

**Town of Morristown  
Meeting Minutes  
March 1, 2016**

**Present:** Gary Turner, David VanArnam, Shawn Macaulay, Howard Warren

**Absent:** Frank Putman

**Also Present:** Dean Hoffman, Joe Lightfoot, Kevin Crosby, Cheryl Shatraw

The meeting was opened by Deputy Supervisor Warren at 7 PM.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam, and seconded by Councilman Macaulay, to approve the minutes for the February 9th, 18th, and 26<sup>th</sup> meetings as presented.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Howard Warren-Aye,

**Board Statement:** The Deputy Supervisor had the Clerk pass out a prepared statement concerning the recent vacancies on the Town Board. The Clerk was also asked to read the statement to those present.

**Public Comment**

Mark Blanchard – Asked the board for an explanation of what happened with the appointments and oaths of office. He also asked why a reminder wasn't sent out concerning the oath of office and why research wasn't done on the retirement procedure. Asked how the ratification process works. Also asks if board members were going to pay back salaries received while they were not legally on the board.

Harvey Bender – Stated that Frank Putman, Howard Warren and David VanArnam were not legitimate members of the board so a quorum does not exist. He stated that he suggested that since the board can't take action the meeting be closed. Also stated that the Town should not rely just on their attorney but someone should contact the secretary of state.

Rick Johnson – Stated that there was no malice, but that mistakes were made and the errors were errors of omission. Surprised that public officials are able to join the state retirement system. Stated that the board had best of intents and they should get the situation straightened out.

Darrell Merkel asked how the whole retirement situation arose.

At this point in the meeting Deputy Supervisor Warren closed the meeting until the question of whether there is a quorum is answered. The meeting was closed at 7:30 PM.

Minutes prepared and respectfully submitted by David Murray-Town Clerk