

**Town of Morristown
Regular Monthly Meeting/Public Hearing
November 12, 2013**

Present: Gary Turner, David VanArnam, David Stout, Howard Warren, Frank Putman
Also Present: Mike Bogart, Kevin Crosby, Dean Hoffman, Jay Berkman, Matilda Larson

A motion was made by Councilman Warren, seconded by Councilman VanArnam, to enter into executive session to discuss matters relating to the employment history of a specific Town employee.

Vote: G. Turner-Aye, D. VanArnam-Aye, D. Stout-Aye, H. Warren-Aye, F. Putman-Aye
The Board entered into executive session at 7:03 PM and left executive session at 7:38 PM. Supervisor Putman reported that no action was taken while in executive session.

Public Hearing

Supervisor Putman opened the Public Hearing on the 2014 Town Budget at 7:40 PM.
Comments:

1. Michelle Whalen questioned the two thousand dollar cut in library funding and the 2011 raise for the Board.
2. Ron Tulley asked several question concerning the changes in the tentative budget for retirees health insurance. The questions centered around the ability of retirees to stay on the current plan.

The hearing was closed at 7:51 PM.

Meeting

Supervisor Putman opened the meeting at 7:53 PM

Approval of Minutes A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam, and seconded by Councilman Turner, to approve the minutes of October 8, 2013 as presented.

Vote: Gary Turner-aye, David VanArnam-Aye, David Stout-Aye, Howard Warren-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

Old Business

1. 2014 Town Budget- A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam, and seconded by Councilman Turner to approve the 2014 Town Budget as presented.

Vote: Gary Turner-aye, David VanArnam-Aye, David Stout-Aye, Howard Warren-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

2. Sewer Projects-Jay Berkman (c2ae) discussed the previously submitted change order. The engineer recommends 7 additional items to be reimbursed to North Country Contractors. The Board agreed they want to meet with the contractor before making a decision on the change order. The Clerk was directed to set up a meeting.

3. Fuel Oil – Bid Opening –Supervisor Putman noted there were 2 sealed bids received. The Supervisor opened the bids and read them publically. One was from Morristown Fuel and Building Supply, Inc. for the daily cash price minus a 22 cent discount. The second bid received was from MX Fuels, Inc. for 3.17.97/100's to fluctuate based on the current O.G.S. price. After some discussion a motion was made by Councilman Stout, and seconded by Councilman Turner, to accept the bid from Morristown Fuel & Building Supply, Inc.

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Old Business Cont'd.

Vote: Gary Turner-aye, David VanArnam-Abstain, David Stout-Aye, Howard Warren-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

4. Amendments to Previous Actions-A motion was made by Supervisor Putman, and seconded by Councilman Stout, to amend the effective retirement date of Highway Superintendent Michael Bogart to November 21, 2013, and the appointment of Mr. Bogart to the remaining balance of the vacant Highway Superintendents position to become effective November 23, 2013. Additionally, Resolution # 15 of 2013 is amended to include the final sewer re-levy amounts for District 1-\$11,055.00 and District 2-\$7,403.22, for a total sewer re-levy amount of \$18,458.22.

Vote: Gary Turner-aye, David VanArnam-Aye, David Stout-Aye, Howard Warren-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

5. Other old Business- No other old business was presented.

New Business

1. Vacant Appointed Positions-20141- The following positions will become vacant effective December 31, 2013: Historian, 1 Zoning Board position, 1 Planning Board position.

2. DECALS Resolution # 18- A motion was made by Supervisor Putman, and seconded by Councilman VanArnam to adopt resolution #18 of 2013 as follows:

**AUTHORIZING THE TOWN CLERK OF THE TOWN OF MORRISTOWN TO
RENEW A LICENSING AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

WHEREAS, the Town of Morristown desires to provide the residents of the Town of Morristown with the ability to purchase New York State Department of Environmental Conservations licenses locally, within the Town of Morristown, and

WHEREAS, The Town Board wishes to continue this service to the residents of the Town, and

WHEREAS, The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation is now requiring all license agents to renew the current licensing agreement,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Morristown hereby authorizes the Town Clerk to enter into a new continuing license agreement with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation in order to provide this service to the residents of Morristown.

Vote: Gary Turner-aye, David VanArnam-Aye, David Stout-Aye, Howard Warren-Aye, Frank Putman-Ay

3. CDBG Grant Proposal-County Planning Office-Matilda Larson from the County Planning Office presented a proposal for the Town to enter into a joint agreement the Town of Macomb and the St. Lawrence County Housing Council to seek a Community Development Block Grant for the replacement and upgrade of wastewater systems. In Morristown the program will focus on an identified area along County Route 6. Overall the grant is focused on the Black River watershed. After some discussion a motion was

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New Business Cont'd.

made by Councilman Warren, and seconded by Councilman VanArnam to adopt resolution # 17 of 2013 as follows:

**AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF MORRISTOWN
TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE IN THE PREPARATION OF A
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, the Town of Morristown has identified the repair and replacement of septic systems as a goal that will improve the community's housing stock and help improve water quality in Black Lake; and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Planning Office has the experience and capacity to prepare an application for, and administer a Community Development Block Grant that assists low- to moderate-income households,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Morristown hereby requests the County of St. Lawrence prepare and submit a Community Development Block Grant Application to the New York State Office of Community Renewal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to communicate this request to the Chairman of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, and to the Director of the County Planning Office, and is further authorized to take any and all actions necessary to assist the County in the preparation of this application.

Vote: Gary Turner-aye, David VanArnam-Aye, David Stout-Aye, Howard Warren-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

4. 2014 Winter Maintenance Agreement-A motion was made by Councilman Stout, and seconded by Councilman VanArnam, to extend the current Winter Maintenance Agreement with Saint Lawrence County, with no changes, for 2014.

Vote: Gary Turner-aye, David VanArnam-Aye, David Stout-Aye, Howard Warren-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

5. Other New Business-No other new business brought forward.

Department Reports

1. Code Enforcement Officer-Written report included in the meeting packet.

2. Highway Department- The Highway Superintendent presented a written report to the Board. An additional MEO will be hired to replace Dean Hoffman who will assume the Highway Superintendents position effective January 1, 2014.

3. Assessor

4. Public Works-Kevin Crosby reported that the problem in District 1 has been found and has been fixed. He also reported that the Bay Street Extension has been started.

The meeting was adjourned upon motion at 8:50 PM.

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