

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Morrisville held the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2018, at the Town of Eaton Municipal Offices, 35 Cedar Street, Morrisville, there were:

Present:	Mark Shepard	Mayor
	Thomas Lane	Trustee
	Kathleen Roher	Trustee
	Michael Higgins	Trustee
	Judy Scholefield	Trustee
	James Stokes	Attorney
	Amy Will	Clerk-Treasurer

Others: Connie Shepard, Danielle Papelino, Seth Downen, Matthew and Brandy Rutkowski, residents; Bernie St. Onge and Linus Walton, Esq. on behalf of Smithfield Eaton Volunteer Ambulance Corp (SEVAC); and Janet Oley, Deputy Clerk.

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

Minutes of the October 4, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Trustee Lane made a motion to adopt the minutes as written, seconded by Trustee Roher, all ayes. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Brandy Rutkowski addressed her concern with speeding vehicles on Mill Street and asked if speed bumps were being considered as she suggested in an email last month. Mayor Shepard said speed bumps were discussed, however other solutions may be more appropriate and subject the village to less liability. He noted that the board was considering placement of stop signs at the intersection of Jefferson Avenue and the corner where West Maple Avenue and Mill Street intersect. Mrs. Rutkowski described a near miss on Halloween evening where a vehicle came around the corner fast and had to swerve around children walking on the side of the road. She is concerned for their safety. Mrs. Rutkowski said she appreciates that the board reduced the speed limit last year, however there have been no patrols since then to enforce it. Mayor Shepard responded that law enforcement were asked to patrol this area. Mrs. Rutkowski questioned what else could be done if they aren't going to help us; without sidewalks, there is nowhere to walk. Trustee Higgins agreed and noted that he walks that area regularly and these are valid concerns. After further discussion, Trustee Roher made a motion to schedule a public hearing at 7:25 p.m. on December 6, 2018 to consider placement of stop signs at the intersection of Jefferson Avenue and Mill Street and West Maple Avenue and Mill Street, seconded by Mayor Shepard, all ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. St. Onge presented an application to establish an ambulance district to include the Village of Morrisville. He said there was negative feedback from town supervisors last year regarding this, so SEVAC handed out contracts this year. They will recover some funding from towns, but not enough to have 24/7 coverage. Mr. St. Onge said they are readdressing the establishment of an ambulance district with the towns of Eaton, Smithfield, Nelson and Fenner. The district needs to be set up by March 2019 so they can levy taxes in 2020. Mr. St. Onge said that SEVAC has been operating off insurance recoveries, which covers all expenses and replacement costs. He continued that for the last two years they have been hiring paramedics to supplement the day shift since they don't have coverage. That money is coming out of their reserves. In order for SEVAC to continue, they need to have financial help from the village and towns they support. He noted that they are only asking the municipalities to cover the labor costs of having a paramedic on duty twenty four hours a day, seven days a week. They hope to continue to cover regular operating expenses with insurance recoveries as they have been. Mr. St. Onge indicated that a new ambulance, at a cost of \$140,000, will be delivered at the end of this month. Additionally, a heart monitor needs to be replaced next year at a cost of \$40,000. He said at the rate they are going SEVAC will be out of funds within a year. Mr. St. Onge noted that SEVAC has approximately 30 volunteers which provide a savings of over \$150,000 per year to the towns and village. Attorney Walton discussed the process to establish the ambulance district. He said their calculations indicate a cost to the taxpayers of \$0.84 per thousand of assessed value. Mayor Shepard said the board will take this into consideration and address the issue of a public hearing at their December board meeting. Mr. St. Onge noted that they will probably hit the newspapers soon for public support.

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

**DPW:** Trustee Lane advised the board of issues at the lift station which seem to be resolved now. There was another blockage due to grease behind Dougherty Pharmacy which required the line to be jetted out. The property owner where the grease is originating from has been contacted and advised that they must install an exterior grease trap. Trustee Lane also advised the board of a water main break on South Street last weekend. The college assisted with the repair and it went smoothly because of that.

**Historical Preservation:** Mayor Shepard met with the contractor and Denny Sands regarding the work to the Engine House roof and cupola. Once the weather turns around the work should begin.

**Planning Board:** Trustee Scholefield indicated that there will be a meeting in November to review the revised signs for the Big M plaza.

**Master Plan:** Mayor Shepard noted that the board was provided with a copy of the source water protection plan from Steve Winkley of NY Rural Water. He requested that it be reviewed for future discussion.

**Youth Commission:** Trustee Roher said at this point the youth commission and Optimist Club will be separated. The Optimist Club will administer the sports programs. Megan Dooley, on behalf of the Optimist Club, asked about using the sporting equipment. Mayor Shepard reiterated that effective January 1, 2019 the youth commission board ceases, and we will reorganize at that point. He supported the Optimist Club's request to use the equipment, but the storage shed will remain the property of the youth commission. After further discussion, Trustee Roher made a motion authorizing the preparation of a contractual agreement with the Morrisville District Optimist Club to use the sporting equipment currently owned by the Morrisville Eaton Smithfield Youth Commission, seconded by Mayor Shepard, all ayes. Motion carried. Attorney Stokes noted that both the towns of Eaton and Smithfield need to authorize this as well. Trustee Lane recommended an inventory of equipment. The board reviewed the 10/24/18 invoice of Scholastic Sports Sales, Ltd. in the amount of \$696.70 for basketball, soccer and little league equipment. Trustee Lane made a motion approving payment of said bill with the Morrisville District Optimist Club directed to reimburse the youth commission for the portion of the bill for basketballs, seconded by Trustee Scholefield, all ayes. Motion carried.

**Parking Enforcement:** Mayor Shepard discussed a continuing issue with overnight parking on Route 20 in front of the Reidy Building. Colin Valenta of Dougherty Pharmacy has called in the parking enforcement officer on several Saturday mornings because of this issue. There was discussion regarding a change in the hours of the code enforcement officer so that he would be out earlier in the morning. Trustee Lane suggested that the owner of the Reidy Building also be contacted and advised of the problem.

**Justice Court:** Trustee Lane spoke with Dave Verne regarding law enforcement coverage on DA night; Mr. Verne is apprehensive. Jeff Williams, a retired state police officer, was also contacted and he doesn't want to get involved. The board discussed other options. Attorney Stokes indicated that private security could be hired as there is no requirement that they be armed. There is a question of whether those appearing in court would respect an unarmed person, however. Trustee Higgins to contact the Sheriff's Department to ask about scheduling a deputy for this.

**Campus/Community Committee:** Trustee Roher said the annual Halloween parade of costumes was held last weekend and went well. Next up is the visit with Santa at Madison Hall in December.

**Crossing Guard:** Trustee Scholefield said that the crossing guard considered the placement of signs in the crosswalk, but her main concern is vehicles speeding and vehicles going around her when she is in the street. Additional signage won't address that issue. Trustee Higgins will contact local law enforcement agencies regarding the concerns on Mill Street and Eaton Street with a request for increased coverage.

**Village Improvement Committee:** Trustee Roher is coordinating a quick meeting this Saturday at the public library regarding the bicentennial celebration. She said that the elementary school and cooperative extension buildings have

been reserved for the event. Trustee Roher suggests that we have signs made and place them around the village to draw attention to the event.

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

Mrs. Will met with a representative of Verizon regarding their One Talk voice over internet product. The benefits of moving to this type of telephone service are the automated receptionist which would route callers to employees or departments directly, separate voicemails for the clerk and code enforcement officer, and a mobile application allowing calls to go to a cell phone when internet service is down or after hours. Mrs. Will noted that we would need to retain one phone line with Frontier for the fax machine and fire alarm system, and establish internet service with Spectrum. Mrs. Will said the overall cost should still be less than what we are paying Frontier. Trustee Roher made a motion authorizing Mrs. Will to move forward with establishing service with Verizon One Talk, seconded by Trustee Lane, 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 Scholefield, all ayes. Motion carried.

General Fund – Vouchers 116-135  
Water Fund – Vouchers 22-28

Waste Water Operation & Maintenance Fund – Vouchers 28-32  
Youth Commission – Vouchers 10-13

With no further business before the board, Trustee Roher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 pm, seconded by Trustee Lane, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Will  
Village Clerk-Treasurer