

Minutes
Town of Morristown
Meeting of June 14, 2016

Present: Gary Turner, Harvey Bender, Shawn Macaulay, David Stout III, Christopher Coffin

Also Present: Chris Sherwin, Dean Hoffman, Cheryl Shatraw

Public Hearing: Local Law #1 of 2016- 2016 Tax Cap Law Repeal

The hearing was opened at 7 PM. There were no comments and the hearing was closed.

Public Hearing: Local Law #2 of 2016 – 2017 Tax Cap Override Law.

The hearing was opened at 7:02 PM. There were no comments and the hearing was closed.

Approval of Minutes of May10, 2016 A motion was made by Councilman Gary Turner and seconded by Councilman Harvey Bender to approve the minutes of May 10, 2016 as presented. Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, Harvey Bender-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Christopher Coffin-Aye

Correspondence

Supervisor Coffin read correspondence from the Gateway Museum, Leanna Moquin and the Village of Morristown.

Public Comment

1. Morristown Public Library-Janet Moller of the Library Board asked the Town for a donation of crushed stone for a walkway at the library. The Board authorized the highway department to bring them some stone. They provided the Board with statistics on the library's growth and asked for an increase in their annual appropriation with the check to be sent at the same time every year. The month of June was agreed upon.

2. Joe Lightfoot – Legislator Lightfoot spoke to the Board on County matters including declining sales tax revenues, the search for a new Community Services director and the issue of what to do with the old jail.

Old Business

1. **Solar Project-Presentation by Scott Thornhill-** Mr. Thornhill spoke to the Board about the ongoing process by the Tri-County Consortium in securing a contractor and defining the savings to the members. There will be an opt-out opportunity at a future date for any members who want to exit the consortium.

2. **Sewer Districts Update-** The next 2 meetings have been cancelled while discussions between the engineer, the town attorney, the contractor and others are ongoing. Meetings will be rescheduled and advertised. A discussion was held on conducting a sonar survey, initially of the trouble spots (approximately a ½ mile) on the system. Darrell Merkel urged the Board to do the entire system. Supervisor Coffin stated that it would be a good idea to have laterals done. After further discussion a motion was made by Councilman Gary Turner, and seconded by Councilman Shawn Macaulay to expend up to \$5,000 on a sonar survey under the discretion of the Highway Superintendent.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, Harvey Bender-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, David Stout III-Aye, Christopher Coffin-Aye

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After discussing the sonar survey further a motion was made by Councilman David Stout III and seconded by Councilman Harvey Bender to amend the previous motion and increase the amount to expend to \$10,000.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, Harvey Bender-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, David Stout III-Aye, Christopher Coffin-Aye

3. **Salary Repayment** –No action was taken. Supervisor Coffin stated that he is still waiting for guidance on the issue.
4. **Local Law #1 of 2016- 2016 Tax Cap Law Repeal** – A motion was made by Councilman Shawn Macaulay and seconded by Councilman David Stout III, to adopt Local Law #1 of 2016 - 2016 Tax Cap Law Repeal.
Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, Harvey Bender-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, David Stout III-Aye, Christopher Coffin-Aye
5. **Local Law #2 of 2016 – 2017 Tax Cap Law Override** – A motion was made by Councilman Gary Turner and seconded by Councilman Harvey Bender, to adopt Local Law # 2 of 2016 - 2017 Tax Cap Law Override.
6. Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, Harvey Bender-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, David Stout III-Aye, Christopher Coffin-Aye
7. **Other Old Business-** Councilman Shawn Macaulay wanted to know where the high speed internet process was for the Town of Morristown. A discussion was held and the clerk was directed to write a letter to the appropriate elected representatives concerning this question. The Board also discussed the denial by NYS DOT of the speed limit reduction on CR 2 by the NYS DOT.

New Business

1. No new business was brought before the Board.

Department & Committee Reports

1. **Highway Department** – Superintendent Hoffman reported that he attended Highway School at Cornell, That he had a continuing problem with 2 property owners on River Road East leaving brush and debris in the Town ROW. Repeated warnings to remove the debris have been ineffectual. The Board directed the clerk to send letters to the residents advising them that the debris must be picked up in two weeks or the Town will remove it and they will be billed. The Board directed that the letters be sent certified, return receipt requested. A request for Town Highway assistance was received from the Brier hill Fire Department. They are requesting help to pave their parking lot. A motion was made by Councilman Harvey Bender and seconded by Councilman Gary Turner to authorize the Town Highway to assist the Brier Hill Fire Department with equipment and manpower to pave the fire station parking lot.
Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, Harvey Bender-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Abstain, David Stout III-Abstain, Christopher Coffin-Aye
2. **Code Enforcement-** A report was made to the Board by Code Officer Chris Sherwin. He also reported that he has met with the Town attorney concerning the Edwardsville

Grocery property. He is still waiting for a response back from the DEC on the current status of the property with them. The concern over fuel oil that may remain in underground tanks remains.

3. **DPW**- No report was available.

Public Comment No final public comment was received.

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

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