the Westerly line of Tax Map No 83.003-1-23, titled in the name of Bogardus by deed recorded under instrument No. 2006-23173, and along the Westerly line of the aforementioned Spies and FitzRandolph to the place of beginning.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that said Town Board shall meet at the Brier Hill Fire Department, 2704 SH 37, Brier Hill, New York, on the 18th day of August, 2009, at 7 P.M., to hear all persons interested in the matter of the extension of such Fire Protection District, and be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish notice of said hearing in the official newspaper of the Town, and to post copies of such notice in the manner provided by law.

Vote: F Putman – Aye, G. Turner – Aye M. Blanchard Aye D. Stout – Aye H. Warren– Aye

Frank Putman moved resolution # 10 of 2009, and was seconded by Howard Warren as follows:

Resolution #10 of 2009

Resolution for Public Hearing on Dissolution and Discontinuance of the Morristown Fire Protection District No. 2

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Morristown, New York (the "Town"), according to law, deems it advisable, following the written request of the Commissioners of the Brier Hill Fire District, that Morristown Fire Protection District No. 2 be dissolved and discontinued, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that said Town Board shall meet at the Brier Hill Fire Department, 2704 SH 37, Brier Hill, New York, on the 18th day of August, 2009, at 7 P.M., to consider said dissolution and hear all persons interested in the matter of the dissolution and discontinuance of such Fire Protection District, and be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish notice of said hearing in the official Town newspaper, and to post copies of such notice in the manner provided by law.

Vote: F Putman – Aye, G. Turner– Aye M. Blanchard- Aye D. Stout – Aye H. Warren– Aye

5. Surplus Overhead Door Bids - One bid was received, opened, and read out by Supervisor Putman. The only bid received was from Howard Warren in the amount of 229.99. As this was the only bid received a motion was made by Supervisor Putman, seconded by Councilman Stout to accept Howard Warrens bid of 229.99.

Vote: F. Putman–Aye, G. Turner–Aye M. Blanchard-Aye D. Stout–Aye H. Warren- abstain

6. Time Warner Cable Contract- Tabled

7. ZBA and Planning Board Vacancies- Clerk asked to provide old list of candidates. Resignation received from Jim Kelly-Planning Board member.

8. Ridgeview Tel Letter of Support – A motion was made by Howard Warren and seconded by Mark Blanchard to send a letter of support as requested for the Ridgeview Tel stimulus grant. Letters are to be sent to the various applicable agencies and individuals.

Vote: F Putman – Aye, G. Turner – Aye M. Blanchard - Aye D. Stout– Aye H. Warren– Aye

9. Village Street Light Request- A letter was received from the village in response to the town’s request. The village will not be installing a street light this year.

10. Other- Black Lake Weed Problem – In response to a query from Councilman Blanchard, Councilman Turner was unsure where the Black Lake Weed Committee was at this time.

11. Other-Cleaning – The board directed the clerk to get some more quotes for cleaning.

New Business

- 1. Littering on Town Roads** – The Board asked Superintendent Bogart to write a letter to County Highway Superintendent on the subject of how to control litter on county roads in the town.
- 2. Teamsters Contract** - Tabled
- 3. Resolution of Support - Four Lane Highway** – A motion was made by Councilman Warren and seconded by Councilman Stout that a resolution of support is sent to on the Northern Corridor Transportation Group as follows:
- 4. Resolution Of Support For The Construction Of A Four Lane Highway In St. Lawrence, Franklin, Lewis, Jefferson And Clinton Counties.**

Whereas, the economic impact of North Country transportation improvements is a key component of the North Country Transportation Study, and

Whereas, the economic development impact analysis has measured the value to regional economy of efficiency gains through user benefits such as reductions in travel time, reductions in operating costs, and reductions in accidents due to improved safety, and

Whereas, the gains through increased social and economic development opportunities due to improved transportation access will reduce unemployment rates, reduce government transfer payments and such as social welfare and unemployment insurance, and increase employment in the region, and

Whereas, the transportation improvements can enhance access to labor, customers, tourism and supplier ,markets, as well as to intermodal transportation facilities, making the overall region more attractive to transportation dependent industries, and

Whereas, the construction of a four lane highway within the boundaries of St. Lawrence, Franklin, Lewis, Jefferson and Clinton Counties will begin to address the transportation improvements necessary to foster such economic growth, and

Whereas, our elected New York and Congressional representatives can be assured that the Town of Morristown supports such four lane highway construction,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Town of Morristown urges New York State Commissioner of Transportation, Ms. Astrid C. Glynn, to cooperate with local transportation taskforce groups to push for the construction of a four lane highway within St. Lawrence, Franklin, Lewis, Jefferson, and Clinton Counties, and

Be It Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Commissioner Glynn, Governor Patterson, New York State Senators Griffo, Aubertine and Little, New York State Assembly Members Scozzafava, Russell and Duprey; United States Senators Schumer and Gillibrand; Congressman McHugh; St. Lawrence, Lewis, Franklin, Clinton and Jefferson Counties; Development Authority of the North Country; and the Citizens Coalition for Economic Infrastructure Development.

Votes. Putman–No G. Turner–Aye M. Blanchard- Aye D. Stout–Aye H. Warren– Aye

5. Resignation from Planning Board-See #7 under Old Business.

Carpeting Replacement –Court Grant- Tabled

6. Notice of Highway Defects Law- Tabled

7. Building Electrical Concerns- Kay Davis briefed the board on recent electrical problems with the town halls wiring. The board asked the clerk to get 3 quotes for the work that is needed. The supervisor will review the quotes and have the work done as soon as possible.

8. Assessors Request- The board authorized the use of hours from bookkeeping/court clerk hours, if available, to assist the assessor with filing and for pre-grievance Day meetings.

9. Budget Modifications- A motion was made by Councilman Stout, seconded by Supervisor Putman to approve the following budget modifications:

General A

From: 1990.4 Contingent Account – to: 1440.4 - \$ 2,600

From: 9030.8 Soc. Sec. – to: 9010.8 - \$313.00

Hwy DA

From: 5142.1 – to: 9010.8 \$1550

Hwy DB

From: 5110.1 – to: 9010.8 \$1962

Vote: F. Putman–Aye G. Turner–Aye M. Blanchard- Aye D. Stout–Aye H. Warren– Aye

10. Justice Grant Resolution- A motion was made by Supervisor Putman, seconded by Councilman Blanchard to move resolution #7 of 2009 as follows:

Resolution # 7 of the Year 2009 - Justice Court Grant

WHEREAS, the Town of Morristown shall make application to the Justice Court Assistance Program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board shall seek financial assistance from the Justice Court Assistance Program, grant request not to exceed the sum of \$30,000.00, for needed modifications and upgrades to the Town of Morristown Justice Court ; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board shall authorize the Supervisor to make all necessary applications to the Justice Court Assistance Program.

Vote: F. Putman–Aye G. Turner–Aye M. Blanchard- Aye D. Stout–Aye H. Warren– Aye

11. Other-Summer Recreation Grant- Summer Rec. received a \$3,000 grant.

12. Other-Jazz Festival Request- The annual request for \$300.00 from the Morristown Jazz Festival was received and approved by the Board.

Committee Reports

Wind Energy - John Collins of Labella Associates gave a presentation on the assistance his firm can provide to the Town with the draft Wind Law and associated SEQR. The board asked questions regarding his company's experience and specifics on what they have done with other municipalities regarding wind energy development. Supervisor Putman stated that the Town would get back to him.

Department Reports

Code Enforcement Officer- The monthly report was handed out.

Assessor- A handout and report was distributed to the Board. STAR information and tax roll information was presented.

Highway Superintendent- A monthly report was handed out.

Dog Control Officer- A monthly report was handed out.

Executive Session – Supervisor Putman made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blanchard to enter into executive session to discuss matters relating to the employment history of a town employee and matters relating to ongoing litigation.

Vote: F. Putman–Aye G. Turner–Aye M. Blanchard- Aye D. Stout–Aye H. Warren– Aye
Board entered into executive session at 9:10 PM. The Board left executive session at 10:07 PM. Supervisor Putman reported no action was taken during executive session.

Adjournment : at 10:10 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by David Murray, Town Clerk