

**Town of Morristown
Regular Monthly Meeting
November 8, 2011**

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

Also Present: Mike Bogart, Kevin Crosby, Joe Lightfoot. Don Hooper & Andrew Smith

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Councilman Blanchard, and seconded by Councilman Stout to approve the minutes of October 11, 2011 as presented.

Vote: Gary Turner - Aye, Mark Blanchard - Aye, David Stout III - Aye, Howard Warren - Aye, Frank Putman - Aye

Public Comment Period

Donald Hassig- Mr. Hassig, representing Cancer Action New York spoke to the Board about cancer prevention and asked the Board to read a report from the World Health Organization on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Mr. Hassig stated that there is not enough local cancer prevention education in the county. No other public comment was received.

Correspondence

Old Business

1. 2010 Audit –Exit Conference – Representatives from the accounting firm of Pinto, Mucenski, Hooper, Van House and Company presented a review of the 2010 audit they performed for the Town. They noted no problems of any significance and found the accounting controls for the Town, overall, in compliance with accepted practices. A motion was made by Supervisor Putman, and seconded by Councilman Warren to accept the 2010 Audit for the Town of Morristown as presented.

Vote: Gary Turner - Aye, Mark Blanchard - Aye, David Stout III - Aye, Howard Warren - Aye, Frank Putman - Aye

2. River Road East Sewer Project – The Board was addressed by Christine Woods of 443 River Road East. Mrs. Woods asked the Board to consider diverting the sewer line away from her flower bed in the Town right of way. The Supervisor and concerned parties will meet next week to arrive at a solution. The contractor is working on the main line at this time.

3. 2012 Budget Approval- Supervisor Putman asked if anyone had any further comment or discussion regarding the 2012 budget. There was none. A motion was made by Councilman Stout, seconded by Councilman Warren to approve the 2012 budget for the Town of Morristown as presented.

Vote: Gary Turner - Aye, Mark Blanchard - Nay, David Stout III - Aye, Howard Warren - Aye, Frank Putman - Aye

4. Assessor Position- A motion was made by Councilman Warren, and seconded by Councilman Turner to appoint James Snyder to fill the remainder of the unexpired position of assessor. The appointment begins immediately and expires September 30, 2013. The position is classified as part time.

Vote: Gary Turner - Aye, Mark Blanchard - Aye, David Stout III - Aye, Howard Warren - Aye, Frank Putman - Aye

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5. Other Old Business- No other old business was brought before the Board.

New Business

1. 2012 MFD Fire & Ambulance Service Contracts – A motion was made by Councilman Turner, and seconded by Councilman Blanchard to authorize the 2012 Ambulance Service Contract between the Town of Morristown and the Morristown Volunteer Fire Department.

Vote: Gary Turner - Aye, Mark Blanchard - Aye, David Stout III - Aye, Howard Warren - Aye, Frank Putman – Aye

A motion was made by Councilman Warren, and seconded by Councilman Stout Blanchard to authorize the 2012 Fire Service Contract between the Town of Morristown and the Morristown Volunteer Fire Department.

Vote: Gary Turner - Aye, Mark Blanchard - Aye, David Stout III - Aye, Howard Warren - Aye, Frank Putman – Aye

2. Resolution of Support for SUNY Canton Presidency- Councilman Warren moved resolution # 11 of 2011, and was seconded by Supervisor Putman.

Resolution to Save SUNY Canton

WHEREAS, SUNY Canton is an important educational asset for all of Northern New York; and

WHEREAS, SUNY Canton is a vibrant, growing institution under the enlightened leadership of

Dr. Joseph Kennedy; and

WHEREAS, it is important in these economic times to maintain and expand this asset; and

WHEREAS, this continued growth cannot occur without an on-campus President attuned solely to the needs of running SUNY Canton,

THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Morristown supports the efforts of Save Our SUNY Canton Task Force and the SUNY Canton College Council to maintain an on campus President at SUNY Canton; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Morristown supports State legislation to maintain a full time campus president at SUNY Canton.

Vote: Gary Turner - Aye, Mark Blanchard - Aye, David Stout III - Aye, Howard Warren - Aye, Frank Putman – Aye

3. Expiring ZBA and Planning Positions-The Board was asked to canvass some names for replacement ZBA and Planning Board positions that are expiring in 2011, if needed.

4. Sewer Relevy Authorization- Councilman Stout moved, and was seconded by Councilman Warren, resolution #10 of 2011 as follows:

Resolution # 10 of 2011 Sewer Relevy for 2012

Sewer Re-levy – A motion to re-levy all unpaid 2011 sewer bills in the amount of, to the 2012 tax warrant

Vote: Gary Turner - Aye, Mark Blanchard - Aye, David Stout III - Aye, Howard Warren - Aye, Frank Putman – Aye

5. Other New Business-No other new business was brought before the Board.

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Department Reports

Code Enforcement Officer-No report was available.

Highway Superintendent- Superintendent Bogart handed out a written report.

Sewer District- Nothing to report

Dog Control Officer- No report available

Legislator Joe Lightfoot- Informed the Board that a new County Highway Superintendent has been appointed and also spoke about the County's financial and technical inability to provide a comprehensive cancer education program.

Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned upon motion at 8:35 PM

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