



**BOARD OF LISTERS MEETING MINUTES  
OF APRIL 15, 2025**

Members: BRIAN YEATON, GRANT WIELER

Absent: VACANT

Staff: KEVIN PETROCHKO, ASSISTANT ASSESSOR; TERRI SABENS, ASSESSOR

Guests:

**CALL TO ORDER**

Brian Yeaton called the Listers Meeting to order at 4:09 PM at the Tegu Building.

**ELECT CHAIRPERSON**

*Motion made by Grant Wieler to name Brian Yeaton as Lister Chair for the upcoming year. Motion seconded by Brian Yeaton. Motion carried (2/0).*

**AGENDA CHANGES OR ADDITIONS**

None

**APPROVE MINUTES**

**1. Approve minutes of 4-1-24**

*Motion made by Grant Wieler to approve the minutes of 4-1-24. Motion seconded by Brian Yeaton. Motion carried. (2/0)*

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Discuss approval of Non-Tax status for United Way**

Terri Sabens gives a brief explanation of the United Way building and an overview of their request to have tax-exempt status for the Town of Morrilltown. She notes that the first floor of the building is primary United Way use, but that a second floor area is rented out. She is unaware of another organization in town or beyond that is fully exempt with a similar mix of uses, and has consulted with others outside of Morrilltown on the matter. Brian Yeaton notes that the decision made on this item may be precedent-setting. After Terri Sabens retrieves a Listers 411 report to review further, it does appear that the United Way offers a unique mix of non-profit and other uses within the building.

*Motion made by Grant Wieler to exempt the specific portions of the United Way building used by them and not rented out. Motion seconded by Brian Yeaton. Motion carried. (2/0)*

A brief follow-up discussion was had to have Kevin Petrochko review the first floor of the building in person, if allowed by staff on a day soon, TBD.

**2. Update on Grand List**

Terri Sabens opens the topic of Grand List updates. Terri relates that she will be leaving her current position at Morristown soon, but that she has offered to stay on after her departure in a backup or on-call capacity to assist. She notes that the training process of Assistant Assessor Kevin Petrochko is impacted quite a bit by his Interim Assistant Zoning Administrator duties and that she is carrying more of the Assessor's work load than she should be at this point in the training. She understands the challenge but does note that it likely increases the need for her to be available to the Town in addition to other resources, such as PVR district contacts and other support personnel. She explains the training process, to date, and the use of team meetings for much of it, until recent in-person trainings by her have been made possible by improving weather. Terri notes that some of the filing work could be done by either Ally (present for meeting web hosting duties) or one of the Listers to assist Kevin during this time. Grant agrees to help in the office when able for a short time.

The topic of the vacant Lister seat comes up. Both Brian and Grant mention having thought that Kevin was a third Lister. Kevin relates his willingness to take on the role, as he is doing much of the duties at present and will be full-time in the role when a Zoning Administrator is hired. Kevin relates having filled out the application for Select Board review but noted that Brent Raymond chose to hold off on the appointment for reasons related to possible conflicts of interest. Terri Sabens relates that several other towns have similar arrangements in which an Assessor is also a Lister, with no problems ensuing. Kevin opines that Brent's knowledge of the perception may be related to specific residents and again states that he is happy to do whatever the Town prefers on the matter. Brian Yeaton and Grant Wieler say that having a third Lister appointed (even if its not Kevin, for reasons stated earlier) should be done for reasons of having a quorum, or that Listers roles in the Town should be done away with altogether. Brian relates that finding willing residents to take on Lister roles has been a challenge for at least the prior 7 years. Brian suggests that a follow-up meeting with Brent be done to discuss this prior to Grievance hearings.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

None

#### **ADJOURN**

***Motion made by Grant Wieler to adjourn. Motion seconded by Brian Yeaton. Motion carried. (2/0)***

Meeting adjourned at 4:36 pm

Submitted and filed this 17th day of April.

Kevin Petrochko, Scribe

*Please note all minutes are in Draft form and are subject to approval at the next Board of Listers meeting.*