

**Meeting Minutes
Town of Morristown
November 10, 2020**

Present: Gary Turner, Shawn Macaulay, Chris Coffin, Frank Putman (Virtual)

Absent: David VanArnam

Also Present: Dean Hoffman, Joe Lightfoot

Pledge of Allegiance led by Shawn Macaulay

Public Hearing 2021 Town Budget: Deputy Supervisor, Chris Coffin, opened the budget hearing for the 2021 budget at 7 PM. He noted that there were no members of the public present. Deputy Supervisor Coffin stated that the town tax rate for 2021 remains unchanged. The Board commented that they had no comment regarding the budget as presented. The budget hearing was closed at 7:04 PM.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Councilman Macaulay, and seconded by Councilman Turner, to approve the minutes of October 13, 2020 as presented.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Chris Coffin-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

Correspondence

1. **C.C.R.P.-** Mailing for Board review.
2. **Minutes of Morristown Recreation Committee**

Public Comment: County Legislator, Joseph Lightfoot spoke to the Board about sales tax negotiations with the City of Ogdensburg, The County budget and the REDI Grant Phase 2.

Old Business

1. **Supervisors Update:** Deputy Supervisor Coffin noted that the 2020 Consolidation money was received by the Town with a reduction of 20%. Sales tax for the 4th quarter was received at a higher amount then estimated. The increase in sales tax makes up the amount cut by the state from the consolidation funds.
2. **REDI Grant Update:** The Board agreed to ask the County Engineer and the County Highway Department for assistance in pursuing a dredging project as phase 2 of the REDI Grant. The supervisor and deputy supervisor will work together on the proposal.
3. **Bayside Park Dock Repair Grant Update:** The village records on the project were located and an engineer from AOK Engineering spent an afternoon copying them. The records were then submitted to FEMA.
4. **2021 Town Budget Resolution to Approve:** Deputy Supervisor Putman asked the Board if they were prepared to approve the 2021 Town Budget before them. A motion was made by Councilman Turner to approve the 2021 Town Budget as presented. The motion to approve was seconded by Councilman Macaulay.
Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Chris Coffin-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye
5. **DANC Report:** For information only.
6. **Street Light Conversion Update:** Currently the conversion to LED's is approximately 95% complete.

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New Business

1. 2021 Budget Re-levies Resolution: Councilman Macaulay moved Resolution 15 Sewer and Water Re-Levy as follows: Resolution # 15 of 2020 Sewer Re-Levy Authorization for the 2021 Budget

Be It Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Morristown authorizes the re-levy of all unpaid 2020 sewer bills from Sewer District #1, in the amount of \$13,073.50, authorizes the re-levy of all unpaid 2020 sewer bills from Sewer District #2, in the amount of \$6,758.15, authorizes the re-levy of all unpaid 2020 sewer bills from Sewer District #3 in the amount of \$24,221.63, and authorizes the re-levy of all unpaid 2020 water bills from Water District #1, in the amount of \$19,539.49, for a total re-levy of \$63,592.77 to the 2021 Town Tax Warrant.

The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Turner.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Chris Coffin-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

2. Set 2021 Sewer and Water Rates: 2021 rates will remain unchanged to allow for more data gathering on costs and expenses.

3. End of Year Meeting Date: Tabled to December meeting.

4. DANC Contract Offer: The Board received the proposed 2- year contract from DANC for review and action at the December meeting.

5. NYSDOT Hamlet Speed Limit Establishment: The Town will need to proceed with the process for re-establishing the speed limits in the hamlet. Current limits will be in effect until that is done.

6. Life Flight Resolution: Councilman Macaulay moved Resolution #14 of 2020 as follows: **Resolution #14 of 2020 Life Flight**

WHEREAS: North Country Life Flight, Inc. is a not for profit, tax exempt corporation which is responsible for all aspects of patient care by providing medical equipment, training, medical personnel and administering the medical portion utilizing the New York State Police helicopter based in Saranac Lake, and,

WHEREAS: The New York State Police aviation resources do not provide a medically trained team or medical equipment for patient transports; and

WHEREAS: The people of Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton and St. Lawrence Counties receive a vital emergency medical service which is free of charge to critically ill and seriously injured patients, and, therefore municipal governments are asked to pledge monies for this worthwhile program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Town Board of the **Town of Morristown** hereby authorizes the Supervisor to enter into a contract with North Country Life Flight, Inc. for the purpose of operating the medical component of the Medivac program, which will serve its residents and visitors, and paying the amount of \$150.00, which represents the Towns share for 2021; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the sum of \$150.00 is hereby appropriated to account No. A – 4989.4 for payment to North Country Life Flight, Inc.

The resolution was seconded by Councilman Turner

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Chris Coffin-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

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New Business Cont.

- 7. Exemption Income Ceilings:** The Board reviewed the exemption income ceilings and agreed to keep them the same in 2021. To that end a motion was made by Councilman Turner and seconded by Councilman Macaulay to keep the income ceiling of \$18,00 in place for 2021 with no changes.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Chris Coffin-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

- 8.** The Board asked the clerk to contact the Town attorney for guidance on selling Town property. They also directed the clerk to check with real property on the parcel in question.

Department Reports

Highway Department: Highway Superintendent Dean Hoffman reported that winter sand was done, and he will have on hand 150 tons of road salt. All trucks are ready to go for the plow season. The question of winter water usage was discussed, and estimates will need to be calculated.

Code Enforcement Office: No report available

Sewer Districts: DPW staff will be putting in markers before the ground freezes for sewer and water valves.

The meeting was adjourned upon motion at 8 PM.

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