

Town Board Meeting Minutes
Town of Morristown
July 11, 2023

Present: Supervisor, Frank Putman; Councilman, David VanArnam; Councilman, Shawn Macaulay; and Councilman, Gary Turner.

Absent: Councilman Chris Coffin.

Others Present: Dean Hoffman, Highway Superintendent; Jill Sullivan, Town Clerk, several community residents.

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order by Supervisor, Putman at 6:33 pm.

Pledge: The pledge was led by Shawn Macaulay and said by all.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Councilman Turner to approve the June 13th, 2023 Town Board meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Macaulay.

Vote: David VanArnam – Aye, Gary Turner – Aye, Shawn Macaulay – Aye, Frank Putman - Aye. Motion carried 4 Ayes.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence.

Public Comment:

Joe Lightfoot, County Legislator: Joe stated that the County has been working on lowering the counties medical insurance costs. The County is trying to put a Doss Case Worker in each school throughout the county. A resolution was passed for the Governor not to sign the “All Electric” bill. The county is also working on stopping the bill to change the election years from odd to all even years.

Charlie & Janet Gore: There is a group of residents who are interested in playing Pickleball and would like to use the Tennis Courts with the help of the town. One section is big enough to set up a Pickleball court but would need the lines painted on the surface. There was discussion about getting quotes on resurfacing the courts verses filling in the cracks and killing the weeds. Dean Hoffman has assessed the area and has had some contact and is waiting on pricing. APRA funds can be used for this project. It has been 20 years since anything has been done to the court surface. A template to paint the lines would cost \$236.00 and a net would cost approximately \$129.00. Supervisor Putman and Council members would like to see the courts being used and will be involved with updating and developing a court. The funds could be taken out of Parks and Rec line of the budget.

Cherrie Shatraw: Cherrie wanted to thank the town employees for the hard work and time they dedicated for a wonderful job of making the town ready and looking nice for the July 4th celebration.

Wayne Sardullo: Wayne asked, the progress of an information alert system for the town to inform the residents of any alerts. Supervisor Putman stated that contact has been made with CST Group,

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our IT, and they are researching some companies that will meet our needs and get back to us with some recommendations.

Old Business:

- 1. Supervisor's Update:** Supervisor Putman stated that Debbie Pinger will be helping with re-vamping our website and adding a calendar to it.
- 2. DANC Monthly report** – The May report was reviewed with no concerns. 75% of the parts have arrived to rebuild the filter. There will be scattered bills for the next few weeks. We will have to borrow money for the water district.
- 3. Town Ordinance Land Use Law & Regulations Local Law 1-2023:** Supervisor Putman stated there has been several months of discussion and revisions made to the Town Ordinance as well as a Public Hearing, now it is time to act on it.

MOTION

Councilman VanArnam made a motion to approve the Town Ordinance – Land Use Laws & Regulations – Local Law 1-2023 as presented and written. Councilman Macaulay seconded the motion.

Vote: Councilman David VanArnam – Aye; Councilman Gary Turner – Aye; Councilman Shawn Macaulay – Aye; Supervisor Frank Putman – Aye. Motion carried 4 Ayes.

- 4. Schoolhouse Roof Replacement Bids:** We received a bid to replace the schoolhouse roof with synthetic cedar shakers, from Bertrand's Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$17,000. The building does need to be maintained; it is on the County's Historical list. There was discussion about ideas or suggestions to utilize the building.

MOTION

Councilman Macaulay made a motion to accept the bid from Bertrand's Construction, Inc in the amount of \$17,000. Councilman VanArnam seconded the motion.

Vote: Councilman David VanArnam – Aye; Councilman Gary Turner – Aye; Councilman Shawn Macaulay – Aye; Supervisor Frank Putman – Aye. Motion carried 4 Ayes.

New Business:

- 1. Lot # 6 Bids:** There were no bid received for Lot #6.

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2. Resolution #9 Hold Harmless Town of Hammond for Providing Services:

The Town of Hammond is asking for the Town of Morristown to sign the resolution as in the past. It allows Hammond to provide services for Morristown and for Morristown to provide services to the Town of Hammond.

MOTION

Councilman VanArnam made a motion to sign the Resolution #9 Hold Harmless for the Town of Hammond. Councilman Turner seconded the motion.

Vote: Councilman David VanArnam – Aye; Councilman Gary Turner – Aye; Councilman Shawn Macaulay – Aye; Supervisor Frank Putman – Aye. Motion carried 4 Ayes.

3. 2023 – 2024 County Snow & Ice removal agreement between St. Lawrence County and the Town of Morristown: The county is asking renewal of the agreement with the county for removal of snow and ice for the winter season of 2023-2024.

MOTION

Councilman VanArnam made a motion to renew the agreement between St. Lawrence County and the Town of Morristown for snow & ice removal for the winter season of 2023-2024. Supervisor Putman seconded the motion.

Vote: Councilman David VanArnam – Aye; Councilman Gary Turner – Aye; Councilman Shawn Macaulay – Aye; Supervisor Frank Putman – Aye. Motion carried 4 Ayes.

Department Reports:

Town Clerk: Jill Sullivan stated a written report was distributed.

Highway Department: Dean Hoffman stated the final floor plans are on delay for the new highway barn. HE is requesting a special meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at 6:00 pm to finalize the plans to get the bid packets out. Some heating quotes have been received and they seem to be reasonable. The building is due for delivery on September 15, 2023.

July 24th yearly paving will begin. Currently the water is good, the filter seems to be keeping up with the system. Supervisor Putman has been in contact with Mark regarding the demolition of the building and the rentals. The last truck to be repaired from the fire is ready for pick up.

Other Business: Councilman Turner is suggesting that we send a letter to Department Transportation requesting a stop light at the Edwardsville intersection.

Black Lake Association: Scott Roof is asking for funding to help with the cleaning of Black Lake.

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The Town of Oswegatchie has contributed \$10,000. The Town of Morristown previously said they would contribute \$7,500. But not knowing if the data collected will be utilized by DEC, it was not given to them. The association is asking the town to contribute \$5,000.

MOTION

Councilman Turner made a motion to contribute \$5,000 to the Black Lake Association to assist with the data collection to clean up Black Lake. Councilman VanArnam seconded the motion.

Vote: Councilman VanArnam – Aye, Councilman Turner – Aye, Councilman Macaulay – Aye, Supervisor Putman - Na. Motion carried 3 Ayes; 1 Na.

Pickleball Court Equipment: Dean gave a quote of \$415.95 for the Pickleball net deluxe.

MOTION

Councilman Macaulay made a motion to purchase the equipment for the Pickleball court in the amount of \$415.95 using park and recreation funds. Councilman Turner seconded the motion.

Vote: Councilman David VanArnam – Aye; Councilman Gary Turner – Aye; Councilman Shawn Macaulay – Aye; Supervisor Frank Putman – Aye. Motion carried 4 Ayes.

Morristown Public Library: Bridget has asked for some holes in the parking lot be patched. Dean stated they will be getting to it.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned upon motion by Councilman VanArman and seconded by Councilman Macaulay at 7:21 pm.