TOWN OF MORRISTOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

MAY 29, 2001

Members Present:	Brian Greenia, Mark Struhsacker, Don Anderson, Jim Paige
Members Absent:	Lee Sturtevant
Dept. Heads:	Paul D. McGinley, Mary Ann Wilson, Richard Keith, Bill Moulton, Wally Reeves, Bud Geary, David Godfrey
Guests:	Jim Neuland, J. B. McKinley, Derrick Barrett, Heidi Krantz

Chair, Brian Greenia called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

HIGHWAY:

Bill reported that the Village has finished sweeping. The crew had cleaned up the brush and wood at the Pleasant View Cemetery, and had cut the brush along the fence at the cemetery at Cadys Falls. The catch basin at the top of Washington Highway has been rebuilt. Some painting has been done, but the weather has not cooperated. Pike reclaimed Cote Hill last week. The screened gravel has been replaced and the culvert changed. There is more work to be done at that location, such as brush to be cut, ditches to be dug, and riprap to be put in to help keep the hill from washing. A new culvert has been put across Walton Road near the Struhsacker property. Paving bids will be ready for the next meeting.

The 40 MPH signs and posts are on order for Stagecoach Road, as well as the crosswalk signs for use on Brooklyn Street near Munchy's Snack Bar. There was discussion as to who would set out and pick up the signs each day. It was decided that the MPD would be in charge of this task when patrolling that street.

POLICE:

Richard reported that the MPD had 186 calls plus 70 traffic stops. They also had 3 detox transfers this past weekend. Donna is out for the week due to a family emergency. Morrisville will have the use of the County Smart Cart for the next couple of weeks. It will be used on the Randolph Road, Stagecoach Road and on Elmore Road. The Memorial Day parade will be held tomorrow (Wednesday, May 30, 2001). An 8 HR Spring Fire Training Seminar will be held on Monday at the Fish & Game Club.

FIRE:

Wally reported that the "Turn Out Gear" which the board had previously allocated $1000.00, costs an additional $80.00. The Selectboard were all in agreement to allow Wally to spend the additional funds to purchase the new equipment. Mary Ann asked if Jeff Limoge had spoken to the MFD in regards to the Fireworks being displayed at the American Cancer Society - Relay for Life Event on June 23, 2001. Wally said he would check in to it.

HEALTH:

David reported that he had received a rubbish complaint from Lawrence Laraway in regards to his parent's house. Upon viewing the property, David states that it is really solid waste, i.e.: lumber, doors, windows etc. Another complaint of an oil smell was received from Nicole Nichols of Pinecrest Trailer Park. It was determined that an underground fuel tank was leaking and the landlord has been contacted. A "Notice of Intent" has been sent to Alpine Ridge Corp. regarding a failed septic system. This issue will be on the agenda for the next meeting. David has also issued a ten-day order to clean up trash to Mr. Kennison on the Randolph Road.

Don Anderson made the motion to sign the Health Officer Contract of Agreement with David Godfrey and the Town of Morristown as presented, seconded by Mark. So passed.

RESCUE:

The summer tires are on the ambulance per Bud. Arrangements have also been made to have the A/C repaired.

There was further discussion on establishing a Fast Squad in cooperation with members from the Elmore Fire Department. EFD Fast Squad members would be associate members of the Morristown Rescue Squad for licensing and training purposes. The board agreed that forming a Fast Squad would be beneficial, but more information was needed before they could make a determination.

There was confusion about how the wages for the full-time rescue employee was set up. To have a 40 hour week at an hourly rate or a salaried position averaging 40 hours per week. To clarify, the board declared the job to be a 40 hour a week position paid at an hourly rate with a maximum of 40 hours worked. Hours could be scheduled to fit around the volunteer's schedule.

The Rescue members have requested improvements to the building. Bud would like to establish a committee to investigate the feasibility and possible options. Ventilation seemed to be the main concern with the growing number of people using the facilities at the same time. The board agreed for Bud to look into this with no commitments promised.

ANIMAL:

Brian Greenia reported that one of the dogs, which had been in the town's possession, has been adopted and the others were now in the care of the NCAL.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Mary Ann reported that Judy Stewart is on vacation. There will be a BCA meeting on Thursday at noon to discuss abatements, so a quorum will be required.

On 06/23/01 there will be an American Cancer Society "Relay for Life" Walk-a-thon. The town employees have formed a team for this event and would like to request the town pay the cost of registration fees.

Don Anderson moved to honor Mary Ann's request for the town to pick up the $10.00 registration fee for each employee. The motion was seconded by Mark Struhsacker. So passed.

Mary Ann presented a revised Delinquent Tax Collection Policy, which defines how partial payments are allocated and to give more detail to the tax sale procedure, for the boards approval.

Don Anderson made the motion to accept the Policy update as presented. Jim seconded the motion. So passed.

A letter from the listers, Certifying that there are no appeals or suits pending as of 04/30/01 for the 2000 Grand List was presented for the Selectboards' endorsement.

Brian moved to certify that there are no statutory appeals as provided by law for the appraisal of the listers and no suits to recover taxes paid under protest are pending as of 04/30/01following lodgement of the 2000 Grand List. Seconded by Don. So passed.

TA:

Paul has received a request on using the Cemetery right-of-way as a drive to get to the employee parking area as a result of the library expansion project. J. B. McKinley was on hand to share ideas and information about the library project.

The TA has had more complaints regarding junk vehicles. Derrick Barrett was in attendance to show pictures and express his concerns on the junk cars and the overall appearance of the Fitzgerald property adjacent to his, which he believes to be a zoning issue as well as a health and safety issue. A letter from Bruce Graham, Derrick's stepfather was also presented. From a zoning aspect, it needs to be determined if the property is indeed being used as a junkyard business. The board asked Paul to have Ken Sweetser, Morristown Zoning Administrator contact Mr. Fitzgerald about this situation and have him apply for the necessary permits if it is operating as a business.

Paul has had several other complaints regarding trash and junk vehicles. Brian recommended that these issues be brought to the table at the next Planning Commission meeting.

A claim has been submitted to FEMA in the area of $16,500.00 for the additional expenses incurred by the highway department during the March snowstorm.

GUEST:

Heidi Krantz presented the board a typed update as to where the community groups are headed. She gave a brief explanation on each group and where they are at this time in reaching their goals. Heidi and Paul have been working together to see where the town is at now in regards to the Community Partnership goals as they relate to the Town Plan.

A Retreat has been planned for July 1st at 7:00 AM to get everyone together to share their ideas and suggestions for continuing the goals of the community. A letter will be sent to the parties involved with more detailed information.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mark Struhsacker moved to accept the minutes of May 14, 2001 with the correction in the MPD report as follows: "They have had 165 calls and 46 traffic stop". Jim Paige seconded the motion. So passed. Don Anderson abstained as he was absent at the last meeting.

The Tax Stabilization request from Alpine Snowguards was revisited from last meeting.

Brian moved that The Town of Morristown enter into a Tax Stabilization Agreement with Alpine Snowguards as presented. Don Anderson seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. A vote was called. All board members present opposed it.

The Town Administrator will notify Alpine Snowguards of the boards' decision.

The request to close Copley Avenue for the Flag Disposal Ceremony was revisited.

Brian Greenia moved to authorize the closing of Copley Avenue on June 14, 2001 for the Flag Disposal Ceremony. Don Anderson seconded the motion. So passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

A request for an Exhibition Permit from Miller Amusements was presented.

Brian Greenia moved to offer a permit to Miller Amusements in the amount of $100.00 per day. Don Anderson seconded the motion. So passed.

A memo from Lee regarding a loan for the purchase of a new lawn mower for the Pleasant View Cemetery was discussed.

Don Anderson made the motion to enter into an agreement with Pleasant View Cemetery for a loan in the amount of $4350.00 conveyed from the Town's Septic System permit escrow account and have the chairman sign the agreement. Jim seconded the motion. So passed.

Permit for Fireworks applications were received from Ed Wilson and also from the American Cancer Society Relay for Life Event.

Don Anderson made the motion to issue the permit for Ed Wilson for July 7, 2001 and also for the American Cancer Society on June 23, 2001. Mark Struhsacker seconded the motion. So passed.

WARRANTS:

Jim Paige made the motion to approve Warrant #00-77 in the amount of $34,166.15 and Warrant #00-76 in the amount of $29,336.21. Don Anderson seconded the motion. So passed.

Jim Paige made the motion to approve the Warrant for payroll ending 05/19/01 in the amount of $24,823.03. Seconded by Don Anderson. So passed.

Don Anderson made the motion to approve Warrant #01-01 for the Recreation Council in the amount of $61.75. Mark Struhsacker seconded the motion. So passed.

There was discussion about making one motion to accept the Warrant Memorandum cover letter as presented vs. making separate motions for each warrant in future meetings. It was determined that as long as each warrant was broken down separately on the cover letter it would be acceptable to do so.

Brian Greenia made the motion to go into Executive Session at 8:40 PM to discuss a contract issue and a personnel issue with Paul and Barb in attendance. . Seconded by Jim Paige. So passed.

Don Anderson made the motion to go out of Executive Session at 9:12 PM. Seconded by Mark Struhsacker. So passed.

FURTHER OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion regarding the LRSWMD recycling station location was revisited. Other possible locations considered were on Trombley Hill and at the town garage. The board felt that if the station had to be located outside of the village, that the town garage location would be the most suitable.

Don Anderson moved to adjourn at 9:30 PM. Seconded by Jim Paige. So passed.

Barbara Cochran, Scribe
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Brian Greenia, Chair
Minutes Not Approved