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Town of Morris

Board of Selectmen

Special Meeting Agenda

April 27, 2021, 3:30 PM

Hybrid Meeting

Morris Community Hall

Morris, CT

Join Zoom Meeting

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1. Call to order
2. Regular Meeting Minutes April 20, 2021
3. Refunds/Abatements
4. Morris Volunteer Fire Department Pension Plan amendment
5. Discuss, vote and sign Warning of Special Town Meeting
6. Highway Maintainer position
7. Tax Collector's Report
8. Public Comment (agenda items only)
9. Adjourn

Town of Morris

Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 20 2021, 4:30 p.m.

Morris Community Hall

Board Members Present: Tom Weik, Erica Dorsett

- I. Call to Order by Tom Weik at 4:30 p.m.
- II. **Motion** made by Erica Dorsett to approve Special Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2021. Tom Weik seconded. **Motion carried.**
- III. **Motion** made by Erica Dorsett to approve the following Abatement/Refund of property taxes as recommended by Tax Collector, Rebecca Juchert-Derungs in the total amount of \$1,262.20. Tom Weik seconded. **Motion carried.**

Diane Lauretano - \$594.81
Corelogic Centralized Refunds - \$667.39
- IV. **Motion** made by Erica Dorsett approve the Capital Non-Recurring Plan and send to Board of Finance. Tom Weik seconded. **Motion carried.**
- V. **Motion** made by Erica Dorsett to accept bid for Community Hall Generator and award to Frontline Electric, LLC in the amount of \$22,760.009. Tom Weik seconded. **Motion carried.**
- VI. **Motion** made by Erica Dorsett to adjourn at 4:40 p.m. Tom Weik seconded. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,
Laurel Gillotti
Executive Assistant

BOS 5-6-21

POSTED BATCH REPORT BY SEQUENCE NUMBER / TERM# 3 BATCH# 914

OFFICE OF TAX COLLECTOR TOWN OF MORRIS TYPE: TOWN CASH: TOWN DATE: 04/22/2021 TIME: 14:36:14 PAGE: 1
 TOTAL ONLY : NO BATCH# 914 TERM# 3 PAYDATE : 07/01/2020 TO 04/22/2021 CYCLE : 00 - ALL PAY TYPE : TOWN TAX/DEF : Tax and Deferred TYPE : 00 ALL BILLS
 BILL # S TAXPAYER TYPE TOWN INTEREST LIEN FEES B-INT TOTAL DATE-PAID TP OVR TER# BATCH# SEQ# # CLK BK AL

BILL #	S	TAXPAYER	TYPE	TOWN	INTEREST	LIEN	FEES	B-INT	TOTAL	DATE-PAID	TP	OVR	TER#	BATCH#	SEQ#	#	CLK	BK	AL
2017-4-0080447		WALSH CONSTANCE A		-5.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-5.22	04/22/2021	R		3	914	1				
2019-1-0000951		SEELY MELISSA & DO		-1,542.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-1,542.78	04/22/2021	R		3	914	2				
2019-4-0080085		DELELLO RYAN J		-46.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-46.91	04/22/2021	R		3	914	3				
04/22/2021				-1,594.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-1,594.91		ADJ =			0.00					04/22/2021
TOT CUR/YR [2]		TOWN		-1,589.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-1,589.69		ADJ =			0.00					
TOTAL:				-1,589.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-1,589.69										
TOT BACK/YR [1]		TOWN		-5.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-5.22		ADJ =			0.00					
TOTAL:				-5.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-5.22										
TOT ACTIVE [3]				-1,594.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-1,594.91		ADJ =			0.00					
TOTAL:				-1,594.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-1,594.91										
TOT REFUNDS [3]				-1,594.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-1,594.91										
GRAND TOTAL [3]				-1,594.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-1,594.91		ADJ =			0.00					

TYPE R CURRENT: -1,589.69 BACK :

RECEIPT TOTAL -1,594.91
 CASH TOTAL 0.00
 CHANGE TOTAL 0.00
 CASH BALANCE 0.00
 CHECK TOTAL 0.00
 CREDIT TOTAL 0.00
 DEPOSIT TOTAL -1,594.91 *** (EXCLUDE CREDIT CARD)
 DEPOSIT TOTAL -1,594.91

**AMENDMENT TO THE
TOWN OF MORRIS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT PENSION PLAN**

Effective May 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021, a terminated vested participant who has not begun collecting their retirement benefit from the Plan; is hereby eligible to elect a one-time lump sum payment, as determined below, of their vested accrued benefit.

Effective May 1, 2021, the Actuarial Equivalent factors used to calculate a lump sum are based on the Applicable Interest Rate, as defined below, and the UP-1984 Mortality Table, as defined in section 1.2 of the plan document.

"Applicable Interest Rate" means the adjusted first, second, and third segment rates described in Code §417(e), determined as of the "look-back month," which shall be the second calendar month preceding the "stability period," which is the Plan Year during which the Annuity Starting Date occurs. For this purpose, the segment rates are the spot segment rates that would be determined for the applicable month under Code §430(h)(2)(C) without the 24-month averaging under Code §430(h)(2)(D), and determined without regard to the adjustment for the 25-year average segment rates provided in Code §430(h)(2)(C)(iv).

Dated at Morris, Connecticut this _____ day of _____, 20__.

TOWN OF MORRIS

By _____
Thomas Weik, First Selectman

By _____
Vincent Aiello, Selectman

By _____
Erica Dorsett-Mathews, Selectman

**WARNING OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF MORRIS
Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.**

The electors of the Town of Morris and those persons eligible to vote in Town Meetings in said Town, are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Morris Community Hall, 3 East Street, Morris, Connecticut on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. for the Special Town Meeting pursuant to Governor's Executive Order 7JJ, Section 4 and Executive Order 11, and be conducted in accordance with COVID-19 public health guidelines for the following purposes:

1. To consider and approve the Transfer Station Wall Replacement project, to authorize the use of Small Town Economic Assistance Program ("STEAP") funds not to exceed the amount of \$128,205.00 for said project, to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$296,275.00 to cover the balance of the cost of said project, and to authorize the First Selectman to execute such documents and to act as needed to effectuate such.
2. To consider and adopt an Ordinance Concerning the Town of Morris Fire Company Pension Plan.
3. To consider and adopt an Ordinance for the Sale of Town Owned Personal Property.

Morris, Connecticut this _____ day of April, 2021.

Tom Weik, First Selectman

Erica Dorsett

Vinnie Aiello

**TOWN OF MORRIS
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 5, 2021**

**ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE TOWN OF MORRIS
FIRE COMPANY PENSION PLAN**

Section 1. Authority.

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §7-148(c)(5)(A) and §7-450 (b), as amended.

Section 2. Amendments to Code of Ordinances.

The Code of Ordinances of the Town of Morris, Chapter 30, Organizations, Officials, and Employees, is amended by adding a new Article as follows:

Article 30.31. Morris Fire Company Pension Plan.

§30.31A. Establishment of Morris Fire Company Pension Plan

Pursuant to CGS §7-148(c)(5)(A), the Town sponsors the Morris Fire Company Pension Plan as set forth in the Plan, established effective July 1, 2018 and as restated January 1, 2021, as amended from time to time.

§30.31B. Establishment of Trust for Morris Fire Company Pension Plan.

Pursuant to CGS §7-450(b), the Town hereby authorizes the establishment of a Grantor Trust, within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and IRS regulations, to hold the assets and investments related to, and required by, the Morris Fire Company Pension Plan, which pursuant to such Trust shall remain available to creditors of the Town in the event of insolvency, as defined in the Trust. The Trust shall be prepared and entered into by the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Town of Morris as the Grantor of the Trust and sponsor of the Morris Fire Company Pension Plan.

§30.31C. Pension Committee.

The Morris Fire Company Pension Plan and Trust shall be administered by the Morris Pension Committee established pursuant to Ordinance 30.25, which Committee shall serve as Administrator of the Plan and Trustee of the Trust.

Section 3. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication of a summary of its provisions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, §7-157(b).

Adopted by Town meeting on _____, _____, 2021.
Published in the _____, on _____, _____, 2021.
Effective date: _____, _____, 2021.
Recorded in the Morris Town Records: Vol. _____, Pg. _____.

MORRIS, CONNECTICUT
CODE OF ORDINANCES

TITLE III: ADMINISTRATION
Chapter 31: Finance and Revenue; Taxation

§ 31.04 AUTHORIZATION TO SELL TOWN PERSONAL PROPERTY.

(A) The sale of any surplus personal property item owned by the town and judged by the Board of Selectmen to have a value of \$25,000 or more, shall require approval of the Board of Finance, approval of a town meeting and, after having received such town meeting approval, such sale shall be conducted by sealed bidding. The sale by sealed bidding shall be advertised on the Town website as well as by any other reasonable means as would allow the town to obtain the best possible price for the items to be sold and where such means are consistent with the sealed bid process. Such notice shall be placed at least 14 days prior to such bid deadline and shall include a description of the item(s) offered for sale, as well as the time, place, and manner for sealed bidding.

(B) The Board of Selectmen may, by majority vote, sell items of personal property, owned by the town free of any trust or restriction; provided that, the value of any item, at the time of sale, shall not exceed \$25,000. Written bids shall be required for items estimated to be valued by the Selectmen at and above \$5,000.00, though such bid process need not be sealed. The sale of such property shall be advertised in a manner consistent with that described in subsection (D) of this ordinance.

(C) Surplus town personal property judged by the Board of Selectmen as having little or no commercial value, or judged by the Board of Selectmen as having less value than the cost of disposal or placing such items for sale, may be transferred, donated, or disposed of through salvage contracts or other means deemed by the Board of Selectmen to be cost effective and efficient. Items judged by the Board of Selectmen to be broken or unusable, or to have no commercial, salvage or donation value may be declared “trash” and efficiently and safely disposed of as such.

(D) The Board of Selectmen shall, at least 14 days prior to such sale, advertise the time, place and terms of sale, together with a description of the items offered, on the Town website as well as by any other means deemed by the Board Selectmen to be in the Town’s best interest.

(E) No item of historical value to the town shall be sold pursuant to this ordinance without prior written notice to the town's Historical Society at least 14 days prior to sale.

(F) In order to sell any item of personal property acquired by the town as a gift to be held by the town as a public trust, (1) any applicable trust document must allow for such sale, (2) prior written notice must be given to the Attorney General’s Public Charities Unit, and (3) approval of a town meeting is required. After such town meeting approval occurs, legal notice on the town website and in a newspaper having a general circulation in the town shall provide notice of the sale consistent with subsection (D) of this ordinance.

(G) The Town Treasurer shall receive the proceeds from any sale of town property and deposit such monies in the General Fund, reporting such proceeds as revenue to the town in the annual report. The Board of Selectmen shall issue a receipt to each purchaser and shall maintain a record of each item sold, the name and address of the purchasers and the amount paid.

(H) This ordinance shall govern only the sale of personal property of the town. This ordinance shall not govern the sale of real property by the town.

(I) This ordinance is made pursuant to Sections 7-148(b)(3) and 7-148(b)(10) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(J) This section is effective 15 days after publication of a summary of this ordinance in a newspaper having general circulation in the town. (both 5-11-1985 and 5-25-2005). (Ord. passed 4-22-1986; Ord. passed 5-4-2005) (amended 5-5-2021).

Adopted by town meeting held: May ____, 2021.
Published in the _____ on _____, 2021.
Effective date: _____, 2021.
Recorded in the Morris Town Records, Vol. ____ Page ____.

COLLECTION INFORMATION AS OF MARCH 31, 2021
MEMO FROM TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

2019 Grand List Collection Information

Beginning Tax Levy	8,795,747.00
Adjusted Tax Levy (as of month end)	8,613,531.14
Current Year Collections (as of month end)	8,446,668.31
Current year collection rate - collected vs. tax levy =	98.06%
Budgeted collections – taxes	8,365,361.00
Budgeted collections – back taxes	75,000.00
Budgeted collections – interest & lien fees	45,400.00
Total budgeted collections	<u>8,485,761.00</u>
Total collections(includes interest & taxes & fees)	8,582,947.10
Collection rate - collected vs. total budgeted =	101.15%
Refunds paid & unpaid	27,780.89
Total collections less refunds(paid & unpaid)	8,555,166.21
Collection rate - collected less refunds vs total budgeted	100.82%

**FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021
TOWN OF MORRIS
TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
FOR YEAR TO DATE**

Grand List Year	Uncollected Taxes July 1, 2018	Current Levy	Lawful Corrections		Transfers to Suspense	Adjusted Taxes Collectible	Collections		Uncollected Taxes w/o Refunds 31-Mar-21	Prior FY's Refunds	Over-payments	Refunds		Refunds unpaid Month end
			Additions	Deductions			** Taxes	Interest				Adjustments Generating	Transfers to Current GL	
2019		8,365,361.00	96,759.35	11,538.05	-	8,450,582.30	8,446,668.31	15,275.47	8,461,943.78	3,913.99	4,202.03	1,809.90	-	960.47
2018	124,888.99		4.31	146.89	-	124,746.41	75,204.33	13,609.21	88,813.54	49,542.08	-	814.89	4.31	497.52
2017	38,495.54		-	-	-	38,495.54	17,937.38	5,272.73	23,210.11	20,558.16	-	-	-	1,769.32
2016	19,057.42		-	0.82	-	19,056.60	5,863.46	2,449.76	8,313.22	13,193.14	-	-	-	1,189.58
2015	14,367.53		0.22	125.79	-	14,241.96	2,047.62	1,869.17	2,570.94	12,194.34	-	-	0.22	619.55
2014	7,636.40		-	148.78	-	7,487.62	3,250.69	462.44	3,713.13	4,236.93	-	-	-	377.40
2013	699.38		-	133.61	1,278.79	1,844.56	1,409.14	1,081.94	2,491.08	435.42	-	-	-	-
2012	1,097.52		-	-	-	1,097.52	-	-	-	1,097.52	-	-	-	2,210.59
2011	4,063.99		-	-	-	4,063.99	-	-	-	4,063.99	-	-	-	-
2010	1,251.48		-	-	-	1,251.48	-	-	-	1,251.48	-	-	-	-
2009	1,392.32		-	-	-	1,392.32	152.22	288.35	440.57	1,240.10	-	-	-	-
2008	1,334.58		-	-	-	1,334.58	-	-	-	1,334.58	-	-	-	-
2007	413.43		-	-	-	413.43	-	-	-	413.43	-	-	-	-
2006	917.96		-	-	-	917.96	-	-	-	917.96	-	-	-	-
2005			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	215,616.54	8,365,361.00	96,763.88	12,093.94	1,278.79	8,666,926.27	8,552,533.15	40,309.07	8,591,496.37	114,393.12	4,202.03	2,624.79	4.53	7,624.43

COLLECTION FEES
MARSHAL FEES
ADMIN FEES
LIEN FEES

24.00	24.00
222.00	222.00
8,552,533.15	8,591,742.37
(6,149.16)	(6,149.16)
8,546,383.99	8,585,593.21
Taxes Only	All Collections

TOTAL COLLECTIONS TO DATE

6,149.16

7,624.43