

**Meeting Minutes  
Town of Morristown  
October 13, 2020**

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

**Absent:** Frank Putman

**Also Present:** Dean Hoffman (Highway), Chris Sherwin (Codes), Joe Lightfoot (St. Law. Cty.)

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Shawn Macaulay

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Councilman Macaulay to approve the minutes of September 8, 2020 and September 30, 2020, as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner.

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

**Correspondence:** None

**Old Business**

1. **Supervisors Update:** Tabled
2. **REDI Grant Update:** Tabled
3. **Bayside Park Dock Repair Grant Update:** The extension was approved by the administrative agency.
4. **2021 Town Budget:**

General Fund

- Fire Protection-\$1,000
- Codes-Equipment request-scanner
- Garage-Generator-\$14,000
- Bayside Park increase number of floating docks Increase \$5,000
- Historian- Increase annual salary to \$1,400
- Celebrations – Increased
- Added in consolidation support to revenue line
- Pay Raise for Judges-Councilman VanArnam opposed pay raise for the judges. Stated that they are only part time, so they should not receive a raise. The Board was in agreement. Board direct the bookkeeper to remove the raise from the line item.
- Health insurance increased in General Fund
- Balance of revenue transferred into buildings line at \$53,000

Highway Fund

- Retirement-increase of \$11,714
  - Surplus Revenue of \$21,000 transferred to equipment budget
- At the end of the 2020 budget year the is \$348,000 in the General Fund and \$502,000 in the Highway fund.

5. **Sale of Town Property:** Tabled
6. **DANC Report:** Provided for information only.
7. **Street Light Conversion Update:** National Grid has been doing a survey so it would appear that the conversion will happen soon.

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8. **Town Signs:** Tabled
9. **Report of Overview of Village Financial Records:** Board agreed that the report was accepted.
10. **Ridge View Tel Request:** Looking for a copy of the existing contract.

**New Business**

1. **Tax Cap Local Law Set Public Hearing:** Waiting to receive advisement from the state.
2. **Life Flight Resolution:** Coming up at the November regular meeting.
3. **Halloween:** The Town had received requests from the public for guidance on what the Towns take on trick or treating in Halloween 2020 is. After discussion Councilman Macaulay moved a resolution that the Town of Morristown strongly advises Trick or Treaters and members of the public to follow the guidelines offered by the New York State Department of Health and the CDC for Halloween. The Resolution was seconded by Councilman Turner.

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

**Department Reports**

**Highway Department:** Superintendent Hoffman stated that the Highway just finished 3.5 miles of paving. CHIPS funding was cut by 20% in 2020. Winter road sand is 50% complete. A **160-foot** section of sidewalk will be replaced at the Catholic church. The Church will pay for materials and the Town will do the work. Some further sidewalk repairs will be done at various locations in the hamlet. There was a sewer pipe collapse at 315 Main Street between the main connection and into the building. The homeowner was responsible for the repairs. The Town Highway assisted.

**Code Enforcement Office:** A written report was presented to the Board for review.

**Sewer/Water Districts:** Both sludge tanks have been pumped and cleaned.

**County:** County Legislator, Joe Lightfoot, reported on various County issues to the Board. He covered increased sales tax revenues, state reduction in funding to local governments and the extension of the census deadline to December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Next Meeting Date:** October 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM Budget work meeting  
November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned upon motion at 8 PM.

Minutes prepared and respectfully submitted by David Murray, Town Clerk