

**Town of Morristown
Regular Monthly Meeting
November 9, 2010 7 PM**

Present: Frank Putman, Howard Warren, David Stout III, Gary Turner, Mark Blanchard

Also Present: Mike Bogart, Kay Davis, Tim Burley, Joe Lightfoot, Jane Powers, Kevin Crosby

Approval of Minutes- A motion was made by Councilman Warren, seconded by Councilman Blanchard to approve the minutes of October 12, 2010 as presented.

Vote: F. Putman-aye, H. Warren-aye, G. Turner-aye, D. Stout-aye, M. Blanchard-aye

**Public Comment Period- None
Correspondence**

Old Business

1. River Road East Sewer Project – Tim Burley stated that Burley-Guminiak staff would be in the field reviewing the project design third week of November. Mr. Burley also stated that it looked like bids would be advertised in mid February and awarded in March 2011.

The Board okay'd showing pots on vacant parcels for mapping and for future use. The clerk and Mr. Burley will review and law and bring it up to date for both sewer districts.

2. Town Hall Project – The sewer hookup is in place for the project. Kay has talked with Karl Bender about the project.

3. Wind Law- LaBella's comments were dropped into the wind law. A discussion was held on what to direct LaBella to research on sound levels and setbacks. Councilman Warren commented that the sound level should be set at the setback or nearest offsite residence. The Board did not set a date for a wind law review meeting.

4. 2010 Town Audit/justice Court Audit -Tabled

5. Planning Board Vacancy –two letters of interest were received and one person off of the remaining old list is also interested. Appointment will be in December.

6. 2011 Budget- A motion was made by Councilman Warren, seconded by Councilman Blanchard to adopt the 2011 Budget for the Town of Morristown as presented.

Vote: F. Putman-aye, H. Warren-aye, G. Turner-aye, D. Stout-aye, M. Blanchard-aye

7. Dog Control- A motion was made by Supervisor Putman, seconded by Councilman Turner to set a public hearing for the proposed revised Dog Control Law. Hearing is set for 7 PM on Tuesday, December 14th.

Vote: F. Putman-aye, H. Warren-aye, G. Turner-aye, D. Stout-aye, M. Blanchard-aye

8. I98 Corridor Funding – After a discussion on the funding request the Board felt that it was a difficult budget year and decided that the Town would not be able to fund the request.

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9. Cyclical Re-assessment- Jane Powers from St. Lawrence County Real Property Services was present to speak about the new state re-assessment strategies. She stated that towns must now update at least every 4 years. Morristown must submit a plan by December 6th and pass a resolution supporting the re-assessment plan and authorizing the Supervisor to sign off on the plan. Some towns are starting at 5 years and amending down to 4 years. A motion was made by Councilman Stout, seconded by Councilman Turner to authorize the supervisor to sign off on the plan to be submitted by the assessor for a new cyclical re-assessment plan for the Town of Morristown.

Vote: F. Putman-aye, H. Warren-aye, G. Turner-aye, D. Stout-aye, M. Blanchard-aye

New Business

- 1. End of Year Meeting-** The meeting is set for December 28, 2010 at 11:30 at the Town Highway Barns.
- 2. Edwardsville Cemetery Headstones-**The Board had the issue of how to orient headstones in the new section of the Edwardsville cemetery. The new section is going to have stones installed for the first time. The Board directed that all stones and monuments oriented to face south toward Black Lake in keeping with the orientation of the existing older section of the cemetery. A motion was made by Councilman Stout, seconded by Supervisor Putman to direct the cemetery contractors to orient all headstones to the south.
Vote: F. Putman-aye, H. Warren-aye, G. Turner-aye, D. Stout-aye, M. Blanchard-aye
- 3. Bill Adams Request –** A request was received by Bill Adams to allow him to run water and electric lines across the road between his new house and garage on River Road East. The Board discussed the issue. The Town attorney had recommended an easement for this. A motion was made by Councilman Turner, seconded by Councilman Stout to give permission to Bill Adams to run water and electric under the road provided Mr. Adams submits a drawing locating exactly all water and electric lines, and registers with Dig Safely New York.
Vote: F. Putman-aye, H. Warren-aye, G. Turner-aye, D. Stout-aye, M. Blanchard-aye
- 4. Paddle Inn Liquor License Renewal Notice-** The Board received notice of intent to renew the liquor license by John Bussa for the Paddle Inn at Black Lake. The Board had no comment on the notice.

Committee Reports PDM No report

Department Reports

Code Enforcement Officer- A written report was submitted to the Board

Assessor- No report

Highway Superintendent-A written report was submitted to the Board

Sewer District-No report

Dog Control Officer- Written report submitted to the Board

Meeting was adjourned upon motion at 9 PM

Minutes prepared and respectfully submitted by David Murray, Town Clerk