

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Morrisville held the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015, at the Town of Eaton Offices, Morrisville, there were:

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

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| Absent: | Margaret Brody | Trustee |
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Others: Connie Shepard and Charlie Bostic, residents; Janet Oley, Deputy Clerk; and Colleen Stella, Village Justice.

Mayor Shepard opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of the 4/2/15 meeting were reviewed. Trustee Noel made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Trustee Roher, all ayes. Motion carried.

**Annual Court Report:** Judge Stella provided the board with her 2014 annual report. She indicated the total cases for 2014 are down slightly. The Court has seen an increase in traffic related tickets, however everything else decreased a little. Judge Stella noted that the number of parking tickets issued has decreased, but the overall revenue has increased. She believes this is in part to Mrs. Oley's letter that is issued to the registered owner of the vehicle notifying them of the ticket, as well as the fine increase.

Mrs. Oley provided the board with a report on parking tickets. She indicated that she would like to begin using the scofflaw option for unpaid parking tickets. She'll initially send a letter to the registered owner of the vehicle then she would send the information to the Court Clerk to prepare the scofflaw. There is \$2,300 outstanding and scoffable. Mayor Shepard questioned how much additional work this would create for the Court Clerk; Mrs. Oley responded that she didn't think it would be very much.

**Code Enforcement Report:** Mr. Sutton provided the board with a written report. Mayor Shepard discussed the upcoming transition to summer hours for the Village Office and DPW. Mr. Sutton requested approval to modify his work days to Mondays and Wednesdays. Mayor Shepard noted that Mr. Sutton was clear that he is available by telephone and if the need for him to come to the office should arise, he will make himself available. The board had no objection to Mr. Sutton's request.

**DPW Report:** The board reviewed quotes for parking signs from the following vendors; The Sign Men (\$1,513.21), Econo Signs LLC (\$1,805.80) and Delco Welding and Industrial Supply Corp. (\$2,513.35). It was noted that the lowest quote from The Sign Men didn't include the shipping cost. After discussion, Trustee Roher made a motion authorizing the purchase of parking signs from the lowest bidder which bid includes shipping and handling charges, seconded by Trustee Noel, all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Noel advised the board that he met with Steven Winkley, Water Resources Specialist for NY Rural Water Association. NY Rural Water offers a free aquifer mapping service. This includes mapping the aquifer, boundary restrictions for the watershed, and identification of two or three potential new well sites. After this was completed, we could take this to Madison County Health Department and start the process in that regard. Trustee Roher made a motion authorizing Steven Winkley of NY Rural Water Association to proceed with the source water protection technical assistance program and development plan, seconded by Trustee Marshall, all ayes. Motion carried.

**Historic Preservation Commission Report:** Trustee Marshall attended a recent meeting of the commission and said they are having a problem with membership. She said they have begun calling members to obtain votes by

phone. Attorney Stokes stated that the last he knew that method of voting is not allowed under NYS law. He continued that boards have to be present, in person, to vote. Attorney Stokes will confirm that is the case since this is a commission and not technically a board. He indicated he will also look into whether the Board of Trustees can pass a local law authorizing voting by means other than in person. Trustee Marshall said that Sue Greenhagen, chairman of the Commission, also doesn't vote because she believes she cannot.

**Parking Enforcement Report:** Mayor Shepard provided the board with a draft local law for changes to on street parking. Trustee Roher made a motion to schedule a public hearing on June 4, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. to consider amendments to Chapter 169 of the Village Code, seconded by Trustee Noel, all ayes. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Mr. Bostic spoke regarding historic preservation. He stated the problem is semantics. In his opinion we should use the term historic preservation, parks, recreation and books. When talking about historic preservation without talking about the real meaning of terms we have a difference of opinion of what historic preservation means. Mr. Bostic expressed the importance of seeking appropriate grants to deal with the many neglected properties that have significance in this community. He doesn't think there is any negative aspect to look into what opportunities are available from the state. He also hopes that we can have someone from Albany come here to speak.

**Trustee Report:** Trustee Marshall expressed her concern regarding the loss of the laundromat, a restaurant, and now the grocery store, and questioned what we are doing about it. Mayor Shepard responded that there is not much we can do about it. In his opinion, there is not the community support necessary for business. The village board has maintained our tax and water/sewer rates. He said that if someone wiser than him has ideas about how to attract business, he is willing to listen.

Trustee Noel indicated he received an anonymous letter yesterday questioning why we don't have a website. He suggested we put a notice in the newsletter about the status of our website.

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Shepard suggested the board consider creating a three way stop at the intersection of Williams Street and Radnor Lane and a four way stop at the intersection of Williams Street, Cambridge Avenue, and Amherst Circle. He also suggested stop signs on the corner where East Maple Avenue and Union Street connect. Mayor Shepard has received complaints regarding vehicles speeding on these streets and the installation of stop signs should slow traffic down. Trustee Noel would like a letter sent to all property owners on these streets asking for their opinion before we move forward with this. Attorney Stokes said that if police aren't there to enforce the speed limit, who is going to enforce the stop signs? He added that it always comes down to enforcement. After discussion, the board decided to table this matter for consideration.

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

Mrs. Will indicated that the village website is finally nearing completion. She expects the site to be live by the end of next week.

Trustee Roher made a motion authorizing the following summer hours to be in effect from May 21, 2015 through September 23, 2015: Village Office 8:00am-4:30pm Monday through Thursday, 8:00am-Noon Friday; DPW 6:30am-3:45pm Monday-Thursday, 6:30am-11:30am Friday; and Code Enforcement Officer Monday and Wednesday 9:00am-2:30pm, seconded by Trustee Noel, all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Noel made a motion to adopt Resolution 15-12, seconded by Trustee Roher, all ayes. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-12  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF MORRISVILLE**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DELINQUENT  
WATER/SEWER RENTS, FIRE INSPECTION FEES & GRASS TRIMMING FEES TO BE PLACED ON  
VILLAGE OF MORRISVILLE PROPERTY TAXES  
FOR THE YEAR 2015-2016**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Morrisville, by unanimous vote, approved the amount of \$5,803.72 for delinquent water/sewer rents, fire inspection fees and grass trimming fees to be placed on the property owners Village taxes for the year 2015-2016.

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Morrisville authorizes Madison County Real Property Services to add the above amount to the delinquent property owners tax parcel.

**VILLAGE OF MORRISVILLE  
DELINQUENT WATER/SEWER, FIRE INSPECTION FEES AND  
GRASS TRIMMING FEES TO BE PLACED ON  
2015-2016 VILLAGE PROPERTY TAXES**

| <b>Property Owner</b> | <b>Physical Address</b> | <b>Tax Map#</b> | <b>Balance Due</b> | <b>For</b>      |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| John Schuster         | 12 North Street         | 111.20-1-9      | \$472.05           | Water/Sewer     |
| Kenneth Mitchell      | 16 North Street         | 111.20-1-7      | \$1,302.47         | Water/Sewer     |
| Daren Granger         | 132 East Main Street    | 111.20-1-33     | \$434.23           | Water/Sewer     |
| Phyllis Mattingly     | 7 Cross Avenue          | 111.15-1-5      | \$434.23           | Water/Sewer     |
| Douglas Waterbury     | 24 West Main Street     | 111.15-1-15     | \$1,302.47         | Water/Sewer     |
| Locella Roeller       | 61 West Main Street     | 111.1-1-3       | \$321.54           | Water/Sewer     |
| JP Morgan Chase       | 14 Union Street         | 111.19-2-13     | \$434.23           | Water/Sewer     |
|                       |                         |                 |                    |                 |
| Richard Gorton        | 36 North Street         | 111.20-1-1      | \$55.00            | Fire Inspection |
| Douglas Waterbury     | 55 East Main Street     | 111.15-1-51     | \$270.00           | Fire Inspection |
| Lisa Bryant           | 79 East Main Street     | 111.15-1-60     | \$80.00            | Fire Inspection |
| Riparian Real Estate  | 113 East Main Street    | 111.15-1-88     | \$135.00           | Fire Inspection |
|                       |                         |                 |                    |                 |
| Douglas Waterbury     | 24 West Main Street     | 111.15-1-15     | \$125.00           | Trim Grass      |
| Matthew Toomath       | 25 North Street         | 111.15-1-81     | \$187.50           | Trim Grass      |
| Phyllis Mattingly     | 7 Cross Avenue          | 111.15-1-5      | \$62.50            | Trim Grass      |
| Daren Granger         | 132 East Main Street    | 111.20-1-33     | \$62.50            | Trim Grass      |
| Douglas Waterbury     | 55 East Main Street     | 111.15-1-51     | \$125.00           | Trim Grass      |
|                       |                         | <b>TOTAL</b>    | <b>\$5,803.72</b>  |                 |

Trustee Noel made a motion to adopt Resolution 15-13 seconded by Trustee Roher, all ayes. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-13  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF MORRISVILLE**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE TAX WARRANT  
FOR THE 2015-2016 FISCAL YEAR**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the Tax Warrant for the collection of taxes for the period beginning June 1, 2015 through October 1, 2015.

The board was provided with a bill submitted by Tom Szewczyk from Drain Masters for their attempt to unthaw water service at 89.5 East Main Street. Mr. Szewczyk stated that he was told the village would cover this cost if service was frozen from the valve to water main. After discussion, Mayor Shepard made a motion to deny Tom Szewczyk's request to pay the bill of Drain Masters as it was not due to any fault of the village, seconded by Trustee Noel, all ayes with Trustee Marshall abstaining. Motion carried.

Because of the timing of the July board meeting, it was decided to reschedule this to July 9, 2015.

Trustee Roher made a motion authorizing the following transfers to capital accounts as budgeted for 2014-2015; \$5,000 from each General and Water to DPW Capital and \$20,000 from O&M to Waste Water Capital, seconded by Trustee Noel, all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Noel made a motion authorizing the following budget transfers; A1490.12 Heavy Equip Operator \$35.00 from A8160.41 Refuse & Garbage Collection, A1640.42 DPW Building Maintenance \$300.00 from A8160.41 Refuse & Garbage Collection, A7110.4 Parks Contractual \$150.00 from A8160.41 Refuse & Garbage Collection, A7989.4 College/Community \$255.08 from A8160.41 Refuse & Garbage Collection, A8020.4 Planning Board Contractual \$600.00 from A8160.41 Refuse & Garbage Collection, A8510.24 Seasonal Decorations \$216.20 from A8160.41 Refuse & Garbage Collection, F8310.11 DPW Employee \$2.62 from F8310.42 Equipment Repair, F8310.12 Deputy Clerk Personal Svc \$375.00 from F8310.42 Equipment Repair, F8310.2 Equipment \$1,450.00 from F8310.42 Equipment Repair, G8110.13 DPW Equip Operator \$0.37 from G9030.8 Social Security, seconded by Trustee Roher, all ayes. Motion carried.

The board was provided with correspondence from Steve Jones regarding his property at 15 Eaton Street. Mr. Jones received a high water/sewer bill for this location which he believes was due to a faucet which froze and broke, causing a leak. He provided a copy of the repair bill and requested the board consider a reduction of the bill since a portion of the water did not go to the waste water treatment plant. Mrs. Will indicated the average consumption at this property is 151 cubic feet and the recent bill was for 1,925 cubic feet. After discussion, Trustee Noel made a motion authorizing a one-time credit of \$78.75 to the O&M portion of Steve Jones' water/sewer bill (Account 000515), 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 277-310  
Water Fund – Vouchers 63-72  
Waste Water Operation & Maintenance Fund – Vouchers 63-66  
Youth Commission – Voucher 14

With no further business before the board, Trustee Roher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m., seconded by Trustee Noel, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Will  
Village Clerk-Treasurer