

**Regular Monthly Meeting
Town of Morristown
September 13, 2011**

Present: Frank Putman, Gary Turner, Mark Blanchard, David Stout III, Howard Warren
Also Present: Mike Bogart, Kevin Crosby, G. Thomas Bertrand, Jr., Jim Phillips, Jr., Joe Lightfoot

Meeting convened at 7 PM

Approval of Minutes A motion was made by Councilman Warren, seconded by Councilman Stout, to accept the minutes of August 9, 2011 as presented.

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

Correspondence

Public Comment Period-No Public Comment

Old Business

1. **Sewer Project** – A short update was presented. Project will start September 26th. A few easements remain to be completed.
2. **Health Insurance** –Waiting for a response from Teamsters. Tom Bertrand asked the Board if a new plan would be provided to elected officials not currently covered by the Teamsters plan or if not would those uncovered officials be offered the old current plan. The Board did not offer an answer.
3. **Wind Law**- A draft with comments and notes from the Town Attorney's review was distributed to the board for their review.
4. **Resolution #8-Speed Zone CR 2**- Supervisor Putman moved to adopt, and was seconded by Councilman Blanchard, Resolution #8 of 2011 as follows:

Resolution # 8 of 2011

Resolution Requesting the Saint Lawrence County Department of Transportation to Extend an Area Speed Zone along County Route 2

Whereas, the Town of Morristown is in receipt of a petition from residents living on County Route 2 requesting an extension of the speed zone for safety reasons.
and

Whereas, the Town of Morristown is desirous of ensuring the safety and well being of its residents and wishes to act on said petition of its concerned residents,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, the Town of Morristown requests the Saint Lawrence County Department of Transportation extend the area speed Zone along County Route 2.

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

5. **Justice Court Grant**- The Board reviewed a quote from Mourick Mechanicals for a new air conditioner and a standby generator. The Board also discussed scanning and shredding court records and the equipment and software associated with that process. The Board agreed that document shredding and some sort of A/C upgrade is important. The Board asked Justice Phillips to configure the grant in the direction at his discretion.

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New Business

1. Resignation of Assessor- 5 applications for the vacant position of Assessor were received. The Board set Monday, September 26th at 7 PM for interviews. The Clerk will send out letters to all the applicants.

2. 2012 Budget- The Supervisor will notify the Board and the Clerk when a budget workshop will be scheduled.

3. 2011-2012 Fuel Bid- A motion was made by Supervisor Putman, seconded by Councilman Turner to advertise for # 2 heating fuel for the 2011-2012 heating season, delivered to the Town Hall and the Town Highway Barn, bids to be received by October 10th at close of business and opened and read publicly at the October 11th regular monthly meeting

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

4. Highway Department Policy- A motion was made by Supervisor Putman, seconded by Councilman Stout to enter into executive session to discuss matters relating the employment history of particular individuals in the employment of the Town of Morristown.

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

The Board entered into executive session at 7:45 PM and left session at 7:55 PM.

Supervisor Putman reported that no action was taken during executive session.

5. Castle Cable Franchise-The Board asked the clerk to invite a representative from Castle Cable to attend a special meeting on September 28th at 6:30 PM to provide additional information they want.

6. Other- Brier Hill Post Office Closure-Councilman Stout asked the Board to support the effort to keep the Brier Hill Post Office open by writing letters, personally. A motion was made by Supervisor Putman, seconded by Councilman Stout, to send a letter of support for keeping the office open, from the Town.

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

The Board also asked that postage and mailing be done more often at the Brier Hill Post Office.

7. Other- A motion was made by Supervisor Putman, seconded by Councilman Stout to authorize the use of Town Highway personnel and equipment to assist the Brier Hill Fire Department with site work on their fire hall community center project.

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

8. Other-A motion was made by Councilman Stout, seconded by Councilman Turner to authorize the purchase of a John Deere Loader under state contract pricing with a three year financing plan and trade in of the existing loader.

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

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Department Reports

1. **Code Enforcement-** Written report was handed out to the Board. Supervisor Putman informed the Board that the Code Officer has been deployed under CEDAR to provide emergency code services in the flood stricken areas downstate.
2. **Highway Department-**A written report was distributed to the Board. The Superintendent brought the Winter Maintenance Agreement before the Board for action. The County is asking to extend the current agreement for an additional year. After a discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Putman, seconded by Councilman Warren to extend the current Winter Maintenance Agreement with Saint Lawrence County for an additional year.
3. **Vote:** G. Turner-Aye, M. Blanchard-Aye, D. Stout-Aye, H. Warren-Aye, F. Putman-Aye
Superintendent Bogart filed his annual equipment inventory ahead of the deadline with the Town Clerk. New corrected signs were installed for Olds Mill Road and additional speed control signs were installed on River Road East.
4. **Sewer Department-** Kevin responded to two valve calls in August.
5. **Dog Control-** Written report given to the Board.

County Legislator-Joe Lightfoot spoke to the Board on the upcoming County budget and the 2% tax cap. Mr. Lightfoot stated that he thought the sales tax increase would not be happening at this time.

A motion for adjournment was made at 9:15 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by David Murray, Town Clerk