

**Town Board Special Meeting Minutes
Town of Morristown
November 15, 2023**

Present: Deputy Supervisor, Chris Coffin; Councilman, David VanArnam; Councilman, Gary Turner; Councilman Shawn Macaulay.

Absent: Supervisor Frank Putman

Others Present: Jill Sullivan, Town Clerk; Anne Marie Fitz Randolph; and several community members.

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order by Deputy Supervisor, Coffin at 6:02 pm.

Pledge: The pledge was led by Councilman Macaulay and said by all.

New Business:

1. **Resolution to set date for a Public Hearing for the Proposed Water District #2:** Andy Silver, Town Attorney prepared a resolution for the board to set a date for a Public Hearing for Barton & Loguidice to present the proposed water district #2 Map, Plan and report. The resolution was read aloud.

MOTION

Councilman VanArnam made a motion to approve the resolution to set a date for a public hearing for the proposed water district #2. Councilman Turner seconded the motion.

Vote: Councilman VanArnam – Aye, Councilman Turner – Aye, Councilman Macaulay – Aye, Deputy Supervisor Coffin – Aye. Motion carried 4 Ayes.

2. **Resolution to proceed with legal action for Town Local Law No. 3 (Junk Ordinance):** Andy Silver, Town Attorney prepared a resolution to proceed with legal action for 3 property owners in violation of the Town Local Law #3 (junk ordinance). The resolution was read aloud.

MOTION

Councilman VanArnam made a motion to approve the resolution to proceed with legal action for Town Local Law No. 3 (Junk Ordinance). Councilman Macaulay seconded the motion.

Vote: Councilman VanArnam – Aye, Councilman Turner – Aye, Councilman Macaulay – Aye, Deputy Supervisor Coffin – Aye. Motion carried 4 Ayes.

3. **Resolution to relevel outstanding water and sewer bills to 2024 Town Tax Warrant:** A resolution to relevel the outstanding water and sewer bills to the 2024 Town Tax warrant was read.

MOTION

Councilman Turner made a motion to approve the resolution to relevel outstanding water and sewer bills to 2024 Town Tax Warrant. Councilman VanArnam seconded the motion.

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Vote: Councilman VanArnam – Aye, Councilman Turner – Aye, Councilman Macaulay – Aye, Deputy Supervisor Coffin – Aye. Motion carried 4 Ayes.

Other Business:

Windmill Restoration: Councilman Coffin introduced Anne Marie FitzRandolph. Anne Marie stated an individual left money to restore historical sites within St. Lawrence County. Anne Marie gave a background of the grant being offered and the individual who left the money.

To restore the windmill, it could cost up to a quarter million dollars. The first step is to have a study conducted of the work scope. The cost of the study is \$39,039, quoted by Lapine. We requested \$29, 039.00 in the grant application, leaving the Town to contribute \$10,000.00.

MOTION

Deputy Supervisor Chris Coffin made a motion to approve a resolution for the Town to commit up to \$10,000 toward an engineering evaluation of the historic windmill for a detailed scope of work. The Town's expenditure will depend on an award of \$29,039 by the Rock Charitable Fund administered by the New York Community Foundation. If the final agreement is less than \$39,039, the Town will share in the cost in the same ratio as above, 10 - 29. Councilman VanArnam seconded the motion.

Vote: Councilman VanArnam – Aye, Councilman Turner – Aye, Councilman Macaulay – Aye, Deputy Supervisor Coffin – Aye. Motion carried 4 Ayes.

Public Hearing: It was decided by the Town Board that the Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at 6:00 pm at the Morristown Fire Hall.

Michele Whalen stated there will be residents out of town who are eligible to vote, who will be sending the absentee ballots out? The details of the public referendum will be determined if the board votes for a referendum.

Adjournment: Deputy Supervisor Coffin made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Councilman Macaulay. The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 pm.