

**Town of Morristown
Regular Monthly Meeting
September 8, 2009 7 PM
Meeting Location: Town Offices, 604 Main Street**

A motion was made by Councilman Warren, seconded by Councilman Turner to approve the minutes of August 11, 2009 as presented.

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

Public Comment Period- A question was asked about who would pay for the new sewer district, where the new town hall would be located and what could be done about buildings in the town that were not visually pleasing.

Correspondence

Old Business

1. Time Warner Cable Contract-A letter has been sent to Time Warner from Attorney Silver outlining changes that he is requesting.

2. ZBA and Planning Board Vacancies-The Board put forward Dan Lockhart, Jane Fay and Barbara Whitman for appointment to either the ZBA or the Planning Board. A motion was made by Councilman Warren, seconded by Councilman Blanchard to appoint Jane Fay for the remainder of the unexpired term (12/31/2010, currently vacant on the Planning Board.

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

3. Teamsters Contract- tabled

4. Notice of Highway Defects Law-A motion was made by Councilman Stout, seconded by Councilman Warren to adopt Local Law # 1 of 2009 as follows:

Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2009

Notice of Highway Defects

A local law providing for written notification of defects and obstructions on town highways, bridges, streets, sidewalks, crosswalks and culverts in the Town of Morristown.

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Morristown in the County of St. Lawrence as Follows:

Section 1. No civil actions shall be maintained against the town or town supervisor, town council or town council members, town superintendent of highways or any town employee for damages or injuries to person or property sustained by reason of any highway, bridge, street, sidewalk, crosswalk or culvert being defective in any way, out of repair, unsafe, dangerous or obstructed unless prior written notice of such defective, unsafe, dangerous, or obstructed condition of such highway, bridge, street, sidewalk, crosswalk or culvert was actually given to the town clerk or town superintendent of highways, and there was a failure or neglect by the town within a reasonable time after the giving of such notice to repair or remove the defect, danger or obstruction complained of. No such action shall be maintained for damages or injuries to person or property sustained solely in consequence of the existence of snow or ice upon any highway, bridge, street, sidewalk, crosswalk or culvert, unless written notice thereof, specifying the particular place, was actually given to the town clerk or town superintendent of highways and

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There was failure or neglect to cause such snow or ice to be removed, or to make the place otherwise reasonably safe within a reasonable time after the receipt of such notice.

Section 2. The town superintendent of highways shall transmit in writing to the town clerk within five days after the receipt thereof all written notices received pursuant to this local law and subdivision 2 of section 65-a of the Town Law. The town clerk shall cause all written notices received pursuant to this local law and subdivision 2 of section 65-a of the Town Law, to be presented to the town board within five days of the receipt thereof or at the next succeeding town board meeting whichever shall be sooner.

Section 3. This local law shall supersede in its application to the Town of Morristown subdivisions 1 and 3 of section 65-a of the Town Law.

Section 4. This local law shall take effect immediately upon its filing in the office of the Secretary of State.

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

5. Budget Modifications-Tabled

6. Drainage District Expiration- Information update only.

7. Winter Sand Bids-Only 1 sealed bid was received from Cooke's Sand and Gravel. The bid was for \$6.75 per ton delivered for screened winter sand. A motion was made by Supervisor Putman, seconded by Councilman Turner to award the winter sand bid to Cooke's Sand & Gravel for the bid price of \$6.75 per ton delivered.

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8. Surplus Door Bids-Two sealed bids were received. The bids were as follows: Perkins Garage \$55.00 per door or \$110.00 for the pair, and Les Hargrave \$125.00 for the pair. A motion was made by Supervisor Putman, seconded by Councilman Stout to accept the high bid from Les Hargrave for \$125.00 for the pair of doors.

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9. Board response - Mr. Lightfoot – The Board tabled any response until they can review the County's ideas for balancing the budget.

10. Town Hall

A. Land sale status- Supervisor will contact attorney to set closing date and attend as Town's representative.

B. Design – Mark Bender discussed revisiting the design of the new building, reducing the size, using a steel shell, conceptual costing, cost vs. design ratios, and financing.

11. Court Financial Audit- Board members will meet and review court financial records with Carol. This will occur after Frank talks with Carol.

12. Littering Signs- Councilman Turner discussed putting up no littering signs around the Town that indicate the fine structure. A motion was made by Councilman Turner, seconded by Supervisor Putman to authorize the purchase and placement of 6 no littering signs around the Town.

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New Business

1. **Budget Meeting** – The Board set the first budget meeting for Tuesday, October 6, 2009 at 6 PM. Clerk will advertise.
2. **2009-2010 Fuel Oil Bids** – A motion was made by Councilman Stout, seconded by Supervisor Putman, to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for bids for #2 fuel oil, unleaded gasoline, and on road/off road low sulfur diesel fuel.

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3. **Local Government Conference**- if anyone is going return registration forms soon
4. **Pine Hill Cemetery**- A damaged maple tree needs to be removed. Superintendent Bogart will obtain quotes from tree services for the October Meeting.

Committee Reports

Wind Energy – No report available

Department Reports

Code Enforcement Officer -Away

Assessor -Away

Highway Superintendent – Written report was handed out. The annual Highway Inventory Report was filed with the Town Clerk.

Dog Control Officer- written report handed out

Adjournment 8:40 PM