

Town of Morristown  
Budget Review Minutes  
11/04/2020

Present: Gary Turner, David VanArnam, Chris Coffin, Shawn Macaulay, Frank Putman  
Also Present: Dean Hoffman (Highway Superintendent), Joe Lightfoot (County Legislator)

Supervisor Frank Putman called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

Councilman Macaulay led the pledge.

Business before the Board

1. 2021 Water and Wastewater Funds: Councilman Coffin presented the Board with copies of the three sewer districts and the water district projected expenditures. He proposed that the funds remain substantially unchanged for the 2021 budget year. He explained that the Town still does not have a full year's experience with the funds and making too many changes would not yet be prudent. He stated that some fund balance was shifted to equipment lines in the sewer districts. The Board discussed the approach and supported Councilman Coffin's fund budgets as presented. The Board also discussed setting the sewer and water rate for all funds at the November 10<sup>th</sup> regular Board meeting.
2. 2021 Budget Public Hearing. The Board directed the Clerk to set the Public Hearing for the 2021 Town Budget for 7 PM on November 10<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be held at the Brier Hill Fire Station.
3. Pump Replacement: The Board reviewed quotes for replacing 2 pumps at the Wastewater District #1 vacuum plant. The Board decided to replace one pump immediately and revisit replacement of the second pump in 2021. A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam to purchase a Bush Vacuum Pump as per quote for \$14,750. Funds to be expended for this purpose from the 2020 budget. The motion was seconded by Councilman Coffin.  
Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Councilman Coffin-Aye, Councilman Macaulay-Aye, Supervisor Putman-Aye
4. Bay Street Services Expansion: The Board was in receipt of a proposal from St. Lawrence County to use some surplus REDI Grant funds to bring sewer and water services around Bay Street. Legislator Joe Lightfoot spoke to the Board about the project. He stated that the REDI Commission felt the Town should be the lead agency on the project and that it would be considered a second phase of the original grant. The state would assist as much as possible. Supervisor Putman stated that the concern was that the project could cost considerably more than the surplus monies available. Supervisor Putman also stated that he had floated the idea of using the money to dredge the Morristown bay to increase tourism and visitors to the Town. The Board expressed a greater interest in the dredging idea. The issue of how much time was left on the grant to use the money was raised.

The meeting was adjourned upon motion at 7:30 PM.

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