

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Morrisville held the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016, at the Town of Eaton Offices, Morrisville, there were:

Present:	Mark Shepard	Mayor
	Margaret Brody	Trustee
	Emily Marshall	Trustee
	Kathleen Roher	Trustee
	Allen Noel	Trustee
	James Stokes	Attorney
	Amy Will	Clerk-Treasurer

Others: Connie Shepard and Michael Bischoff, residents.

Mayor Shepard opened the meeting at 7:01 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the January 7, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Trustee Noel made a motion to adopt the minutes as written, seconded by Trustee Roher, all ayes. Motion carried.

**Code Enforcement Report:** Mr. Sutton provided a written report for review. Trustee Roher made a motion to authorize Lloyd Sutton's attendance at NYS Building Officials Conference from 3/29/16-3/31/16 in Syracuse, seconded by Trustee Noel, all ayes. Motion carried.

**DPW Report:** Trustee Roher said that the parts for the dump truck repair are in. Mr. Heh continues to work on entering information into the water mapping software.

**Waste Water Report:** The response to Morrisville State College regarding their disposal of waste water generated in the new brewery has been prepared.

**Historical Preservation:** Trustee Roher made a motion authorizing Sue Greenhagen's attendance at the Association of Public Historians of NY State conference in Syracuse from 9/15/16-9/17/16, seconded by Trustee Noel, all ayes. Motion carried. It was noted that the Town is paying for the conference. Ms. Greenhagen intends on submitting receipts for meal reimbursement from the village.

**Planning Board:** Trustee Marshall suggested that village codes be reviewed and suggested that the Planning Board do so. Mayor Shepard suggested that this review be conducted by Mr. Sutton due to his experience. Attorney Stokes agreed that a review of village codes should be completed.

**Sheriff's Department:** Trustee Brody indicated that she provided the Sheriff's Department with specific dates the village is requesting coverage. She noted that this past weekend we only had coverage for two hours because the deputy assigned to Morrisville patrol was called out of the village for other matters. Trustee Brody said she will keep track of this to ensure we are billed accordingly.

**Campus Community Report:** Trustee Roher said that WinterFest is scheduled for February 27, with or without snow.

**Trustee Report:** Trustee Noel questioned whether the water/sewer bills could be issued later than the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. This would push the due date out and would be ideal for residents on a fixed income. Mrs. Will to look into this.

Trustee Roher spoke about the lack of a grocery store in the village. She read an article recently regarding a low income area in Syracuse that was able to bring a grocery store into the community due to the combined efforts of many agencies. Mayor Shepard suggested she contact Madison County Planning to see where things are at with their efforts.

Trustee Marshall advised the board that she received a call from a person regarding a dog situation on North Street. She instructed that person to contact the animal control officer regarding her concerns.

**Public Comment:** Mr. Bischoff addressed the board regarding the county tax rate within the village. He noted that for the second year the county increased the rate. This year the increase was 11%; last year it was 9.04%. He commended the board for establishing a master plan committee, but questioned how the village will see any business growth with the

county implementing tax increases such as this. Mr. Bischoff sent a message to Supervisor Moses requesting an explanation regarding the increase but received no response. He added that he wanted to bring this to the board's attention because they work hard to maintain the village tax rate and the county steamrolls it by doing something like this. Mayor Shepard thanked Mr. Bischoff for this information and said he would speak with Supervisor Moses.

**Public Hearing to Amend Chapter 143 (Rental Property):** Mayor Shepard opened the public hearing at 7:40 pm regarding a local law to amend Chapter 143.

Attorney Stokes reviewed the modifications made to the proposed local law since the last meeting. He noted that implementing this may require additional hours for the code enforcement officer during the first year. Trustee Marshall objected to providing personal information regarding tenants. Attorney Stokes suggested that the board review the local law and if there are other questions or suggestions prior to the March meeting to provide those to the office so they can be passed on to him.

Mayor Shepard continued the public hearing until March 3, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Attorney Stokes presented the board with a draft local law to amend Chapter 180 of village code. Trustee Noel made a motion to schedule a public hearing on March 3, 2016 at 7:35 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard, to consider a local law to amend Chapter 180 of village code, seconded by Trustee Marshall, all ayes. Motion carried.

**Clerk-Treasurer's Report:** The board was provided financial reports detailing income and expenditures to date by fund.

Mrs. Will advised the board that on 1/13/16 Trustee Brody completed an audit of the 2014-2015 Annual Financial Report and associated records. The audit report was provided for board review. Mrs. Will indicated she has begun to implement some of the recommendations noted.

Mrs. Will noted that there were no changes to the tentative EDU roll as presented to the board at the first budget meeting. Trustee Roher made a motion to schedule a public hearing on March 3, 2015 at 7:45 p.m. to hear EDU grievances, seconded by Trustee Noel, all ayes. Motion carried.

Steve Winkley of NYS Rural Water asked to attend a budget meeting in March to present the report he recently prepared. The board was agreeable to his attendance at the March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Trustee Noel made a motion authorizing the following budget transfer: A5182.42 (Holiday Lights) \$232.70 from A5182.41 (Street Lights), seconded by Trustee Roher, all ayes. Motion carried.

Each member of the board reviewed all vouchers presented. Trustee Roher made a motion to pay audited vouchers as indicated below, seconded by Trustee Noel, all ayes. Motion carried.

General – Vouchers 174-198

Water Fund – Vouchers 41-50

Waste Water Operation & Maintenance Fund – Vouchers 49-53

With no further business before the board, Trustee Roher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m., seconded by Trustee Noel, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Will  
Village Clerk-Treasurer