

**Meeting Minutes  
Town of Morristown  
September 12, 2017**

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

**Also Present:** Dean Hoffman, Chris Sherwin, Joe Lightfoot

Meeting opened at 7 PM by Councilman Chris Coffin acting for Supervisor Frank Putman.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam, and seconded by Councilman Turner to approve the minutes of August 8, 2017.

Vote; Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Chris Coffin-Aye

**Correspondence:** Received from Douglas McQueer, MCS Superintendent of Schools soliciting assistance for the school districts backpack program. The program provides meals and snacks in a backpack for needy students to take home with them for the weekend. After some discussion, the Board agreed they would donate some funds. A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam, seconded by Councilman Turner to send 100 dollars to the district for the backpack program. Vote; Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Chris Coffin-Aye

**Public Comment 1-**No public comment was received.

**Old Business**

**1. Sewer Districts Update:** Councilman Coffin stated that the attorneys are finalizing the agreement between the Town and the contractor which could be signed soon. Work could possibly begin this fall.

**2. County Route 6 Speed Zone Reduction:** No information available.

**3. 2018 Fuel Bid Opening:** No bids were received at this time. A motion was made by Councilman Turner, and seconded by Councilman VanArnam to re-bid the fuel oil bid for the September 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Vote; Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Chris Coffin-Aye

**4. Resolution #10 Justice Court Records Review:** Councilman Coffin read Resolution #10 as follows: **Resolution # 10 of 2017 -Resolution Approving the Examination of the Justice Court Records for the Town of Morristown for the Fiscal Year 2016 Through July 31, 2017** **Whereas**, on September 12, 2017, the Morristown Town Board has completed an examination of the financial and other records for the Morristown Justice Court for the Fiscal Year 2016, through July 31, 2017, and

**Whereas**, the Town Board has found that all financial accounts were in balance and all other records of the Morristown Justice Court appeared to be accurate, complete and filed in a timely manner,

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved**, the Town of Morristown has completed their review and examination of the Morristown Justice Court records for the Fiscal Year 2016 through July 31, 2017.

Vote; Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Chris Coffin-Aye

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**5. Other Old Business**

**1. Exemptions:** Councilman Coffin asked to have the necessary resolutions and local laws prepared for the disability exemption and the capital improvement exemption, for future action by the Board.

**New Business**

- 1. 2018 Sand Bid Authorization:** A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam, and seconded by Councilman Turner to advertise for bids for the 2017-2018 winter sand supply. Vote; Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Chris Coffin-Aye
- 2. 2018 Town Budget Process:** Moved to a special meeting scheduled for September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM.
- 3. Petty Cash Account for Tax Collection:** No action taken.

**Department Reports**

- 1. Highway Department:** Written report was prepared for the Board. Superintendent Hoffman reported that the new plow truck is in as well as the new loader. The Flood Mitigation Conference was very worthwhile and a new technique is being used already on Town roads. Superintendent Hoffman also brought up the previous item concerning the surplus 1999 International single axle plow truck. The Town of DePeyster expressed interest in the vehicle. The Board asked the Superintendent to arrive at a price with DePeyster and the issue would be revisited at a future meeting. The vacuum plant in District #1 needs painting and staining and the Board directed the Superintendent to get that work done. District 2 received their annual winterization letter and that district has also had problems with a pump at one location which has been replaced 3 times in less than 6 months.
- 2. Code Enforcement Office:** Written Monthly Report was given to the Board.
- 3. Other**

**Public Comment 2:** Legislator Joseph Lightfoot reported that the County had hired several department heads and was looking for a new Public Health Director. The tax collection surcharge came in higher than expected and the auction sold 165 of 167 properties. The County is looking at joining a class action suit against drug companies who make and sell opioids.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned upon motion at 7:38 PM

Meeting minutes prepared and respectfully submitted by David Murray, Town Clerk