

**Meeting Minutes
Town of Morristown
June 11, 2019**

Present: Gary Turner, David VanArnam, Chris Coffin, Shawn Macaulay, Frank Putman
Also Present: Dean Hoffman, Chris Sherwin, Joe Lighfoot(County), Dean Shelato, Tom Bell (ZBA), Michele Whalen (Dissolution Committee), Aaron Gilmour, Jill Gilmour, Ethyn Moquin, Wayne Moquin(Shop Steward), James Moore (MVFD Chief), Kevin Crosby, Cheryl Shatraw (Village Mayor)

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Shawn Macaulay

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Councilman Turner and seconded by Councilman VanArnam, to approve the minutes of May 21, 2019 as presented.
Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Chris Coffin-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Abstain, Frank Putman-Abstain The motion carries

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Correspondence: Notification from NYS Tax and Finance received informing the Town the EQ rate is 98%.

Public Comment 1

- a. Dean Shelato, from the Gateway Museum expressed the museums thanks for the Town Highway Departments assistance in construction an addition boardwalk at the Red Barn Trail.

Old Business

- 1. **Village Dissolution Planning**
 - a. **Planning and Operation Meeting June 25th:** Supervisor Putman stated that these meetings will focus on particular topics in order to make progress.
- 2. **Sewer District #2 Disconnection Request:** Supervisor Putman stated that the Town’s attorney had advised that the request to have the connection fees removed should not be honored because the current law does not allow it. Councilman VanArnam stated that it could cause others to ask to stop paying fees. Councilman Coffin stated that instead of absolving the user of all fees that one of the lower rates could be used to fit the current request. A motion was made by Councilman Coffin to bill Aaron Gilmour at the ½ debt rate annually effective with the next billing cycle. The motion was seconded by Councilman VanArnam.
Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Chris Coffin-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Nay, Frank Putman-Nay The motion carries.
- 3. **Other Old Business:** No other old business.

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New Business

- 1. Black Lake Chamber Funding:** Councilman Coffin asked the Board to consider funding the Black Lake Chamber of Commerce to help promote business in the Town. He has received advice from Association of Towns attorney's the allow towns to provide some funding to chambers of commerce's. Councilman Coffin moved to fund the Black Lake Chamber of Commerce for one thousand dollars in 2019 and to take out a membership for seventy- five dollars as well. The motion was seconded by Councilman VanArnam.
Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Chris Coffin-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye The motion carries.
- 2. Amendment of Land Use Code- Sign Restrictions:** The Planning Board has not yet scheduled a meeting to create a revision to the sign provision of the Land Use Code.
- 3. Edwardsville Cemetery Stairs (Railing):** Supervisor Putman did not bring the agenda item up for discussion.
- 4. Truck Purchase:** Councilman Macaulay moved to purchase a new truck on state bid, or on a county bid, for the code enforcement officer for an amount not to exceed thirty thousand dollars. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner.
- 5. Vote:** Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Chris Coffin-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye. The motion carries.

Department Reports

- 1. Highway Department:** Superintendent Dean Hoffman discussed paving costs which have increased this year. He brought to the Boards attention that there is a pavement grinder coming up for auction soon. This equipment would allow the town to grind its own pavement for re-use and save money. A motion was made by Councilman Coffin to allow Superintendent Hoffman to bid on the grinder at auction not to exceed thirty-five thousand dollars. The motion was seconded by Councilman VanArnam.
Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Chris Coffin-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye The motion carries.
- 2. Code Enforcement:** A written report was submitted to the Board. CEO Chris Sherwin reported that he issued 18 notices of violation and has 10 comply with 8 receiving appearance tickets.
- 3. Sewer Districts:** Kevin Crosby reported that there are few problem right daytime EMT for 50 hours per week. The cost will be split between Morristown and Hammond now. Dean Hoffman reported he changed out a pump and sent 2 to Lawton Electric for repair. They are currently looking for a different type of pump to use.
- 4. Fire Districts:** Fire Chief James Moore reported that due to and increasing shortage of emergency medical help the district is researching contracting a daytime EMT for 50 hours per week. The cost to be split between Morristown and Hammond.

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Public Comment 2

1. Joe Lightfoot briefed the Board on environmental cleanups around the County, a service to get people to bus stops and back home at no cost to the commuter or to the County. He also stated that Albany is also looking at the cost of emergency services as it is a problem statewide.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned upon motion at 8:07 PM

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