

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Morrisville, held the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015, at the Town of Eaton Offices, there were

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

Absent:	Margaret Brody	Trustee
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Others: Connie Shepard, resident; Janet Oley, Deputy Clerk; Cliff Moses, Town of Eaton Supervisor; Douglas Speer, area resident; Patrick Murphy and Mark Grabor of ION Communications.

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

Minutes from 2/5/15 and 2/26/15 budget meeting were reviewed. Trustee Roher noted a correction to the minutes of the 2/26/15 meeting. The minutes should indicate that Trustee Brody made the motion regarding employee salaries, which was seconded by Trustee Roher. Mrs. Will to correct. Trustee Noel made a motion to approve the minutes with the noted correction, seconded by Trustee Roher, all ayes. Motion carried.

**ION Communications Presentation:** Patrick Murphy provided the board with an overview of ION Communications. The company has been in business for 10 years and has traditionally been the back bone for other carriers. With the assistance of grant monies, ION has a statewide fiber network connecting more than 100 upstate New York communities and their surrounding areas. Their focus has been the more rural and undeserved areas. ION's goal is to expand their network, to sell commercially, and to provide a price that is fair to the market.

Mr. Murphy indicated that the village is currently on a shared network, which means at some times of day it is faster than other times. ION offers dedicated internet access. The board reviewed pricing to build the network out to the village and town offices. Concern regarding the monthly cost was raised. Mr. Murphy said that ION realizes they are not for everyone, but are an available option.

**Public Hearing Regarding EDU Grievances:** Trustee Roher made a motion to open the public hearing at 7:32 p.m., seconded by Trustee Noel, all ayes. Motion carried.

The only grievance submitted was by Reece Dailey for his property at 10 East Main Street. This was formerly the Purple Salamander which closed in December 2014. Mr. Dailey requested a reduction from 2 EDU's to 1 because the property is currently unoccupied. Attorney Stokes indicated there is no basis to grant this request. Trustee Noel made a motion to deny the grievance submitted by Reece Dailey for 10 Eaton Street as there is no basis in the code for reducing the EDU assessment based on the vacancy of a particular business, seconded by Mayor Shepard, all ayes. Motion carried.

With no public comment regarding EDU grievances, Trustee Roher made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:38 p.m., seconded by Trustee Noel, all ayes. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Douglas Speer introduced himself and indicated he owns the business that runs Seven Oaks Clubhouse in Hamilton. He has held a liquor license at this location for almost 13 years. Mr. Speer is proposing to open a wine and liquor store at 8 Eaton Street. He intends to meet with a retired employee of NYS Liquor Authority to determine whether the space will meet state requirements. Mr. Speer indicated that if that goes well, he will submit an application for site plan review tomorrow. The board wished him well in this endeavor.

**DPW Report:** Trustee Roher indicated the DPW continues dealing with snow removal. They will be attending a water school later this month.

**Crossing Guard:** Mayor Shepard advised the board that Jim Nutt submitted his resignation from the crossing guard position due to his obtaining full time employment. We will not have coverage. The board discussed offering the position to Steve Brody at the current rate of pay. Mr. Brody is currently on vacation and will be asked when he returns. The Sheriff's Department and University Police have been notified of the situation and their assistance has been requested. The school has also notified parents of children who walk that we will be without a crossing guard.

**Trustee Report:** Trustee Noel spoke with Tom Bates regarding well drilling in the area, who indicated the best water is right down the valley. It was suggested that the best place to start is Madison County Health Department. Trustee Noel indicated that the village needs to complete a Notice of Intent (copy of form provided for review). The cost to drill a new well will be about \$115,000 and the cost of testing another \$10,000. Trustee Noel said that after he attends the water conference at the end of March he'll hopefully have more information. He suggested that we include that \$115,000 in the grant request for water main replacement.

Trustee Noel also noted that while researching grants for water improvements, he discovered a grant through NYS Homes and Community Renewal for main street renovations. This is a 75% grant eligible reimbursement program where businesses sign up and the village becomes the agent. Trustee Noel suggested that perhaps we could get several businesses interested and renovate streets by adding shade trees, benches, etc. Trustee Noel thinks the board should consider putting this opportunity out to the business community. Mayor Shepard requested that he forward the information to him for review.

Trustee Marshall advised that the Community Matters Committee is organizing an event to introduce the Cambridge Educational Group students at Morrisville State College to members of the community. These are students from a variety of countries. The intention of the event is to connect the students with a member of the community to spend time with this summer while they are on campus. The event will take place in April as a pot luck at Madison Hall.

**Mayor Report:** Trustee Roher made a motion to approve the preventative maintenance contract with Syracuse Time and Alarm for the Village Office and DPW Building with Mayor Shepard authorized to sign said contract, seconded by Trustee Noel, all ayes. Motion carried.

The board reviewed correspondence from Computel Consultants regarding a gross receipts tax audit service they offer. Trustee Roher made a motion to engage Computel Consultants for gross receipts tax audit services and authorized Mayor Shepard to sign all documents relative to this agreement, seconded by Trustee Noel, all ayes. Motion carried.

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

Trustee Roher made a motion authorizing the transfer of \$6,000 from the General Fund into the Water Fund as reimbursement for the cost of water meters, seconded by Mayor Shepard, all ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Will noted that the total purchase exceeded the amount previously authorized by \$400, which represents the cost of the necessary touch pads. That amount will be paid from the Water Fund.

Trustee Noel made a motion to adopt Resolution 15-03, seconded by Trustee Roher, all ayes. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-03  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF MORRISVILLE**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GIFT OF  
BEANIE BABIES AND ESTABLISHING A MONETARY VALUE OF SUCH GIFT**

WHEREAS, the Village of Morrisville has received a donation made by Susan LeClair of one hundred eight stuffed animals commonly known as "Beanie Babies", and

WHEREAS, this donation is in the nature of a gift to the Village to be utilized for the operation of the Campus/Community Committee of the Village of Morrisville.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY

RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Morrisville that said gift in the nature of a donation of Beanie Babies made by Susan LeClair is valued at an amount of \$325.00, and it is hereby further

RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Morrisville that said gift is to be utilized for the operation of the Campus/Community Committee of the Village of Morrisville, is hereby accepted by and on behalf of the Village of Morrisville, and it is hereby further

RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Morrisville that the Village Clerk-Treasurer is authorized to issue a letter acknowledging said gift with a monetary value of \$325.00.

Trustee Roher made a motion authorizing Raymond Heh and David Pushlar to attend the CNY Water Works Conference on March 19, 2015, seconded by Trustee Noel, all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Roher made a motion to schedule a public hearing on April 2, 2015 at 7:20 p.m. to authorize a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law 3-c for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, seconded by Trustee Noel, all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Roher made a motion to schedule a public hearing on April 2, 2015 at 7:25 p.m. regarding the proposed 2015-2016 operating budgets, seconded by Trustee Noel, all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Noel made a motion authorizing the following budget transfer A3320.4 (On Street Parking Contractual) \$70.00 from A1990.4 (Contingency), seconded by Trustee Roher, all ayes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Will indicated that Larry Phillips, Town of Eaton Highway Superintendent, questioned whether the village would like to continue use of brine on village streets in 2016. The cost per plow will increase to approximately \$300-\$310 (from \$275/plow). After discussion the board indicated they would like to continue use of brine on village streets.

Trustee Roher made a motion to go into executive session at 8:45 p.m. to discuss the employment history of a particular individual, seconded by Mayor Shepard, all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Marshall made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:53 p.m., seconded by Trustee Roher, all ayes. Motion carried. No action was taken during executive session.

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 227-246

Water Fund – Vouchers 49-56

Waste Water Operation & Maintenance Fund – Vouchers 51-55

With no further business before the board, Mayor Shepard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m., seconded by Trustee Roher, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Will  
Clerk-Treasurer