

**Town of Morristown  
November 14, 2017  
Executive Session  
Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Gary Turner, David VanArnam, Christopher Coffin, Shawn, Macaulay, Frank Putman  
**Also Present:** Andrew Silver (Attorney)

Supervisor Putman opened the meeting at 6:05 PM.

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

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Christopher Coffin-Aye, Shawn, Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

The Board entered into executive session at 6:05 PM.

At 6:24 the Board left executive session. Supervisor Putman reported that no action was taken by the Board while in executive session.

The meeting was adjourned upon motion at 6:25 PM.

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

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**Also Present:** Dean Hoffman(Highway), Christopher Sherwin(Codes), Thomas Bell III (Clerk of the Works), Joseph Lightfoot (District 3 Legislator)

**Public Hearing 2018 Town Budget**

Supervisor Putman opened the hearing at 7 PM and asked for public comment on the 2018 budget from the floor. There was no comment received. At 7:02 PM Supervisor Putman closed the hearing.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Councilman Coffin, and seconded by Councilman VanArnam to approve the minutes of 10/10, 10/18, 10/30, 2017 as presented.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Christopher Coffin-Aye, Shawn, Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

**Correspondence:** NYMIR mailings, letter from NYS on abandoned properties and letter from Association of Towns announcing a webinar for new elected officials.

**Public Comment 1:** Legislator Joseph Lightfoot spoke to the Board about the County joining the class action suit against drug companies who produce opioids. Also; the county is looking at legislators salaries, interviewing a candidate for the Public Health Directors position and has passed the 2018 County Budget. The county has secured 2 grants to reduce incarcerations by offering an alternative with home incarcerations.

**Old Business**

- 1. Sewer Districts Update:** Tom Bell informed the Board that an initial construction meeting was held on November 13<sup>th</sup> and that construction was in process. He stated that progress was slower than expected. This is due to very hard cap rock. Three rounds of blasting are expected. Trenching is complete and exposed mains will be spray foamed. Other remediation activities are going on. Some areas of the mains not included in the agreement are being replaced due to their shallow depth. The Town Clerk reported that his office had set up email lists and update announcements are being emailed to residents in the district, and posted to the Town's website and Facebook page.
- 2. 2018 Town Budget Review and Approval:** Councilman Coffin stated that the Board has previously reviewed the budget in detail and he expects the tax rate to remain the same. He noted that future expected expenses are being addressed with dedicated accounts. Supervisor Putman asked the Board for a motion to accept if they were ready to approve the 2018 Budget. A motion was made by Councilman Coffin, and seconded by Councilman VanArnam, to approve the 2018 Town Budget as presented.  
Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Christopher Coffin-Aye, Shawn, Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

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- 3. Local Laws – Exemptions:** The clerk informed the Board that they will receive both local laws at the December meeting.

**New Business**

- 1. Resolution #14 2017 Sewer Re-Levy:** A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam, and seconded by Councilman Turner, to adopt resolution #14 of 2017 as follows:  
Resolution # 14 of 2017- Sewer Re-Levy Authorization for the 2018 Budget  
Be It Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Morristown authorizes the re-levy of all unpaid 2017 sewer bills from Sewer District #1, in the amount of \$14,640.00, and authorizes the re-levy of all unpaid 2017 sewer bills from Sewer District #2, in the amount of \$22,000.68, to the 2018 Town Tax Warrant.  
Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Christopher Coffin-Aye, Shawn, Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

**Department Reports**

- 1. Highway Department:** A written report was given to the Board. Superintendent Hoffman informed the Board that the Town of Oswegatchie loaned a front- end loader to the highway while ours was being repaired. There is a chance that some FEMA money may be available to the Town because of the extreme rain events we experienced earlier this year.
- 2. Code Enforcement Office:** A written report was given to the Board. Code Enforcement Officer Sherwin discussed Zoning fees being increased in 2018. The Board okayed having the attorney write a local law.
- 3. Other-DPW**
  - a. Dyna- Vac Purchase**

**Public Comment 2-** No comment was received.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned upon motion at 7:45 PM.

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