

**Town Board Meeting Minutes
Town of Morristown
September 13, 2022**

Present: Deputy Supervisor, Chris Coffin; Councilman Gary Turner; Councilman; Councilman Dave VanArnam.

Others Present: Gregg Mallette, Code Enforcement Officer; Dean Hoffman, Highway Superintendent; Jill Sullivan, Town Clerk; Joe Lightfoot, County Legislator, and Annemarie FitzRandolph.

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order by Deputy Supervisor, Chris Coffin at 7:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance Led by Deputy Supervisor, Chris Coffin and said by all.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam to approve the August 9, 2022 Town Board meeting minutes as written and presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner.

Vote: David VanArnam – Aye, Gary Turner – Aye, Chris Coffin – Aye. Motion carried 3 Ayes.

Correspondence:

- 1) The Morristown Recreation Committee, August 15, 2022 meeting minutes were distributed.

Public Comment:

Joe Lightfoot, County Legislator stated that a dedication to Mary Lou Rupp was done at the beginning of the County Legislature's meeting. A bench has been placed near the parking lot of the Courthouse in her memory. Some annual Resolutions were passed as well as a resolution for Conceal and Carry Act. The City of Ogdensburg has paid off the debt they owed the County from the county taxes they collected for 20 years.

A meeting was held with the Bonadio Group and Department of Social Services Commissioner regarding the department issues. They had reported many findings. Most of them were found to be crediting the employees because they did what they should have done. After looking at the court orders it was found that no children were displaced as initially reported. The Department was found to have some issues with reporting and the policy & procedures and the lack of Supervision. The recommendations are being worked on. There were 400 children in the system and currently there are 200.

The County has invested in a program for CDL training. JJ Keeler is going to be providing the training. The county also will be using ARPA funds to cut down ash trees throughout the county.

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Old Business:

- 1. Financial Report:** There was no financial report available.
- 2. DANC monthly water report:** Councilman VanArnam asked why the chlorine was so high for the month of July? Dean Hoffman stated the system had been flushed during that time. Steve Dulmage is our new DANC Water Supervisor.
- 3. ARPA Funds:** A bill for the LUCAS (CPR Equipment) has been received and will be paid using the ARPA funds.
- 4. Investment of Funds:** Deputy Supervisor, Chris Coffin received information with recommendations from County Treasurer, Renee Cole to use NY Class for investing. We would still have our operating funds at Citizens and other funds elsewhere. The NY Class will take a request for funds on a given day and the funds will be available the same day with no penalty. The daily rate there is over 2%.
- 5. NY Forward Program:** Deputy Supervisor Coffin spoke about the NY Forward Program. There will be a community meeting at 402 Gouverneur Street on Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 7:00 pm. He has meet with the Fire Department members and the library board and has gotten a lot of positivity and interest toward the grant. The application is extensive and difficult. We need people on board to help and Annemarie FitzRandolph has volunteered to assist with the application. Will Hentschel has also volunteered his assistance.

New Business:

- 1. One Room School House Roof and Masonry Work on the Windmill :** The roof does need to be replaced but for now Dean Hoffman will look at getting it patched and a quote on replacing it. He will also see about the masonry work getting done on the windmill.
- 2. Resolution for Morristown Town Court to apply for JCAP grant in the 2022-2023 grant Cycle up to \$30,000.**

MOTION

Councilman VanArnam made a motion to Authorize Morristown Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2022-2023 grant cycle up to \$30,000. Councilman Turner seconded the motion.

Vote: David VanArnam – Aye, Gary Turner – Aye, Chris Coffin – Aye. Motion carried 3 Ayes.

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Other Business:

- 1. Resolution for Supporting St. Lawrence County Feasibility Composting Study:** This is a resolution to participate in the St. Lawrence County Feasibility Composting Study.

MOTION

Councilman VanArnam made a motion to sign a resolution to support and participate in the St. Lawrence County Feasibility Composting Study. Councilman Turner seconded the motion.

Vote: David VanArnam – Aye, Gary Turner – Aye, Chris Coffin – Aye. Motion carried 3 Ayes.

Department Reports:

Town Clerk: Jill Sullivan presented a written report to the board.

Highway Department: Dean Hoffman reported that we will be advertising for Sand & Fuel bids. They are cleaning up potholes and finishing up with black topping for the season. We just had our sewer tanks cleaned out by Alexandria Bay and they did not bill us as they may need help someday.

Code Enforcement: Gregg Mallette presented a written report. Gregg stated that he has been busy with small permits. He is still working on violations and re-visiting the old ones. 14-16 violations have been filed in the supreme court and they have 20 days to complete. There is one on Black Lake that the council will need to be harsh on due to the dangerous nature.

Assessor: A written report was not available.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned upon motion by Councilman VanArnam and seconded by Councilman Turner at 8:01 pm.