

**Town of Morristown
Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2016**

Present: Gary Turner, Harvey Bender, Shawn Macaulay, Chris Coffin
Also Present: Dean Hoffman, Chris Sherwin, David VanArman, Thomas Manley

2017 Budget Public Hearing

Supervisor Chris Coffin opened the Public Hearing for the 2017 Town Budget at 7 PM. Supervisor Coffin stated that the purpose of the hearing was to take comment for or against the 2017 budget for the Town of Morristown as presented. There were no comments received. The hearing was closed at 7:02 PM by the supervisor.

Supervisor Coffin opened the regular meeting for November at 7:03 PM

Approval of Minutes: Concerning the minutes of October 11th there was a typo noted which the clerk will correct. A motion was made by Councilman Turner, and seconded by Councilman Bender to approve the minutes of 10/11/16 with the noted correction and the budget meeting minutes of 10/26/16 as presented.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, Harvey Bender-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Chris Coffin-Aye

Correspondence: none

Public Comment: none

Old Business

1. 2017 Budget: The Board held a discussion on adjustments to the previous budget version. Changes in salary for non- union personnel, adjustments in Social Security and medical insurance, funds for technical services, audit services and capital building were noted. After the discussion a motion was made by Councilman Shawn Macaulay to adopt the 2017 Town of Morristown budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gary Turner.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, Harvey Bender-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Chris Coffin-Aye
a. Sewer Relevy- A motion was made by Councilman Harvey Bender, and seconded by Councilman Gary Turner to adopt resolution # 6 of 2017 as follows:
Resolution #6 of 2016- Sewer Re-levy Authorization for the 2017 Budget:

Be It Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Morristown authorizes the re-levy of all unpaid sewer bills from Sewer District #1 and from Sewer District #2, from the year 2016, to the 2017 Town Tax Warrant.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, Harvey Bender-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Chris Coffin-Aye

2. IT Presentation- Supervisor Coffin asked Thomas Manley to give a presentation on the provision of information technology services for the Town. Mr. Manley outlined the needs of small government for infrastructure and security. He noted that he worked for many of the area small governments providing IT services and was familiar with many of the software vendors that small towns used. Mr. Manley noted that the Town's anti-virus service would expire in less than a month and recommended a more effective

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anti-virus service. Supervisor Coffin asked him if he could provide the replacement install as a one-time service. Mr. Manley said he could if the Town requested it.

3. **Sewer Districts**-The Board authorized the Supervisor to calculate the refund due Diana Gallucci and issue the refund. The authorization gave the supervisor a leeway of two hundred dollars from his estimated refund. Supervisor Coffin had no update on reconnecting the service. The motion to authorize was made by Councilman Gary Turner, and seconded by Councilman Shawn Macaulay.

4. **Ambulance & Fire Service Contract Renewals**- A motion was made by Councilman Shawn Macaulay, and seconded by Councilman Harvey Bender to authorize the supervisor to sign the ambulance and fire protection contracts with the Morristown Volunteer Fire Department.

5. **Resolution #7 Employee Benefits**- A motion was made by Councilman Shawn Macaulay, and seconded by Councilman Gary Turner, to adopt resolution #7 as follows:
Resolution #7 of 2016 - Resolution Concerning Medical Insurance benefits

Whereas, the Board wants to attract and retain good workers in Town positions, and **Whereas**, the Board intends to review total compensation including both salary and benefits in assessing reasonable compensation,

Therefore Be It Resolved, the Board may offer medical insurance coverage to employees who are not covered by a collective bargaining agreement under terms and conditions acceptable at the sole discretion of the Board to employees scheduled to work forty (40) or more hours a week. This shall not reduce or remove medical insurance coverage for any current Town employees.

6. **Other Old Business**- The Board reviewed a reimbursement request from Justice Jim Phillips for conference attendance. The Board had previously approved \$400.00, but the voucher received is for \$597.95. Supervisor Coffin stated that in his initial conversation with Judge Phillips the \$400 amount was an estimate and that somehow became part of the motion to approve that amount for the conference. The Board moved this item to the December meeting. The Clerk was asked to check Town policy concerning reimbursement.

New Business

1. **Budget Modifications**-Action was tabled to December to allow the Highway Superintendent to make a needed correction to the proposed modifications.
2. **Other New Business**- No other new business.

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Department & Committee Reports

1. **Highway Department-** A written report was given to the Board
2. **Code Enforcement-** A written report was presented and the Code Officer also updated the Board on the DEC dig operation at the former Edwardsville Grocery property.
3. **DPW-**Kevin Crosby stated that he was gathering quotes for repairs to district #1 pumps. He also noted that they had been doing a lot of small repairs in the district. In the course of doing these repairs they found a garage that had been built over the top of the sewer line. The Board directed the clerk to have the Town attorney write a letter to the homeowner asserting the Town's rights. Kevin Crosby was asked to get the information on this to the clerk.

Public Comment -None

Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned upon motion at 8:05 PM.

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