

**Meeting Minutes
Town of Morristown
November 09, 2021**

Present: Gary Turner, David VanArnam, Shawn Macaulay, Chris Coffin

Absent: Frank Putman

Also Present: Gregg Mallette (Codes), Jill Sullivan (Town Clerk Elect), Joe Lightfoot (County Legislator)

By Zoom: Tom Bell, Dakota Casserly (County Planning Office)

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Chris Coffin

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam to approve the minutes of October 12, 2021, as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner.

Vote: David VanArnam-Aye, Gary Turner-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Chris Coffin-Aye

Correspondence: The Board received a flyer from Lights in the Harbor holiday event.

Public Comment

- 1. County Planning:** Dakota Casserly from the County Planning Office gave a presentation to the Board via Zoom on a multi stakeholder project on Black Lake. Mr. Casserly told the Board that Black Lake has a \$16 million dollar impact on the local economy. Black Lake has thirty-one miles of shoreline in the Town of Morristown. The project is to study how to manage Eurasian milfoil in the lake. This is a cooperative project between the County, the Black Lake Association. Several meetings are being held in the Town. The Planning Board is looking for 1 Town Board member to serve as a point of contact to share information out.

Public Hearing: Tax Cap Local Law: Deputy Supervisor Coffin opened a public hearing to take comment on the proposed Tax Cap Local Law. There were no comments from the public. Deputy Supervisor Coffin closed the hearing.

Public Hearing: 2022 Town Budget: Deputy Supervisor Coffin opened a public hearing to take comment on the 2022 Town budget. No comments from the public were received. Deputy Supervisor Coffin closed the hearing.

Old Business

- 1. Supervisors Update:** Deputy Supervisor Coffin stated that there would be a meeting on 11/10 at 11 AM on the Water System Project with DANC.
- 2. Capital Replacement Planning:** No update.

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3. Tax Cap Local Law: A resolution was brought by Councilman VanArnam to adopt Local Law #1 of 2021 Tax Cap Law. Councilman Macaulay seconded the resolution.

Vote: David VanArnam-Aye, Gary Turner-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Chris Coffin-Aye

4. 2022 Town Budget Approval Resolution: Deputy Supervisor Coffin stated the tax rate would stay the same in 2022. A slight increase in sales tax is expected but the budget will use less of it. It is expected that the Town will bring in a replacement for the deputy bookkeeper and the budget include extra for a 6- month position for transitional training. Several areas of the new budget were adjusted to fund the extra position. Councilman VanArnam moved a resolution the adopt the 2022 Town Budget as presented. The resolution was seconded by Councilman Turner.

Vote: David VanArnam-Aye, Gary Turner-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Chris Coffin-Aye The resolution asses and the 2022 Town Budget is adopted.

5. Teamsters Contract: No new information was available at this time.

6. State Boat Launch: The Clerk composed a letter to NYS Parks and Recreation stating the Boards willingness to discuss assuming responsibility for the operation of the Black Lake Boat Launch. That letter will be hand delivered by the Supervisor to Parks and Recreation.

7.Incorporation of Village Zoning Law into Town Zoning Law: Deputy Supervisor Coffin explained that the process of amending the Town Land Use Code is a long process and will not be completed during the 2-year period after Village dissolution. To provide guidance for the Town Zoning Board he would like the Town to adopt a local law incorporating the existing Village Zoning Law in the current Town Land Use Code. This will give the Town time to carefully amend the Town Land Use Code. The Board agreed and set a public Hearing on December 14th at 7 PM.

8.Other-New Clerk Training: Deputy Supervisor Coffin stated he is committed to having government run effectively. He said an overlap in training for the new clerk would be money well spent and the Board agreed. Councilman Coffin stated that Supervisor Putman is not supportive of having the new clerk starting early and feels January 1st is when the new clerk should start. Councilman Macaulay made a motion to have the clerk elect start on November 29th with the salary and benefits as per the agreement in place. The motion was seconded by Councilman VanArnam

Vote: David VanArnam-Aye, Gary Turner-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Chris Coffin-Aye

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New Business

1. Donation Lights on the Bay: Deputy Supervisor Coffin stated that he had spoken with Jill Martin from Morristown Promotions. They have pulled back their request for a donation for the time being. There is a problem at the event location with a sufficient electric supply.

2. Budget Modifications/Amendments:

Budget Amendment- A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam to approve the Budget Amendment as presented.

Budget Amendment

General A

Revenue 1. Increase A1120: Non Property Tax (Sales Tax) \$122,200.00

Appropriation 2. Increase A7230.4: Marine & Docks \$122,200.00

The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner.

Vote: David VanArnam-Aye, Gary Turner-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Chris Coffin-Aye

Budget Modifications

A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam to approve the budget modifications as presented.

Budget Modifications 11/09/2021

General Fund

1. From: A1990.4-Contingent	To: A1220.4 Supervisor Contractual	\$2,107.00
2. " " "	A1330.4 Tax Collector Contractual	\$ 380.00
3. " " "	A1910.4 Insurance	\$ 4,960.00
4. " " "	A4540.4 Ambulance Contractual	\$ 250.00
5. " " "	A7410.4 Library Contractual	\$2,303.00
6. From: A1355.2 Assessor Equipment	To: " " "	\$ 948.00
7. From: A1620.2 Buildings Equipment	To: " " "	\$ 1,000.00
8. From: A5132.2 Garage Equipment	To: A9055.8 Disability	\$ 1,101.00
9. From: A5410.4 Sidewalk Contractual	To: A9060.8 Health Insurance	<u>\$ 4,100.00</u>
		\$17,149.00

Highway Fund

1. From: DA 5112.1 Perm. Improvement Salary	To: DA 5110.1 General Repairs Salary	<u>\$ 714.00</u>
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Sewer District #1

1. From SS1-8120.2 Sewer Equipment	To: SS1-8110.1 Administration Salary	\$10,000.00
2. " " "	To: SS1-8120.4 Sewer Contractual	\$ 2,000.00
3. From: SS1-9060.8 Health Insurance	To: SS1-9030.8 Social Security	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
		\$ 13,000.00

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Sewer District #2

1. From: SS2-8110.4 Administration Contractual	To: SS2-8130.4 Treatment Disposal	\$ 288.00
2. From: “ “ “	To: SS2-9030.8 Social Security	\$ 142.00
3. From: SS2-8120.2 Sewer Equipment	To: SS2-8110.1 Administration Salary	\$ 6,500.00
		<u>\$6,930.00</u>

Sewer District #3

1. From: SS3-8110.4 Administration Contractual	To: SS3-9030.8 Social Security	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
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Water District

1. From: SW8110.4 Administration Contractual	To: SW8330.4 Water Purification	\$16,518.00
2. From: SW8320.2 Source Supply Pwr. Pump Equip	To: “ “ “	\$ 7,000.00
3. From: SW8320.4 Source Supply Pwr. Pump Contr.	To: “ “ “	\$12,193.00
4. From: SW8340.2 Water Trans & Dist. Equipment	To: “ “ “	\$ 4,800.00
5. From: SW8340.4 “ “ “ Contr.	To: “ “ “	\$ 6,272.00
6. From: SW9010.8 Retirement	To: “ “ “	\$ 1,058.00
7. From: SW8110.1 Administration Salary	To: SW8330.4 Water Purif. Contr.	<u>\$ 4,000.00</u>
		\$51,841.00

Councilman Macaulay seconded the motion.

Vote: David VanArnam-Aye, Gary Turner-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Chris Coffin-Aye

- 3. Set Date for End of Year Meeting:** The Board set the date of the End of Year meeting for December 28, 2021, at 7 PM.
- 4. Resolution Opposing Closure of the Ogdensburg Correctional Facility:** Councilman VanArnam spoke to the Board concerning the need for the Town to pass a resolution opposing closure of the OFC in Ogdensburg. The Clerk was directed to prepare a resolution.
- 5. River View Street Additional Streetlights:** The Board discussed the need to improve lighting on River View Street. Someone will need to get pole numbers so the clerk can write to National Grid requesting additional lighting.
- 6. Parkway Lighting:** The Board has received complaints about the lack of a streetlight in the immediate vicinity of the former Parkway store on State Highway 37. The Board directed the Clerk to include the request along with the River View Street lighting request.

Department Reports

Highway Department: No report is available.

Code Enforcement: Written report available. The Code Enforcement Officer presented an amended fee schedule for Board approval. After review, a motion was made by Councilman VanArnam to approve the amended fees schedule as presented for building permits and associated permits with a requested correction in wordage. Councilman Macaulay seconded the motion.

Vote: David VanArnam-Aye, Gary Turner-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Chris Coffin-Aye

County: Joe Lightfoot spoke to the Board about various County issues including the County 2022 budget, sales tax on fuel oil and new county garages outside the village of Canton.

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The meeting was adjourned upon motion at 8:30 PM

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