

Town of Morristown
Regular Monthly Meeting- March 1, 2011

Present: Frank Putman, Gary Turner, David Stout III, Howard Warren

Absent: Mark Blanchard

Also Present: Mike Bogart, Kay Davis, Kathy Bateman, Kevin Crosby

Approval of Minutes A motion was made by Councilman Warren, seconded by Councilman Stout to approve the minutes of February 8, 2011 with the addition of the statement to the resolution on health insurance that the supervisor and councilman would be able to purchase health insurance and the additional language stating that the separation of the line item for health insurance is legally a separate item.

Vote: G. Turner-Aye, D. Stout-Aye, H. Warren-Aye, F. Putman-Aye. Motion Approved

Correspondence -none

Public Comment Period - none

Old Business

1. **River Road East Sewer Project-** The project Engineer and Town Clerk will meet on March 3rd to start work on the sewer law.
2. **Health Insurance-** No report. The Board will meet with an insurance representative before the April meeting.
3. **Building Permit Rate Changes-** The Board discussed the proposed rate changes with the Code officer. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Warren, seconded by Councilman Stout to approve the new permit rate changes as presented except for the garage rate which will remain unchanged.
4. Vote: G. Turner-Aye, D. Stout-Aye, H. Warren-Aye, F. Putman-Aye. Motion Approved
5. **NYSERDA Energy Programs-** After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Warren, seconded by Councilman Turner to order an energy audit of the Town Office.
6. **Drainage District-** Upon advisement from Attorney Silver the Town Clerk will move forward with disbursement of the drainage district funds where possible and the balance will be held against further claims.
7. **Cemetery Rules-** The Board reviewed the rules and suggested additions and changes. The issue of disinternments was discussed.
8. **Other-**None

New Business

1. **Liquor License Application Waiver Request-** A motion was made by Supervisor Putman, and seconded by Councilman Turner to waive the 30 day waiting period as requested by Mary Ellen Mace in regards to her application for a liquor license renewal for the Langbrook Clubhouse.
Vote: G. Turner-Aye, D. Stout-Aye, H. Warren-Aye, F. Putman-Aye. Motion Approved

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2. **Chairman-Planning Board-Appointment** –Upon a motion by Supervisor Putman and a second by Councilman Warren Darrell Merkel was appointed chair of the Planning Board for the remainder of his regular appointment (12/31/1023)
Vote: G. Turner-Aye, D. Stout-Aye, H. Warren-Aye, F. Putman-Aye. Motion Approved
3. **Resolution #2 of 2011-HOME Agreement-** Supervisor Putman made a motion, seconded by Councilman Warren to adopt Resolution # 2 as follows:
RESOLUTION #2 of 2011 For
Cooperation Agreement With The Home Investment Partnerships Act
Whereas, the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 created new initiatives to produce and preserve affordable housing including the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and
Whereas, the HOME Investment Partnerships Program will provide monies to states and local governments to fund affordable housing strategies, and
Whereas, Section 216 (2) of the National Affordable Housing Act provided that a consortium of geographically contiguous units of general local government may apply for funding under the HOME Program, and
Whereas, the Town of Morristown has determined that it is desirable and in the public interest to cooperate with the County of St. Lawrence, in order to participate in the North Country HOME Consortium comprised of Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence Counties in order to receive funding under the HOME program.
Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Municipal Governing Board authorizes its Chief Elected Official to execute, on behalf of the Town of Morristown, a Cooperation Agreement with the County of St. Lawrence to undertake or assist in undertaking housing assistance activities for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program.
Vote: G. Turner-Aye, D. Stout-Aye, H. Warren-Aye, F. Putman-Aye. Motion Approved
4. **HOME Agreement Authorization-** A motion was made by Councilman Warren, and seconded by Councilman Turner to authorize the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with the North Country Home Consortium.
Vote: G. Turner-Aye, D. Stout-Aye, H. Warren-Aye, F. Putman-Aye. Motion Approved
5. **Gateway Museum Request-** Supervisor Putman reported that he received a request from Chris Coffin, on behalf of the Gateway Museum, that the Town give the Charles Chapman map/painting owned by the Town to the museum. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Warren to loan the painting. After further discussion Councilman Warren withdrew his motion. The clerk was directed to gather information on costs for cleaning and framing, appraisal and loan document language.

6. **Other-** Kevin Crosby presented the proposed Morristown Fire Departments new Fire protection and ambulance contracts to the Board for the 2012 budget process. Mr. Crosby also explained the sewer district overtime occurrences for the Board.

Committee Reports

1. **Pre-Disaster Mitigation-** Kay Davis stated that the St. Lawrence County ORPS will be installing the new pictometry equipment on March 9th.

Department Reports

1. **Assessor-**Kathy Bateman reported she has the new pictometry program on her computer. She also explained the new STAR Basic requirements recently passed into law.
2. **Codes-** Kay Davis handed out a written report for codes.
3. **Highway-** Superintendent Bogart handed out a written monthly report.
4. **Dog Control-** A written report was included in the Boards packet.

At this point in the meeting Councilman Stout made a motion, seconded by Councilman Turner to enter into executive session to discuss matters relating to pending litigation.

Vote: G. Turner-Aye, D. Stout-Aye, H. Warren-Aye, F. Putman-Aye. Motion Approved

The Board entered into executive session at 8 PM

At 8:15 PM the Board left executive session. Supervisor Putman reported no action taken.

The meeting was adjourned upon motion at 8:15 PM.

Minutes respectfully prepared and submitted by David Murray, Clerk