

**May 2016 Meeting
Town of Morristown
May 10, 2016**

Present: Gary Turner, Harvey Bender, Shawn Macaulay, David Stout III, Christopher Coffin
Also Present: Dean Hoffman, Chris Sherwin, Joe Lightfoot, Cheryl Shatraw, Kevin Crosby

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Councilman David Stout III, and seconded by Councilman Shawn Macaulay to approve the minutes of April 12, 2016 as presented.

Vote: Gary Turner-Abstain, Harvey Bender-Aye, David Stout III – Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Chris Coffin – Aye

Correspondence: A letter was received from the NYS DOT in Watertown denying the speed change requested for County Route 2 at the turn before the Town highway garage.

Public Comment

Joe Lightfoot briefed the Board on the County's efforts to evaluate all the members of their health insurance plan to make sure there are only legitimate members enrolled. He also stated that the DA's office is down 3 ADA's. The state will not help fund the mandated raise for the DA. He also stated that the county budget is 90% state mandated costs with no help from the state to meet these costs.

Old Business

- 1. Sewer Districts Update:** Councilman Macaulay briefed the Board on the Wastewater District Committee's activities. The committee will be meeting every three weeks. On May 17th they will meet with a representative from the DEC to discuss the proposal for water injection. They committee will also be meeting with the engineer and the contractor with the Town attorney present so all viewpoints are accounted for. The attorney advises the committee that a solution to the identified problems needs to be arrived at soon due to the statute of limitations for a remedy running out.
- 2. Salary Repayment:** Supervisor Coffin stated that he is waiting to hear back from the NYS attorney General for an opinion of counsel on the matter. The Board agreed that they feel that the previous Board members attended meetings and fulfilled their obligations honestly and should not have to pay back their salary. Supervisor Coffin stated that the Board needs to wait to receive the opinion from the state. Frank Putman asked if the state will cite an actual precedent in the opinion. Mr. Coffin said he believed that would be the case. Mr. Warren stated that if he had to pay back his salary he would bill the Town for consultant fees for that salary.
- 3. Local Law #1 of 2016- 2016 Tax Cap Law Repeal:** A motion was made by Councilman Gary Turner, and seconded by Councilman Harvey Bender to introduce Local Law #1-a local law to repeal the 2016 tax cap, and Local Law #2- a local law to override the 2017 tax cap and bring both to a public hearing at the June 14, 2016 Board meeting.
Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, Harvey Bender-Aye, David Stout III – Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Chris Coffin – Aye
- 4. Local Law #2 of 2016 – 2017 Tax Cap Law Override:** See #3 under Old Business

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- 5. Solar Project- Power Purchase Agreement:** Supervisor Coffin stated that the Town attorney has reviewed the agreement. The attorney stated that it does not lock the Town into a specific rate. Supervisor Coffin said that this agreement is a step in the total process. He also stated that he would vote to sign the agreement. He wants the contractors looking at building the project to review the Town site. He also wants the Town to have the opportunity to review the rates the Town would be asked to accept before final approval from the Town Board. A motion was made by Councilman Shawn Macaulay, seconded by Councilman Gary Turner, to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Power Purchase Agreement between the Town of Morristown and the Tri-County Energy Cooperative as presented.
Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, Harvey Bender-Aye, David Stout III – Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Chris Coffin – Aye
- 6. ZBA Vacancy:** A motion was made by Councilman Harvey Bender, and seconded by Councilman David Stout III, to appoint Tom Bell to the remainder of the term of the vacant ZBA position.
Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, Harvey Bender-Aye, David Stout III – Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Chris Coffin – Aye
- 7. Other Old Business:** No other old business.

New Business

- 1. Resolution # 4 of 2016- Expend Highway Funds:** A motion was made by Councilman David Stout III, and seconded by Councilman Shawn Macaulay, to adopt Resolution # 4 of 2016: a resolution to authorize the expenditure of Highway Funds.
- 2. Vote:** Gary Turner-Aye, Harvey Bender-Aye, David Stout III – Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Chris Coffin – Aye
- 3. Other New Business:** The Board asked the Village representatives who were present when the lawn would be mowed around the Town hall. Mowing will start on Wednesday, the 11th.
4. The Board was informed that the office staff had decided to acquire Carbonite Cloud Storage for all the computers in the office as a safety measure.

Department & Committee Reports

- 1. Highway Department:** A written report was given to the Board. Superintendent Hoffman asked the Board if they approved of stripping River Road East. He explained that it is narrow and seasonal residents exceed the speed limit. The Board agreed that the striping should be done for safety. Rick Johnson said the River Road residents appreciate the striping.
- 2. Code Enforcement:** CEO Chris Sherwin presented a written report. He is doing property maintenance inspections around the Town. Waiting to hear back from the Town attorney concerning Town law and the Edwardsville Grocery building. Supervisor Coffin agreed to contact the attorney to get a response.

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3. **DPW:** Kevin Crosby brought up the issue of replacement of pumps in the Village system. The Town will be obligated to pay for 36% of the cost under current contracts. The bookkeeper checked and both districts have sufficient funds to cover the Town's share.

Executive session: A motion was made by Councilman Shawn Macaulay, and seconded by Councilman David Stout III to enter into executive session to discuss matters relating to the employment history of a particular individual.

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

The Board entered into executive session at 8:30 PM, and came out of session at 8:37 PM. Supervisor Coffin reported that the Board took no action while in executive session.

The meeting was adjourned upon motion at 8:38 PM.

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