

**Special Meeting Minutes
Town of Morristown
May 09, 2019**

Present: David VanArnam, Shawn Macaulay, Chris Coffin, Frank Putman

Absent: Gary Turner,

Also Present: Dean Hoffman (Highway), Kevin Crosby, James Bogardus, Penny Bogardus, Ethyn Moquin, Michael Moore, Wayne Moquin, David Stout

The special meeting was called to order at 5 PM by Supervisor Frank Putman.

Public Comment and Discussion

- Penny Bogardus-Has the issue of who will be employed to run the sewer and water districts been settled? Public should have a voice in the matter. Employees should not come from a distance but should be local.
- David VanArnam-Questioned how 3 Board members could call a meeting with Kevin Crosby and not inform the remainder of the board. Supervisor Putman stated that there were only 2 members present and it was to inform Mr. Crosby of all the options.
- Shawn Macaulay stated that \$65 thousand was too high a salary demand.
- David VanArnam-Why was Alex Colby called in? Supervisor Putman stated that it was only an informational conversation with him.
The Board had a short side discussion about services for the whole town.
- Chris Coffin-addressed Penny Bogardus' concern-He stated that no decision has been made to hire for the sewer and water districts. They are funded under separate line items in the budget.
- David Stout-asked if the Town had asked the village residents about what they wanted.
- Kevin Crosby stated that he will leave village and start work in Alexandria Bay starting June 6th. It will be less work and higher salary for him.
- James Bogardus-If DANC is hired who will be responsible for call ins after hours. He stated he is worried the district could be charged any amount and costs would escalate.
- David VanArnam-stated that he wants to keep costs under control for the village districts.
- Frank Putman-The Town Board is responsible for putting employees in place to fill needed positions.
- Chris Coffin-Town Board will put together a budget to best serve the interests of sewer district residents.
- James Bogardus stated that Harrisville uses DANC and their costs are high.
- David VanArnam asked Kevin Crosby to provide the Town with a record of overtime for the village sewer district.
- Kevin Crosby stated updating village sewer valves is expensive. Further stated that there could be 30 thousand remaining in fund balances for both sewer and water districts. He also said he would be doing village sewer and water testing after he leaves.
- Shawn Macaulay asked if Kevin Crosby could do testing and operation under contract. The Board also agreed they would talk with Alex Colby about a position with water and sewer.

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- Frank Putman said the Town could contract with Kevin Crosby for testing and plant operations. Two or three extra hires would be needed and split between sewer, water, sidewalks, mowing and other needs.
- Chris Coffin proposed creating spread sheets to look at current Village costs and current Town costs to assist in projecting costs for the new 2020 post dissolution budget.
- David Stout recommended getting new hires on board now and getting them trained.
- Frank Putman and Shawn Macaulay both stated that job descriptions for the new hires are needed and should be advertised right away.
- Chris Coffin asked for costs for repair materials and consumables for water and sewer to prepare 2020 budget estimates. Kevin Crosby said he will provide spread sheets for budget costs. Mr. Coffin also stated he would query other municipalities on costs for employees and operational costs for sewer and water systems.

Supervisor Putman asked everyone if there were any other comments or questions. As there were none the meeting was adjourned upon motion at 6:02 PM.

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