

**Regular Monthly Meeting  
Town of Morristown  
October 11, 2011**

Board Members Present: Gary. Turner, Mark Blanchard, Howard Warren, Frank Putman  
G. Turner, David Stout III – present at 7:25  
Also Present: Kay Davis, Joe Lightfoot, Chet Truskowski, Kevin Crosby

Approval of Minutes of September 13, 2011:

A motion was made by Councilman Warren, and seconded by Councilman Turner to approve the minutes of September 13, 2011 as presented.

Vote: Turner – Aye, Blanchard – Aye, Warren – Aye, Putman - Aye

Correspondence –letter was sent to Frank, made copies and Frank added it to the agenda for item # 6

Public Comment Period: None

**Old Business**

**1. Sewer Project** – Pat answered that work has begun on the project. Letters have been sent out concerning the blasting and information is now on the website.

7:04 – Meeting suspended temporarily to hold the scheduled public hearing.

7:04 – Hearing on Castle Cable Franchise opened at 7:04 PM.

Chet Truskowski informed the Board that they are stringing cable presently in area 1, which is Alex Bay. Their next areas are Brier Hill and Jacques Cartier respectively. There was no public comment.

7The Public Hearing was closed at 7:07 PM on a motion by Supervisor Putman and seconded by Councilman Warren.

Vote: Turner – Aye, Blanchard – Aye, Warren – Aye, Putman - Aye

Regular Meeting reopened at 7:07 PM.

**2. Health Insurance-** Supervisor Putman asked the Town of Hammond to respond concerning their insurance. Frank will address it this week to find out more information. This needs to be done before the insurance renewal date.

**3. Wind Law:** Kay is meeting with Andy Silver to review the changes made to the wind law draft later in October. Tabled.

**Other:** No other old business.

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**New Business**

1) **Assessor:** The board will review the information that Supervisor Putman has gathered at the Budget Work Session on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

2) **Budget:** The Board will review the budget worksheets on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

3) **Award of Fuel Bid:** Only one fuel bid was received and that was from Morristown Fuel & Supply. The bid was for a \$ .22 discount per gallon if paid in cash. Fuel bid was for \$3.39 - .22 = \$3.19 per gallon subject to change as the price fluctuates.

A motion to accept the bid from Morristown Fuel and Supply for cash price less a 22 cent discount was made by Councilman Warren and seconded by Supervisor Putman.

Vote: Turner – Aye, Blanchard – Aye, Warren – Aye, Putman - Aye

4) **Castle Cable Franchise** – Board will vote at the October 18<sup>th</sup> work session.

5) **Massena Airport Resolution:** Frank asked if everyone had read it. Howard stated that they just needed our support.

A motion was made by Councilman Turner and seconded by Councilman Blanchard to move resolution # 9 of 2011 as follows:

**Resolution # 9 of 2011**

**Runway Extension of the Massena International Airport**

**Whereas:** The Massena International Airport has the potential to attract thousands of our Canadian neighbors to utilize its services, and

**Whereas:** Getting an influx of thousands of people creates the potential for creating business for St. Lawrence and Franklin Counties, and an increase in sales tax revenue, which will affect everyone in a positive manner, and

**Whereas:** The existing runway at the Massena International Airport is not long enough to accommodate commercial jet service, now therefore be it

**Resolved:** That the Town of Morristown Town Board does hereby support the Town of Massena  
Vote: Turner – Aye, Blanchard – Aye, Warren – Aye, Putman - Aye

6. **Other- Sewer Hookup** – (letter in folder that was sent to Frank) – Joan Rodgers wanted to be unhooked from Sewer District #1. Kevin Crosby stated that they need to dig up/unhook and then it needs to be visually inspected before it can be removed from the billing. The Board authorized the Rodgers family to remove 1 hookup. The Clerk was directed to send a letter to the Rogers stating that if it is reconnected in the future they will be billed retroactively from the time it was disconnected. If the property is purchased by someone new, there would not be retroactive billing. The Board suggested that David send a copy of the law with the letter.

Frank asked Kevin about the rumor that the village will service the new Sewer Project. Kevin said that he does what he is told – if the village tells him he is to service it, he will.

Kevin – speaking on Sewer Project Payments with the Village Project and DASNY reimbursement is now taking up to 45 days to pay.

Joe Lightfoot - spoke about the under utilization of the Meal Program at the Fire Hall. Only 40 people are taking advantage of it – offered at a discount price to 60 years or older. Discussion was had as to how information about this service is made public. Suggestions include a sign on the marquee in front of the Fire Station and perhaps on the Town Website – monthly menus. Also spoke about the upcoming budget and concerns about a higher deficit than they are expecting. Mentioned Medicare and a cap / Native Americans and gaming funds – They are saying that they (the state) violated the agreement by allowing slot machines in state.

### **Department Reports**

**Code Enforcement Officer** – (report handed out) permits are up from last year, 8 new homes Gary Turner brought up concerns about a residence on County Route 6 and unregistered vehicles on the property. Kay said that the law states that if a vehicle can move 20 feet on its own accord, it's good. Kay said that she would visit again.

Councilman Turner also brought up homes outside of Brier Hill – three places are empty with articles outside. Time limit for owners who rent is 6 months before they can throw anything out.

**Highway Superintendent** –report handed out to the Board

New cover for Salt Barn – thanked Dave Stout for sending his workers.

Mentioned that there was vandalism in past with the cover – talked about putting fence up but too expensive. Discussion on the use of a camera. There seems to be an extra camera – Mike is going to look into it. Also discussed that it was time that the cameras in the cemeteries need to be looked at.

**Sewer District #1** -Kevin reports valves wouldn't open on Schulman's house. The system, generally, is fine.

**Dog Control Officer**-Written report handed out to the Board.

Motion to adjourn at 7:55

Minutes recorded by and respectfully submitted by M. Patricia Reagan, Deputy Clerk