

**Town of Morristown
Monthly Meeting
June 09, 2015**

Present: Gary Turner, David VanArnam, Shawn Macaulay, Howard Warren, Frank Putman
Also Present: Dean Hoffman, Chris Sherwin, Kevin Crosby, Cheryl Shatraw

Public Hearing on Local Law #2

Supervisor Putman opened the hearing on proposed Local Law #2 of 2015; a local law to give the Town the authority to override the tax cap for the 2016 budget.

There were no comments on the proposed local law from either the Board or members of the public.

Meeting

Supervisor Putman opened the meeting at 7:05 PM

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam, and seconded by Councilman Turner to approve the minutes of May 9, 2015 as presented.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Hoard Warren-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

Correspondence- Received by the Board

Public Comment

1. Karen Winter-Updated the Board on the Black Lake Boat Launch Boat Steward program. Paul Smith's College will be the employer of record. The Association is trying to prevent additional invasive species from getting established in the lake.

2. Darrell Merkel- Asked if the Town was closer to establishing litigation against the contractor and engineer for district 2 and if the Town had found an independent engineer to review the specs and discovered problems on the system. Also requested to know how many total users are on the system, full time users, and summer time users. He also asked how much it costs to replace a pump, and how many pumps have been replaced to date. Mr. Merkel requested the Supervisor include Sewer Districts on the agenda every month.

3. John Sever-Mr. Sever stated that the system is wrong for the area and not installed properly. He stated that the users are not at fault for the problems and shouldn't have to pay for the cost of repairs. He said that the Town should fix the problems and not increase costs. Mr. Sever stated that the Town sent him a threatening letter concerning his responsibilities toward the system.

Old Business

1. **Town Hall Project-**Tabled for June.

2. **Employee Handbook-**A motion was made by Supervisor Putman, and seconded by Councilman VanArnam, to approve the final change to the handbook and approve the revised handbook as presented to the Board.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Hoard Warren-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

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- 3. Ethics Review Board-** The Board reviewed the list of interested people for the Ethics Review Board. A motion was made by Supervisor Putman to appoint Gail Zeek and Darrell Merkel as citizen members of the board and Shawn Macaulay as the required council member.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Hoard Warren-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

- 4. Local Law # 2 of 2015-Override Tax Cap for 2016** A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam, and seconded by Supervisor Putman to adopt Local Law #2 of 2015 as follows: **A local law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c**

Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to allow the Town of Morristown to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing **1/1/2016** that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 2. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes a local government’s governing body to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of said governing body.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override

The Town Board of the Town of Morristown, County of St. Lawrence, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing **1/1/2016** that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 4. Severability

If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court’s order or judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Hoard Warren-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

- 5. Local Law #3 of 2015-Revision to Fire and Building Code -** A motion was made by Supervisor Putman, and seconded by Councilman Warren, to advertise a public hearing at 7 PM on Tuesday, July 14, 2015 to take public comment on proposed Local Law #3 of 2015 for amendments to the Fire and Building Code.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Hoard Warren-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

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6. Cemetery Contract Renewal-Advertisement for Bids- A motion was made by Councilman Warren, and seconded by Councilman VanArnam, to advertise for bids for contract renewal for cemetery maintenance and the opening and closing of graves at the 4 Town administered cemeteries.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Hoard Warren-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

7. Other Old Business 1- Correspondence was received from Lanny Simmons expressing interest in being appointed to an open position on the Zoning Board of Appeals. After discussion A motion was made by Councilman Warren, and seconded by Councilman VanArnam, to appoint Lanny Simmons to the remainder of the unfilled position on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Hoard Warren-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

Other Old Business 2 –Update on Troy & Banks findings on the Light Pole Survey.

New Business

1. Budget Transfers A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam, and seconded by Supervisor Putman, to approve the following budget transfers:

General A

From: A5132.2 Garage Equip. to A5010.4 Sup't. of Highways Contr. - \$219.00

Sewer District #1

1) From: SS8110.4 Admin. Contr. to SS8120.4 Sewer Contr. - \$2,000.00

2) From: SS8120.2 Sewer Equip. to SS8120.4 Sewer Contr. - \$4,000.00

Sewer District #2

1) From SS8110.4 Admin. Contr. to SS8120.4 Sewer Contr. -\$1,000.00

2) From SS8120.2 Sewer Equip. to SS8120.4 Sewer Contr. -\$5,000.00

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Hoard Warren-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

2. Teamsters Contract- Tabled

3. Other New Business- No other new business

Department Reports

1. Highway Department-A written report was given to the Board. Superintendent Hoffman discussed using JMS Mechanical's sonar equipment to determine the depth of mains in district 2 at selected locations.

2. Code Enforcement- A written report was given to the Board.

3. DPW-Pumps in the vacuum plant have been serviced. A broken fan blade has to be replaced on one of the pumps. Superintendent Crosby thanked the Town Highway Department for their assistance with road work in the village.

The meeting was adjourned upon motion at 8:20 PM.

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