



**TOWN OF MORRISTOWN SELECTBOARD
MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA
COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM**

On Zoom and at 43 Portland St. Morrisville, VT 05661
6:00 PM Tuesday, January 3, 2023

This meeting will be held both remotely and in person. Available options to watch or join the meeting:

- WATCH: the meeting will be live streamed on the [Town GMATV YouTube Channel](#).
- JOIN ONLINE: [Join Zoom Meeting](#). See below for login information if using phone audio.
- JOIN BY PHONE: Join via conference call (audio only): 1 (646) 558-8656 | Meeting ID: [810 342 4528](#)
- PROVIDE FULL NAME: For minutes, please provide your full name whenever prompted.
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- RAISE YOUR HAND: Click on the hand button or use the "Chat" feature to request to speak.
- MUTE YOUR MICROPHONE: When not speaking, please mute your microphone on your computer/phone.

I. CALL SELECTBOARD MEETING TO ORDER

II. AGENDA CHANGES/ADDITIONS

III. APPROVE MINUTES

1. Approve Minutes 12-19-22
2. Approve Minutes 12-27-22

IV. LIQUOR CONTROL

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Budget Overview

VI. OLD BUSINESS

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XII. ADJOURN



**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
OF DECEMBER 19, 2022**

Members: Bob Beeman, Judy Bickford, Brian Kellogg, Don McDowell, Jessica Graham

Absent:

ADMINISTRATION and STAFF: Eric Dodge, Town Administrator; Judi Alberi, Administrator's Assistant; Dennis DiGregorio, Fire Chief; Jason Luneau, Police Chief; Tina Sweet, Finance Director; Paula Beattie, Human Resources Director; Stacey Ferriman, Assistant Finance Director; Tricia Follert*, Community Development Coordinator.

PARTICIPANTS/GUESTS: Jason Kelley, Tom Cloutier, Kristin Marriott, Brent LaBree, Martin Green, Barry Russo, Ryan Farrell, David Ring, Attorney James Barlow

**participating via Zoom*

CALL SELECTBOARD MEETING TO ORDER

Bob Beeman called the Selectboard Meeting to order at 6:00PM at the Tegu Building.

AGENDA CHANGES/ADDITIONS

Accept resignation from a volunteer Firefighter
Sign a lease for a police cruiser
Appoint a new Police Officer
Discuss Phase II construction project

APPROVE MINUTES

1. Approve Minutes 12-05-22

Motion made by Judy Bickford to approve the minutes of December 5, 2022. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried (5/0) with amendments.

Public Hearing - Remove second sentence "Mary West is in the hospital and will not be at the meeting."

2. Approve Minutes 12-12-22

Motion made by Judy Bickford to approve the minutes of December 12, 2022. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

LIQUOR CONTROL

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Accept resignation of a member firefighter

Motion made by Don McDowell to accept the resignation of Michael Desjardins from the fire department. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg . Motion carried (5/0).

2. Sign lease for a new police cruiser

Motion made by Don McDowell to approve the lease of a 2023 Chevy Tahoe with Republic First National Corporation for four years for a total lease price of \$76,269.50 for the police department. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried (5/0).

3. Appoint a new Police Officer

Motion made by Don McDowell to hire James Sawyer as a full-time Police Officer at a rate of \$31.84 per hour. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

4. Discuss Phase II construction project

Donald Blake Inc (DBI), has time in January 2023 to work on the 2nd floor building renovations which were scheduled for July 1, 2023. There is money in the capital building fund to pay for this renovation. Thank you DBI from the Selectboard.

Motion made by Judy Bickford to authorize DBI to begin construction January 2023. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

5. Discuss proposed change to Sidewalk Policy

Some minor changes need to be made to our Sidewalk Policy to accommodate clearing the snow in the winter.

Motion made by Jess Graham to accept the amended Sidewalk Policy as presented. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried (5/0).

6. Discuss for approval - Homeland Security Program – Application for EMS and Police radio grants

Chief Luneau has applied for a grant to provide EMS and MPD with new radios. There are 10 portable radio's for EMS, 5 portable for MPD officers, 9 for MPD cruisers, and 1 for the PD Station.

Motion by Brian Kellogg to approve this grant application for the radios and authorize Eric Dodge to sign. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

7. Discuss for Approval - Vt Dept of Public Safety – 2023 CDIP (Drug Task Force) Grant

Morristown PD has been awarded a \$100,000 grant funding for our Detective Lieutenant to work 20 hours/week on the Drug Task Force, and will continue to apply for this grant as long as it is available.

Motion made by Don McDowell to accept the grant for the 2023 CDIP grant and authorize Eric Dodge to sign. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

8. Discuss Morristown Jersey Way 3 Acre Storm Water Filtration Project Grant

The Stormwater Program, through Vermont's Agency of Natural Resources, is mandating a filtration

system be installed retroactively for the Jersey Way subdivision. The town is 1/3 responsible and the residents are 2/3 responsible for compliance and costs. Tyler Mumley discussed the filtration requirements and costs with the Selectboard. Test holes were recently dug by Mumley Engineering and it was determined that the system designed is not going to work due to a higher than expected water table on-site.

There is now doubt that the water filtration project grant will cover the cost of the project. The Jersey Way does not have an HOA to cover the balance of this project or the maintenance. It was discussed about who will pay for the balance if the grant does not cover the complete cost? The Selectboard will be discussing this issue again in the future when a different stormwater treatment design and cost are finalized in consideration of the high water table on this parcel.

9. Remove Private Road Name Tolusa Lane

Tolusa Lane was recently approved in error as only 2 lots are being planned, not 3 which is the requirement of a private road name.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to rescind Tolusa Lane as a road name. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (5/0)

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discuss the partial discontinuance of West High Street

Peter Farrell attended the meeting and reassured the Selectboard that he had spoken with Mary West and would allow folks to turn around as they had been doing in his driveway.

Motion by Don McDowell to discontinue West High Street at the Farrell property line. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

APPROVE WARRANTS

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve the warrants. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried (5/0).

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

First storm of the season and the highway department was out Friday into Saturday. The crew will be out again tonight to pick up snow.

SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Don McDowell - Thank the town for getting roads cleared. Connected with Dave Lowe regarding the clock tower. Major celebrity in Town, K9 Kubo was recognized for retirement.

Judy Bickford - Thank the highway department and MW&L - great job during the storm.

Jess Graham - Thank the town for a great job during the first storm. Jess appreciates being able to connect via zoom for the budget meetings every other Monday. The schedule is difficult to manage and would prefer longer regular meetings as opposed to more meetings.

Brian Kellogg - Thanks highway crew for all their work.

Bob Beeman - Recent news story about K9 Kubo retiring. Great job by Kubo.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

None

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Possible Executive Session - Personnel

Removed

2. Possible Executive Session - Legal

Motion made by Don McDowell finds that premature general public knowledge of pending or probable civil litigation or prosecution, to which the public body is or may be party, will clearly place the town at a substantial disadvantage by disclosing its negotiation strategy. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Don McDowell to enter an executive session to discuss the pending or probable litigation or prosecution under the provisions of Title 1 section 313 (a) (1) of the Vermont Statutes, to include Eric Dodge, Town Administrator and Attorney James Barlow. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (4/0) Jess Graham stepped out of the room and was not present for this motion.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Don McDowell to come out of the executive session. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Judy Bickford to adjourn. Motion seconded by Jess Graham. Motion carried. (5/0)

Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm

Submitted and filed this December 22, 2022

Judi Alberi, Scribe

Please note all minutes are in Draft form and are subject to approval at the next Selectboard meeting.



**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
OF DECEMBER 27, 2022**

Members: Bob Beeman, Brian Kellogg, Don McDowell

Absent: Judy Bickford, Jess Graham

ADMINISTRATION and STAFF: Eric Dodge, Town Administrator; Judi Alberi, Administrator's Assistant; Scott Longe, Foreman; Tina Sweet, Finance Director; Stacey Ferriman, Assistant Finance Director; Mitzi Fleming,* Assistant Town Clerk/Treasurer; Bill Mapes,* EMS Chief

PARTICIPANTS/GUESTS: Tom Cloutier, Ron Stancliff, Barry Russo

**participating via Zoom*

CALL SELECTBOARD MEETING TO ORDER

Bob Beeman called the Selectboard Meeting to order at 6:00PM at the Tegu Building.

AGENDA CHANGES/ADDITIONS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss Capitol Budget Review

Tina Sweet presented the capitol budget to the Selectboard. Discussions outlined current loans and anticipated loans for the coming year. Eric Dodge identified some possible areas where the budget could be cut. Due to the cost of living adjustment, wages and salaries will see an 8.7% increase in 2023 and a step increase for employees, which contributes to 53% of the budget.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to adjourn. Motion seconded by Don McDowell. Motion carried. (3/0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:11pm

Submitted and filed this December 30, 2022

Judi Alberi, Scribe

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TOWN OF MORRISTOWN
BUDGET FY 23/24

Department	Wages & Benefits	Total Budget	% of Budget is Wages/Benefits
General Government	\$ 1,392,821.00	\$ 3,067,509.00	45.41%
Police	\$ 1,659,410.00	\$ 2,011,372.00	82.50%
Fire	\$ 99,469.00	\$ 376,412.00	26.43%
EMS	\$ 704,553.00	\$ 881,359.00	79.94%
Highway	\$ 1,472,094.00	\$ 3,689,394.00	39.90%
		Average % Wages/Benefits of Budget	54.83%

BUDGET 2023-24

AMENDED ITEMS WITH CUTS ON 12/27/22 - 1/2 YR ZONING ASST. CUT

Date		FY 2023-24 Original Proposed	Updated Proposal	Current Budget FY 2022-23	Proposed Budget FY 2023-24	Difference	
	Original Budget Overview TOTAL			\$ 6,616,549	\$ 9,288,275	\$ 2,671,726	
	General Fund						
12/20/2022	Misc Employee Benefits - TA, TC, Finance, Lister, Zoning, CDC, HR	\$ 2,200	\$ 500		\$ (1,700)	\$ 2,670,026	
12/21/2022	TA - Salaries	\$ 158,435	\$ 165,090		\$ -	\$ 2,670,026	
12/21/2022	TA - FICA	\$ 13,228	\$ 13,737		\$ 6,655	\$ 2,676,681	
12/21/2022	TA - Retirement	\$ 9,875	\$ 10,322		\$ 509	\$ 2,677,190	
12/27/2022	Building	\$ 140,000	\$ 23,000		\$ 447	\$ 2,677,637	
					\$ (117,000)	\$ 2,560,637	
					\$ -	\$ 2,560,637	
	Asst Zoning	\$ 89,145	\$ 44,574		\$ -	\$ 2,560,637	
					\$ (44,571)	\$ 2,516,066	
					\$ -	\$ 2,516,066	
					\$ -	\$ 2,516,066	(155,660)
	Police					\$ 2,516,066	
11/10/2022	New Machinery - Lease	\$ 65,218	\$ 85,406			\$ 2,516,066	
11/14/2022	Electricity	\$ 5,300	\$ 5,800		\$ 20,188	\$ 2,536,254	
11/14/2022	Replacement Equipment	\$ 4,500	\$ 15,500		\$ 500	\$ 2,536,754	
					\$ 11,000	\$ 2,547,754	
					\$ -	\$ 2,547,754	
					\$ -	\$ 2,547,754	
					\$ -	\$ 2,547,754	
					\$ -	\$ 2,547,754	31,688
	Fire					\$ 2,547,754	
11/14/2022	Electricity	\$ 5,100	\$ 5,600			\$ 2,547,754	
11/14/2022	Gas	\$ 350	\$ -		\$ 500	\$ 2,548,254	
11/14/2022	Fuel	\$ 3,350	\$ 3,700		\$ (350)	\$ 2,547,904	
					\$ 350	\$ 2,548,254	500
	EMS					\$ 2,548,254	
11/14/2022	Electricity	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,600			\$ 2,548,254	
11/14/2022	Gas	\$ 710	\$ -		\$ 600	\$ 2,548,854	
11/14/2022	Fuel	\$ 3,600	\$ 4,305		\$ (710)	\$ 2,548,144	
11/25/2022	New Ambulance	\$ 36,350	\$ 37,500		\$ 705	\$ 2,548,849	
12/19/2022	New Ambulance - Separate Article	\$ 37,500	\$ -		\$ 1,150	\$ 2,549,999	
					\$ (37,500)	\$ 2,512,499	
					\$ -	\$ 2,512,499	
					\$ -	\$ 2,512,499	
					\$ -	\$ 2,512,499	
					\$ -	\$ 2,512,499	
					\$ -	\$ 2,512,499	
					\$ -	\$ 2,512,499	(35,755)
	Highway					\$ 2,512,499	
12/27/2022	Sand	\$ 80,000	\$ 75,000		\$ -	\$ 2,512,499	
12/27/2022	Gravel	\$ 120,000	\$ 50,000		\$ (5,000)	\$ 2,507,499	
12/27/2022	Contracted Services - Sidewalk	\$ 250,000	\$ 100,000		\$ (70,000)	\$ 2,437,499	
12/27/2022	Contracted Services - Storm Drains	\$ 119,000	\$ -		\$ (150,000)	\$ 2,287,499	
					\$ (119,000)	\$ 2,168,499	
					\$ -	\$ 2,168,499	
					\$ -	\$ 2,168,499	
					\$ -	\$ 2,168,499	
					\$ -	\$ 2,168,499	
					\$ -	\$ 2,168,499	
					\$ -	\$ 2,168,499	(344,000)
BUDGET ITEMS - Revenues					\$ (503,227)	\$ (503,227)	
12/19/2022	CDIP Grant Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ 68,000		\$ 68,000		
					\$ -		
					\$ -		
					\$ 68,000	\$ 68,000	
MISC - Other Items							
					\$ -	\$ -	
						\$ (571,227)	
Total Operating Budget						\$8,717,048	
Increase						31.7%	

AMENDED ITEMS WITH CUTS ON 12/27/22 ZONING ASST. CUT

Date		FY 2023-24		Current Budget FY 2022-23	Proposed Budget FY 2023-24	Difference	
		Original	Updated				
		Proposed	Proposal				
	Original Budget Overview TOTAL			\$ 6,616,549	\$ 9,288,275	\$2,671,726	
	General Fund						
12/20/2022	Misc Employee Benefits - TA, TC, Finance, Lister, Zoning, CDC, HR	\$ 2,200	\$ 500		\$ (1,700)	\$2,670,026	
12/21/2022	TA - Salaries	\$ 158,435	\$ 165,090		\$ -	\$2,670,026	
12/21/2022	TA - FICA	\$ 13,228	\$ 13,737		\$ 6,655	\$2,676,681	
12/21/2022	TA - Retirement	\$ 9,875	\$ 10,322		\$ 509	\$2,677,190	
12/27/2022	Building	\$ 140,000	\$ 23,000		\$ 447	\$2,677,637	
					\$ (117,000)	\$2,560,637	
					\$ -	\$2,560,637	
	Asst Zoning	\$ 89,145	\$ -		\$ -	\$2,560,637	
					\$ (89,145)	\$2,471,492	
					\$ -	\$2,471,492	
					\$ -	\$2,471,492	\$ (200,234)
	Police					\$2,471,492	
11/10/2022	New Machinery - Lease	\$ 65,218	\$ 85,406			\$2,471,492	
11/14/2022	Electricity	\$ 5,300	\$ 5,800		\$ 20,188	\$2,491,680	
11/14/2022	Replacement Equipment	\$ 4,500	\$ 15,500		\$ 500	\$2,492,180	
					\$ 11,000	\$2,503,180	
					\$ -	\$2,503,180	
					\$ -	\$2,503,180	
					\$ -	\$2,503,180	
					\$ -	\$2,503,180	\$ 31,688
	Fire					\$2,503,180	
11/14/2022	Electricity	\$ 5,100	\$ 5,600			\$2,503,180	
11/14/2022	Gas	\$ 350	\$ -		\$ 500	\$2,503,680	
11/14/2022	Fuel	\$ 3,350	\$ 3,700		\$ (350)	\$2,503,330	
					\$ 350	\$2,503,680	\$ 500
	EMS					\$2,503,680	
11/14/2022	Electricity	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,600			\$2,503,680	
11/14/2022	Gas	\$ 710	\$ -		\$ 600	\$2,504,280	
11/14/2022	Fuel	\$ 3,600	\$ 4,305		\$ (710)	\$2,503,570	
11/25/2022	New Ambulance	\$ 36,350	\$ 37,500		\$ 705	\$2,504,275	
12/19/2022	New Ambulance - Separate Article	\$ 37,500	\$ -		\$ 1,150	\$2,505,425	
					\$ (37,500)	\$2,467,925	
					\$ -	\$2,467,925	
					\$ -	\$2,467,925	
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					\$ -	\$2,467,925	
					\$ -	\$2,467,925	
					\$ -	\$2,467,925	
					\$ -	\$2,467,925	\$ (35,755)
	Highway					\$2,467,925	
					\$ -	\$2,467,925	
					\$ -	\$2,467,925	
12/27/2022	Sand	\$ 80,000	\$ 75,000		\$ (5,000)	\$2,462,925	
12/27/2022	Gravel	\$ 120,000	\$ 50,000		\$ (70,000)	\$2,392,925	
12/27/2022	Contracted Services - Sidewalk	\$ 250,000	\$ 100,000		\$ (150,000)	\$2,242,925	
12/27/2022	Contracted Services - Storm Drains	\$ 119,000	\$ -		\$ (119,000)	\$2,123,925	
					\$ -	\$2,123,925	
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					\$ -	\$2,123,925	
					\$ -	\$2,123,925	
					\$ -	\$2,123,925	
					\$ -	\$2,123,925	\$ (344,000)
					\$ (547,801)	\$ (547,801)	
BUDGET ITEMS - Revenues							
12/19/2022	CDIP Grant Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ 68,000		\$ 68,000		
					\$ -		
					\$ -		
					\$ 68,000	\$ 68,000	
MISC - Other Items							
					\$ -	\$ -	
						\$ (615,801)	
					Total Operating Budget	\$8,672,474	
					Increase	31.1%	

AMENDED ITEMS WITH CUTS ON 12/27/22 AND ZONING ASST. CUT, HALF YR POLICE POSITION

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AMENDED ITEMS WITH CUTS ON 12/27/22 ZONING ASST. AND POLICE POSITION CUT

		FY 2023-24				
Date		Original Proposed	Updated Proposal	Current Budget FY 2022-23	Proposed Budget FY 2023-24	Difference
	Original Budget Overview TOTAL			\$ 6,616,549	\$ 9,288,275	\$ 2,671,726
	General Fund					
12/20/2022	Misc Employee Benefits - TA, TC, Finance, Lister, Zoning, CDC, HR	\$ 2,200	\$ 500		\$ (1,700)	\$ 2,670,026
12/21/2022	TA - Salaries	\$ 158,435	\$ 165,090		\$ -	\$ 2,670,026
12/21/2022	TA - FICA	\$ 13,228	\$ 13,737		\$ 6,655	\$ 2,676,681
12/21/2022	TA - Retirement	\$ 9,875	\$ 10,322		\$ 509	\$ 2,677,190
12/27/2022	Building	\$ 140,000	\$ 23,000		\$ 447	\$ 2,677,637
					\$ (117,000)	\$ 2,560,637
					\$ -	\$ 2,560,637
	Asst Zoning	\$ 89,145	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 2,560,637
					\$ (89,145)	\$ 2,471,492
					\$ -	\$ 2,471,492
					\$ -	\$ 2,471,492
	Police					\$ (200,234)
11/10/2022	New Machinery - Lease	\$ 65,218	\$ 85,406			\$ 2,471,492
11/14/2022	Electricity	\$ 5,300	\$ 5,800		\$ 20,188	\$ 2,491,680
11/14/2022	Replacement Equipment	\$ 4,500	\$ 15,500		\$ 500	\$ 2,492,180
					\$ 11,000	\$ 2,503,180
	New Officer Polistion	\$ 100,586	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 2,503,180
					\$ (100,586)	\$ 2,402,594
					\$ -	\$ 2,402,594
					\$ -	\$ 2,402,594
	Fire					\$ (68,898)
11/14/2022	Electricity	\$ 5,100	\$ 5,600			\$ 2,402,594
11/14/2022	Gas	\$ 350	\$ -		\$ 500	\$ 2,403,094
11/14/2022	Fuel	\$ 3,350	\$ 3,700		\$ (350)	\$ 2,402,744
					\$ 350	\$ 2,403,094
	EMS					\$ 500
11/14/2022	Electricity	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,600			\$ 2,403,094
11/14/2022	Gas	\$ 710	\$ -		\$ 600	\$ 2,403,694
11/14/2022	Fuel	\$ 3,600	\$ 4,305		\$ (710)	\$ 2,402,984
11/25/2022	New Ambulance	\$ 36,350	\$ 37,500		\$ 705	\$ 2,403,689
12/19/2022	New Ambulance - Separate Article	\$ 37,500	\$ -		\$ 1,150	\$ 2,404,839
					\$ (37,500)	\$ 2,367,339
					\$ -	\$ 2,367,339
					\$ -	\$ 2,367,339
					\$ -	\$ 2,367,339
					\$ -	\$ 2,367,339
					\$ -	\$ 2,367,339
					\$ -	\$ 2,367,339
					\$ -	\$ 2,367,339
	Highway					\$ (35,755)
12/27/2022	Sand	\$ 80,000	\$ 75,000		\$ -	\$ 2,367,339
12/27/2022	Gravel	\$ 120,000	\$ 50,000		\$ (5,000)	\$ 2,362,339
12/27/2022	Contracted Services - Sidewalk	\$ 250,000	\$ 100,000		\$ (70,000)	\$ 2,292,339
12/27/2022	Contracted Services - Storm Drains	\$ 119,000	\$ -		\$ (150,000)	\$ 2,142,339
					\$ (119,000)	\$ 2,023,339
					\$ -	\$ 2,023,339
					\$ -	\$ 2,023,339
					\$ -	\$ 2,023,339
					\$ -	\$ 2,023,339
					\$ -	\$ 2,023,339
					\$ -	\$ 2,023,339
BUDGET ITEMS - Revenues					\$ (648,387)	\$ (648,387)
12/19/2022	CDIP Grant Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
					\$ -	
					\$ -	
					\$ -	
					\$ -	
					\$ -	
MISC - Other Items					\$ -	\$ -
					\$ -	\$ -
						\$ (648,387)
Total Operating Budget						\$8,639,888
Increase						30.6%



Jason Luneau
Chief of Police

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Why does Morristown Police Department need an additional Patrol Officer?

1. Increased Calls of Service (Incidents)

- 2022 Incidents: **5175** (as of 12.27.22)
- 2021 Incidents: **4105**
- 2020 Incidents: **4532**

In 2022, we saw an increase of **25%** in the number of calls of service from 2021 and a **13%** increase from 2020

2. Currently, Morristown Police only has **one** Patrol Officer on-duty for about an 8-hour period from 2AM – 10AM.

- Due to the increase in crime, increase in volume of incidents, and the unknowns of what may happen at any time, it is dangerous to have only **one** Patrol Officer on at a time. When Patrol Officers are inundated with calls of service, this leads to an overwhelming amount of paperwork that needs to be completed and prevents the Patrol Officer from doing proactive patrols.
- Neighboring departments to the south and north that are in comparative size both operate with **two** Patrol Officers on all the time.
- Currently, when we have only **one** Patrol Officer on-duty, our closest back-up is utilizing Patrol Officers from Stowe PD or the Lamoille County Sheriff's Department. This could be a delay of 15 + minutes until our **one** Patrol Officer gets any help.

3. In 2022, **18%** of our calls of service came in when there is only **one** Patrol Officer on-duty.

- i. In 2021, **21%** of our calls of service came in when there is only **one** Patrol Officer on-duty.
- ii. In 2020, **20%** of our calls of service came in when there is only **one** Patrol Officer on-duty.

Currently – **33 %** of the day (24-hour period), we only have **one** Patrol Officer on-duty.

4. Morristown Police has seen an increased in Mental Health related calls of service. Compared to 2021, Morristown Police has seen a **58% increase** in Mental Health calls. .
5. The number of arrests has increased. Over the last two years (2020 / 2021), the average number of arrests has increased by **39%**.

Crime Statistics

- Criminal Warrant Arrests: **24% Increase** over the last two years
- DUI Alcohol – Arrests: **72% Increase** over the last two years
- Criminal Driving with a Suspended License: **23% Decrease** over the last two years
- Unlawful Trespass: **176% Increase** over the last two years
- Violation of Conditions of Release: **10.5% Increase** over the last two years
- DUI Drugs - Arrests: **27% Increase** over the last two years

Incident Statistics

- Traffic Stops: **52% Increase** over the last two years
- Suspicious Events: **19% Increase** over the last two years
- Motor Vehicle Complaints: **14% Increase** over the last two years
- Property Damage Accidents: **3% Increase** over the last two years
- Thefts: **10% Increase** over the last two years

6. MPD is being tasked with taking over most animal control duties as well as parking enforcement duties.
 - In 2022, MPD investigated 82 Animal Problem cases. (ACO responded to many more)
 - In 2022, MPD investigated 49 Parking Problem cases.

In conclusion, I feel the need for an additional Police Officer is a necessity. The increase in the volume of calls of service along with the additional duties being tasked to the PD will require an additional Police Officer.

Respectfully,

Chief Jason Luneau