

**Town of Morristown
Regular Monthly Meeting
October 12, 2010 7 PM**

Present: Frank Putman, Gary Turner, Mark Blanchard, David Stout III, Howard Warren
Also Present: Michael Bogart, Kay Davis, Kathy Bateman, Kevin Crosby, Joseph Lightfoot, Tim Burley, Jay Berkman, Jason Clark

Approval of Minutes A motion was made by Councilman Warren, seconded by Councilman Turner to approve the minutes of September 14, 2010 with a noted correction to change the spelling of Cooke under the Sand Bid item.

Vote: F. Putman-Aye, G. Turner-Aye, M. Blanchard-Aye, D. Stout III-Aye, H. Warren-Aye

Public Comment Period No comment received
Correspondence-

Old Business

- 1. River Road East Sewer Project** –Engineer Tim Burley introduced Jay Berkman from his firm who has been conducting interviews with River Road East property owners. The plan is to finish the final connection surveys in October, submit plan revisions to the DEC for approval in November and secure distribution of temporary easement letters. Next bids will be advertised and let in late December 2010 January 2011 with work on the main line starting in March or April 2011. How to handle very small parcels, drainage issues and revising the local law, pre-blasting surveys and increased insurance for contractors was also discussed. The Clerk was directed to contact NYMIR on their experience with increased insurance coverage for projects involving blasting
- 2. Town Hall Project**-Karl Bender, Kay Davis, Howard Warren and Kevin Crosby need to visit the site and update the site plan so the path and location of the sewer, water and other utilities can be identified.
- 3. Dog Control**-A motion was made by Councilman Stout, seconded by Councilman Turner to authorize a dog enumeration for 2010.
Vote: F. Putman-Aye, G. Turner-Aye, M. Blanchard-Aye, D. Stout III-Aye, H. Warren-Aye
- 4. Security Items-** A motion was made by Councilman Warren and seconded by Councilman Blanchard to authorize the supervisor to enter into a contract with NCC Systems for annual monitoring of the Town office fire and security systems.
Vote: F. Putman-Aye, G. Turner-Aye, M. Blanchard-Aye, D. Stout III-Aye, H. Warren-Aye
The Board also agreed to purchase 3 additional safety pendants for the town clerk, the assessor and the code officer.

5. Fuel Oil Bids- Supervisor Putman opened the sole bid received and read it aloud. The 1 bid received was from Morristown Fuel and Supply. The bid for # 2 fuel oil delivered to the town offices and the Highway barn was for a discount of 22 cents per gallon of the regular cash price on the day of delivery.

A motion was made by Councilman Stout and seconded by Councilman Warren to award the bid to Morristown Fuel and Supply as per the bid.

Vote: F. Putman-Aye, G. Turner-Aye, M. Blanchard-Aye, D. Stout III-Aye, H. Warren-Aye

6. 2010 Town Audit- Responses have been received from two of the three accounting firms Solicited for proposals. The Board asked the clerk to set up a meeting with representatives of the firms with the Supervisor.

7. Court Audit- Board will wait as the town audit would cover the Courts financial records.

8. Planning Board Vacancy –No candidates yet. Add was placed in the paper and an article was also written.

New Business

- 1. Life Flight-** Resolution # 19 of 2010 was moved by Supervisor Putman and seconded by Councilman Turner as follows:

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 private fixed-wing aviation resources; and

WHEREAS: The New York State Police and private fixed-wing 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 Countries 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 medevac program, which will serve its residents and visitors, and paying the amount of \$ 150.00 which represents the Town's share for 2011; and be it

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the sum of \$ 150.00 is hereby appropriated to Account No. B4989.4 for payment to North Country LIFE FLIGHT, Inc

Vote: F. Putman-Aye, G. Turner-Aye, M. Blanchard-Aye, D. Stout III-Aye, H. Warren-Aye

2. **2011 Budget** The Supervisor presented the 2011 Tentative Budget to the Board for their review. A budget work meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, October 26 at 6 PM.

3. **Sewer Re-Levy Resolution-** Resolution # 20 of 2010 was moved by Councilman Warren and seconded by Councilman Stout as follows:
Resolution # 20 of 2010 Sewer Relevy for 2011
Resolved the Town of Morristown authorizes the re-levy of all unpaid sewer bills for 2010, in the amount of \$---- to the 2011 tax warrant.

Vote: F. Putman-Aye, G. Turner-Aye, M. Blanchard-Aye, D. Stout III-Aye, H. Warren-Aye

4. **Justice Grant Resolution** -Resolution # 21 of 2010 was moved by Supervisor Putman and seconded by Councilman Blanchard as follows:
Resolution # 21 of the Year 2010 Justice Court Grant

WHEREAS, the Town of Morristown shall make application to the Justice Court Assistance Program for 2011; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board shall seek financial assistance from the Justice Court Assistance Program, grant request not to exceed the sum of \$30,000.00, for needed modifications and upgrades to the Town of Morristown Justice Court ; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board shall authorize the Supervisor to make all necessary applications to the Justice Court Assistance Program.

Vote: F. Putman-Aye, G. Turner-Aye, M. Blanchard-Aye, D. Stout III-Aye, H. Warren-Aye

5. **Rooftop Highway Funding Request** Jason Clark from the proposed I-98 highway made a presentation to the Board on the status of the project. He stated they are in the pre-engineering phase and doing a tiered EIS. Mr. Clark asked the town for funding to assist in the public awareness campaign. He stated the project will create 27 thousand jobs. All funds received will be held and distributed by the St. Lawrence County IDA. The Board agreed to consider the request.

6. **Cemetery-** The Board reviewed a letter from Don Ceresoli, Sr. concerning the cost of disinterments. Such costs will be negotiated and included in the next contract.

Committee Reports

PDM – Waiting for flood risk area determinations. The committee will meet to identify problem areas that presented during the last heavy rain event.

Department Reports

Code Enforcement Officer- A written monthly report was handed out and an update was given on the Dockside hotel project and the Edwardsville store issue.

Assessor- A report was given on the new options for assessment cycles. Topographic maps have been ordered for the PDM Committee.

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Highway Superintendent- Handed out written report. Discussed ceiling project at Town Barn and future open house to highlight the recent energy efficiency upgrades. Also discussed the recent flooding.

Sewer District- Kevin Crosby reported a quiet month. One pot was repaired. Electrical upgrades have not been entirely finished but are expected to be finished soon.

Dog Control Officer-No written report available.

Legislators Report- Joe Lightfoot reported on the proposed County budget and levy increase of 3%. The budget process will be finalized by the end of November.

Meeting adjourned upon motion at 9:25 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by David Murray, Town Clerk