

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Morrisville, held the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020, at the Town of Eaton Municipal Offices, 35 Cedar Street, Morrisville, there were:

Present:	Mark Shepard	Mayor
	Thomas Lane	Trustee
	Michael Higgins	Trustee
	Kathleen Roher	Trustee
	Nadine Bell	Attorney
	Amy Will	Clerk-Treasurer

Absent: Judy Scholefield Trustee

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

Trustee Lane made a motion to approve the agreement for legal services with Costello, Cooney & Fearon PLLC with authorization for Mayor Shepard to sign such, seconded by Trustee Higgins, all ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes of the December 5, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Trustee Lane made a motion to adopt the minutes as written, seconded by Trustee Roher, all ayes. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Code Enforcement Officer:** Mr. Sutton submitted a written report for review.

The board again discussed property owners who habitually violate the ordinance requiring garbage cans to be removed from the curb after collection. The question remains what the village is going to do beyond issuing notices each week. Attorney Bell advised that the criminal justice reform will also affect code enforcement. The board's discussion centered on the ability of the village to directly fine property owners who violate this ordinance and levy the fine onto property taxes if unpaid. Attorney Bell will look into whether we have the ability to do this, similar to the ordinance regarding grass, brush and weeds.

The board reviewed a letter from Dwyer Real Estate, LLC to Doug Waterbury regarding Campus Hill Apartments. Dwyer Real Estate has been managing this property for several years and have given notice that they are terminating the contract effective January 31, 2020.

**Department of Public Works:** Trustee Lane noted that water tank inspections should be conducted this year and need to be budgeted for. Trustee Lane also discussed a number of pine trees located near the south water tower and that Mr. Commins would like to remove a couple of them. A quote will be obtained to take the trees down and the DPW will cut up and remove.

Trustee Roher made a motion to adopt Resolution Number 20-01, seconded by Trustee Higgins, all ayes. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-01  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF MORRISVILLE**

**A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING DAVID COMMINS AS  
THE WATER OPERATOR IN RESPONSIBLE CHARGE  
FOR THE VILLAGE OF MORRISVILLE**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Morrisville, as owner of a community water system, is required by the New York State Department of Health to have a certified operator(s) for its water system, and

**WHEREAS**, Heavy Equipment Operator David Pushlar, a part-time Village employee, currently holds the designation of the Village’s certified operator, and

**WHEREAS**, Superintendent of Public Works David Commins has obtained the required certification by the New York State Department of Health to act as a certified operator in charge.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that effective January 9, 2020 the Board of Trustees does hereby designate David Commins as the certified operator in responsible charge as required by the New York State Department of Health and authorizes the Mayor to sign the New York State Department of Health Designation of Water Operator In Responsible Charge form as the system owner.

Dated: January 9, 2020

**Wastewater Treatment Plant**: Trustee Roher made a motion to adopt Resolution Number 20-02, seconded by Trustee Lane, all ayes. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-02  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF MORRISVILLE**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES FROM THE  
WASTE WATER COLLECTION SYSTEM AND TREATMENT PLANT  
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 6-c of the General Municipal Law, as amended, the Village of Morrisville established a capital reserve fund known as the “Waste Water Collection System and Treatment Plant Capital Improvement Reserve Fund” (hereinafter “Reserve Fund”) for the purpose of accumulating monies to finance capital improvements to the Village of Morrisville Waste Water Collection System and/or Treatment Plant.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the chief fiscal officer is hereby authorized to transfer the sum of \$45,809.00 from the Reserve Fund to the Equipment appropriation [line no. G8130.2] in the Annual Budget for the fiscal year 2019/2020 for the cost of purchasing a catenary bar screen for the Wastewater Treatment Plant as recommended by the System Operator and approved by the Board of Trustees, and it is hereby further

RESOLVED that this resolution is adopted subject to permissive referendum.

Dated: January 9, 2020

**Campus/Community Committee**: Trustee Roher is attempting to coordinate an open skate event at the college instead of Winterfest. She is considering putting this out there as a youth commission event in an effort engage parents regarding what direction they would like the youth commission to go. Trustee Lane suggested development of a questionnaire to solicit input.

**Law Enforcement**: The board discussed creation of a village police force. Attorney Bell indicated that she also represents the Village of Chittenango, who has a part time police force. The Chief works 20 hours per week and there is one full time officer. The remaining officers are part time. She said this arrangement has helped keep the cost down. She continued that police departments are very expensive, but their arrangement may be one to model ours after. Attorney Bell suggested that Trustee Higgins speak with the Mayor of Chittenango for her input.

**Public Hearing to amend Section 169-32 (Parking Prohibited at All Times)**: Mayor Shepard opened the public hearing at 8:00 pm. The board discussed the purpose of this local law is to prohibit parking on the east side of Union Street from the intersection of Route 20 to a point 285 feet south. When vehicles park here it has made it impossible for fire apparatus to get in or out of the firehouse. The other part of this local law is to clean up a redundancy

regarding no parking the west side of Union Street, the entire length. With no public comment, Mayor Shepard closed the public hearing at 8:02 pm.

Mayor Shepard made a motion to adopt Resolution Number 20-03, seconded by Trustee Higgins. Roll call vote as follows: Trustee Lane, aye; Trustee Higgins, aye; Trustee Roher, aye; Mayor Shepard, aye. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-03  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF MORRISVILLE**

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A LOCAL LAW  
TO AMEND CHAPTER 169 (VEHICLES & TRAFFIC)  
OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF MORRISVILLE

**WHEREAS**, upon notice duly published and posted as required, a public hearing on the adoption of a proposed local law No. 1 of the year 2020 of the Village of Morrisville to amend Chapter 169 of the Code of the Village of Morrisville was held by the Board of Trustees on January 9, 2020, and

**WHEREAS**, the adoption of this local law is not an action that may have an effect on the environment as defined by the implementing regulations of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act, and is therefore not an action subject to SEQRA.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** as follows:

After due deliberation, the Board finds it in the best interest of the Village of Morrisville to adopt this local law, and does hereby adopt this local law. The Village Clerk is hereby directed to enter said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and in the Local Law Book of the Village of Morrisville, and to give due notice of the adoption of said Local Law to the Secretary of State.

Date: January 9, 2020

**Trustee**: Trustee Roher again reflected on the loss of our only barber and questioned whether the board should be doing something to attract businesses into the village. Attorney Bell suggested she speak with Kipp Hicks of the Madison County Industrial Development Agency.

**Mayor**: Mayor Shepard advised the board that Jason Zbock of SUNY Morrisville requested he attend the Start Up NY meeting next week and provide an update on the village.

The board was advised that the Parry's are not interested in licensing the parking lot adjacent to their building at 2 East Main Street. Bill Parry indicated that if the board would consider selling it they may be interested. Attorney Bell noted that the village needs to sell the lot for fair market value and the only way around that is if it were put up for auction. After further discussion, the board suggested that Mr. Parry be asked if they would pay the cost of the survey and abstract and possibly \$5,000 for the lot.

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

The board reviewed a second quote for mat service from All Seasons Textile Services, Inc. After consideration, Trustee Lane made a motion authorizing mat service by All Seasons Textile Services, Inc. for a period of one year, seconded by Trustee Higgins, all ayes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Will asked the board to consider amending the hours of the Village Office to be closed Friday afternoons. She and Mrs. Oley documented activity each Friday after noon for the prior 15 weeks. On eight of those Fridays there were neither any phone calls or walk in customers. The remaining Fridays had between one and four people come

in. The town office has been closed Friday afternoons since the summer because they also found that there is little to any activity then. Trustee Higgins made a motion authorizing the hours for the Village Office to be as follows: Monday – Thursday 8:30 am-4:30pm; Friday 8:30am-Noon, seconded by Trustee Lane, all ayes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Will advised the board that Emily Marshall coordinated a retirement party for Larry “The Barber” at Susie Q’s on January 18. This will be included in the newsletter and posted on the village Facebook page.

The Corral has submitted an application to renew their liquor license and notice of such was provided to the village. The board did not have any concerns regarding this renewal.

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

General Fund – Vouchers 206-227      Waste Water Operation & Maintenance Fund – Vouchers 43-51  
Water Fund – Vouchers 48-54

With no further business before the board, Trustee Lane made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m., seconded by Trustee Higgins, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Will  
Clerk-Treasurer