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**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**OF THE**  
**VILLAGE OF MORRISVILLE**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023**



**ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 17, 2024**

**PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT**



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**General Government**  
**Electric, Water & Wastewater Services**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Travis Knapp	Term Expires 2024
Bob Heanue	Term Expires 2025
Brad Limoge	Term Expires 2026
Carl Fortune	Term Expires 2027
Tom Snipp	Term Expires 2028

# Frank Ferrante

## 28+ Years of Service

### 3/3/1995 – 6/30/2023



This year's Annual Village Report is dedicated to Frank Ferrante, affectionately known as Frankie (hold the second syllable for at least three seconds to pronounce it correctly).

Frank's career at Morrisville Water & Light (MWL) spans nearly three decades, and includes work in every aspect of our business, from lineman to water operator and literally everything in between.

If you know Frank, you know he has managed to keep his New York accent despite establishing himself as a true Vermonter. He's a loud and proud Italian, fiercely loyal to his family and those he considers family. Frank is friendly, outgoing, quick to laugh, almost always smiling, and has the unique ability to connect with most everyone like they're his long-lost friends. His laughter and booming voice echo off our office walls. Frank is willing to step up, step in, and help anyone that needs it.

Frank began his MWL career as a brush cutter and apprentice lineman. He advanced his way up to first-class lineman and worked on the rebuilding of the B-22 line from Cady's Falls to Johnson, and voltage conversions throughout the electrical system. Frank supervised the contracted tree trimming crew back in the day when low-risk inmates from St. J Correctional Facility were doing the work. He was the substation maintenance worker, after hours on-call lineman, and second man for more trouble calls than can be counted. Frank always had a keen eye for spotting danger trees and needed repairs, large and small, all over our system.







As a first-class lineman, Frank worked one of the most notorious storms of our time – the Ice Storm of 1998. This storm lasted roughly five days and produced ice accumulations in excess of three inches. It took down the transmission line from Canada, causing more than four million power outages throughout Canada, New England, and New York State. After working to repair damages to our system, Frank, along with other members of our line crew, continued

recovery efforts in Swanton, St. Albans, and Enosburg Falls.

Frank worked on the Maple Street Reconstruction Project installing the new stormwater system. He was MWL's concrete man, replacing and repairing sidewalks, patching up brick masonry at our power plants, and even helping co-workers with their weekend concrete projects.

With a tireless can-do attitude, at MWL you could find Frank cutting trees, digging ditches, and handling all of our facilities maintenance needs, including spearheading the desperately needed painting of our entire office, and custom welding our file cabinets so our files fit perfectly in the drawers. If you enjoyed seeing vintage wooden Santa displayed by our Elmore Street office sign at Christmastime, you have Frank to thank for that. All of these extras were above and beyond his regular work responsibilities.



Most importantly of all, Frank always, ALWAYS answered his phone at any hour of the day or night when we needed help during outages. It's hard to express how much we appreciate that level of dedication.



And speaking of dedication, Frank is a true family man. Frank and his wife, Carol, have two children, Danielle and Frank, who now have families of their own. Grandpa Frank’s pride and joy are his three beautiful grandchildren, Parker, Noah, and Nicoletta. The first time Frank met Nicoletta was when she was a newborn on her way home from Copley Hospital and he was working to restore power during the Christmas Storm of 2022. He’ll now have lots of extra time to spend with them. In fact, his project list is growing, and at the top of the list is cutting a trail through the woods to take his grandchildren out exploring on the side-by-side when they are visiting.

(Work/Life Balance: Grandpa Frank meets new granddaughter Nicoletta on her way home from Copley Hospital during the Christmas Storm of '22)

As a man of leisure, Frank is enjoying more time on his mountain bike. Expect to see him cruising around town on his motorcycle or in one of his vintage Land Cruisers. He’ll have more time to pursue that big buck on his hunting trips, both locally and to Ohio. Best of all, he’ll have more family time (and great Italian food) both here and on Long Island.

It is hard to capture in words how much Frank did for MWL and how much we miss his daily presence in our office. Luckily for us, like most retirees from this organization, Frank continues to help us on a part-time basis. When finishing a job, Frank always said “let’s close the loop.” Frank has closed his loop at MWL but will forever be part of the MWL *famiglia*.



Thank you, Frank, for your service. We wish you a wonderful retirement.



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**WARNING**  
**VILLAGE OF MORRISVILLE ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING**  
**APRIL 17, 2024**

The legal voters of the Village of Morrisville are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Morrisville VFW, 28 VFW Street in said Morrisville, Vermont on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. to transact the following business from the floor:

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Village Moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2: To elect all Village Officers required by law:

- Village Clerk for a term of one (1) year
- Village Treasurer for a term of one (1) year
- Village Trustee for a term of five (5) years
- Collector of Delinquent Village Taxes for a term of one (1) year

ARTICLE 3: Shall the voters compensate each Village Trustee an annual salary of \$2,000 to be paid \$100 plus equivalent FICA/Medicare from the General Village and \$1,900 from the Morrisville Water & Light Department?

ARTICLE 4: Shall the voters authorize total fund expenditures for the Village General Government operating expenses of \$12,775.72 all of which shall be raised by taxes?


ARTICLE 5: Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of \$500, approximately \$.00032 on the Village grand list, to fund the Village Special Projects Reserve Fund?

ARTICLE 6: Shall the voters authorize payment of real and personal property taxes on November 15, 2024 by delivery to the Village Treasurer before 4:00 pm on that date with only official U.S.P.S. cancellation marks accepted as postmarked mail?

ARTICLE 7: Discussion of other non-binding business.

- Green River Hydro Update
- Future of Energy Impacts
- Amy Wade Fund

Dated at Morrisville, Vermont this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024 by the Village Trustees:



Bob Heanue



Carl Fortune



Travis Knapp



Bradley Limoge

Tom Snipp

Received, filed & recorded March 13, 2024 by the Village Clerk:



Sara Allyn Haskins, Village Clerk



## NOTICE TO VOTERS

### ANNUAL MEETING VILLAGE OF MORRISVILLE

**Floor Vote:** Wednesday April 17, 2024 at 6:30 PM

*Morrisville VFW, 28 VFW Street*

#### **BEFORE ELECTION DAY:**

**CHECKLIST POSTED** at Clerks Office by **March 17, 2024**. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote.

#### **HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE:**

There is no deadline to register to vote. You will be able to register to vote on the day of the election. You can register prior by visiting the town clerk's office or going online to <https://olvr.vermont.gov/>.

#### **ON ELECTION DAY:**

If your name was dropped from the checklist in error or has not been added even though you submitted a timely application for addition to the checklist, you can fill out a new registration form. If the clerk or Board of Civil Authority does not add your name, you can appeal the decision to a superior court judge, who will settle the matter on Election Day. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683) for more information.

If you are a first time voter who submitted your application to the checklist individually by mail and did not submit the required document, you must provide a current and valid photo identification, or a bank statement, utility bill, or government document that contains your name/current address.

If you have physical disabilities, are visually impaired or can't read, you may have assistance from any person of your choice. If any voters you know have disabilities, let them know they can have assistance from any person of their choice.

If you know voters who cannot get from the car into the polling place, let them know that ballot(s) may be brought to their car by two election officials.

**If you have any questions or need assistance while voting, ask your Town Clerk or any election official for help.**

#### **NO PERSON SHALL:**

- Vote more than once per election, either in the same town or in different towns.
- Mislead the board of civil authority about your own or another person's true residency or other eligibility to vote.
- Hinder or impede a voter going into or from the polling place.
- Socialize in a manner that could disturb other voters in the polling place.
- Offer bribe, threaten or exercise undue influence to dictate or control the vote of another person.

**FOR HELP OR INFORMATION:**

Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683). (Accessible by TDD)

If you believe that any of your voting rights have been violated, you may file an Administrative Complaint with the Secretary of State's Office, 128 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633.

If you believe you have witnessed efforts to commit any kind of fraud or corruption in the voting process, you may report this to your local United States Attorney's Office.

If you have witnessed actual or attempted acts of discrimination or intimidation in the voting process, you may report this to the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice at (800) 253-3931.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS: Floor Vote**

- Go to the entrance checklist table.
- Give name and, if asked, street address to the election official in a loud voice.
- Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.
- An election official will give you a colored piece of paper. This is your ballot.
- Show ballot if you wish to speak.
- Show ballot if a voice vote is called.
- If a paper ballot is called, deposit completed ballot in ballot box and return to checklist table to receive new colored ballot.



*Pollinator Garden funded by the Village Special Project Reserve Fund*

## VILLAGE OFFICERS

### ELECTED VILLAGE OFFICERS:

#### **MODERATOR:**

Shapleigh Smith Jr                      Term expires 2024

#### **TRUSTEES:**

Travis Knapp                              Term expires 2024

Bob Heanue                                Term expires 2025

Bradley Limoge                          Term expires 2026

Carl Fortune                              Term expires 2027

Tom Snipp                                 Term expires 2028

#### **VILLAGE CLERK:**

Sara Allyn Haskins                      Term expires 2024

#### **VILLAGE TREASURER:**

Sara Allyn Haskins                      Term expires 2024

#### **COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES:**

Sara Allyn Haskins                      Term expires 2024

### ELECTRIC, WATER & WASTEWATER DEPARTMENTS:

Scott Johnstone	General Manager
Penny Jones	Controller
Kevin Newton	Plant Superintendent
David Heller	Electric Superintendent

### BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY FOR THE VILLAGE OF MORRISVILLE:

Aimee Towne	Term expires 2025	Justices of the Peace
Shelley Nolan	Term expires 2025	Justices of the Peace
Urban Martin	Term expires 2025	Justices of the Peace
Travis Knapp	Term expires 2024	Trustee
Bob Heanue	Term expires 2025	Trustee
Bradley Limoge	Term expires 2026	Trustee
Carl Fortune	Term expires 2027	Trustee
Tom Snipp	Term expires 2028	Trustee

# Manager's and Trustees' Report for 2023

By Scott Johnstone, General Manager

## 2023 Year in Review

A continuing trend of significant weather-related impacts and the ever-increasing regulatory impacts dominated 2023. The Village's incredible employees again brought us through the former, while the latter will impact us for at least the next decade. What is clear is that the wonderful resilience and understanding of our community coupled with our caring and fully capable team brought us not only through 2023 but is the bedrock to help us navigate through the continued turbulence we expect in the future.

Cost pressure, inflation, and supply chain issues continue to drive economic impacts on our utility services. These impacts hit every service we provide – water, sewer and electric. Perhaps more importantly, our state policies on renewable energy and strategic electrification create both practical operational challenges and challenging financial impacts for the coming five-to-ten-year period. Morrisville Water & Light's updated Integrated Resource Plan takes a first look at what these new policies will require, both in terms of power supply and services as well as voluminous capital investments.

As we address each and every issue that comes forward, one thing is clear and can be counted on by all of our customers: at Morrisville Water & Light, community is at the heart of everything we do. Though the days of rates remaining stable for years on end have come to an end, we work hard each day to try to balance our progress with common sense driven, economical ways to meet all the new mandates.

## The Big Storm (part 2)

In 2022 we experienced Superstorm Elliott right before Christmas. Our 2023 was dominated by the floods of July. Fully four feet of water rushed over the tops of both our Morrisville and Cady's Falls Dams. Additionally, for a day or so we had some moderate electrical customer outages. Thankfully, we dodged a bullet with our wastewater plant coming within inches of sustaining serious damages.

Water supply is where our customers really suffered. Both of our wells were inundated by flood waters. While we successfully separated our wells from our reservoir, the state still required us to institute a "do not drink" order. In the end, we proved that all the water in our reservoirs was safe all the time, just as we knew it was. This was of little solace to our customers who suffered for more than a week collecting water from wherever they could find it.

The community response was, as is so typical of Morrisville, overwhelmingly supportive with neighbors helping neighbors, a church volunteering to be a water station, delivery drivers picking up water to take to customers, and so many additional stories of heroic care and concern. It is often said that one finds the true character of a person (or a community), in times of trial. The people of Morrisville showed, again, just what a great place this community is!

At MWL, our employees worked tirelessly to get the water system back online. Everyone did what they could to be of help. Most of our big emergencies at MWL tend to be on the electric grid, and we've seen over and over how we rally to get whatever job needs doing done. It was



gratifying to see that when we had a water crisis, the organization jumped right in with the same fervor and strength to meet this challenge.

Early estimates of damages from the floods for MWL are pegged at over \$3 million. Thankfully, our county was included in eligibility for FEMA funding for recovery efforts. This provides 75% of the cost for most damages. Still, that would leave us with a bill of around \$750,000, roughly split between the water and electric utilities. We now expect the overall bill to be lower than the original estimates, though we will be making repairs through all of 2024 before we understand the final costs.

Finally, while our community suffered in so many ways from these floods, it is worth noting that we actually were incredibly fortunate. In communities east and west of us the damages to personal property, homes, and people were immense. The damages to public property were much larger, too. And the road to recovery will take longer. This is not to suggest the pain felt in Morrisville was unimportant, but rather, to acknowledge those who got hit harder and to count our blessings for avoiding the worst.

## Electric Rates Rising

In 2023 we filed for a rate increase of 11.25%. This was based on the state's formulaic method that we're required to follow. The state then objected to their own process and approved an increase of 5.16% which took effect mid-year. While great news for our customers in 2023, this change simply delayed the inevitable and actually will cost us all more. For example, the state's decision required us to borrow short term to be able to pay our bills. They told us that such interest costs are of course eligible for future rate recovery. From MWL's perspective this is simply money you all didn't need to spend.

As we look forward to 2024 and beyond, we will see continued rate pressures due to the increasing costs of buying energy, all the state-required technology initiatives, new state electrification and renewable policies, and more. We expect that this new path is likely a cheaper path for us all once the dust settles, and it will help to address climate change. However, we'll experience some pain along the way. The concept of delayed gratification, once a cornerstone of building our country, is not terribly in vogue these days. Yet this idea of enduring some challenges today to enable a brighter, more affordable energy future for our grandchildren is precisely what we will be experiencing.

## Our Employees

The team at MWL is just first rate! From the staff maintaining our water, sewer, and electric systems, the customer service team that you all speak with regarding bills or system issues, to our management team, our community is fortunate to have such dedicated and talented people caring for these systems and services. The reciprocal is true, too. Our entire team feels truly fortunate to work for a community that is so supportive and caring.

## Our Financials

Over the past year all three of our utilities experienced significant cost pressures and challenges with our cash position. The team managed to navigate the year without new revenues in our water and sewer utilities. As noted previously, the electric utility did see its first rate increase in 13 years at 5.16%. Water rates will rise by 5% in 2023, the first increase in about nine years. We

expect water rates to increase slightly in the coming years. Sewer rates will remain stable for 2024, but then will likely need to slowly increase as well. Electric rates will rise by 2% in mid-2024 and likely will rise again later in the year. This second process will be formulated by the state's required process, and as such we cannot estimate the potential increase until we have audited financial results for 2023. Looking ahead at the next few years, customers can expect electric rate increases each year. Please know we are working hard to keep these projected increases as low as possible while still complying with new state mandates.

To give you a snapshot, MWL will invest around three million dollars on technology in the coming few years. We'll need to have access to large scale battery technology (owned or "as a service") at big money. Our electric grid requires large investments to keep up with current deficiencies as well as the loads coming online (heat pumps and electric vehicles). Lastly, owning hydroelectric dams provides us with pretty low-cost energy. However, when repairs are needed these are big one-time investments. Since electricity is generally cheaper (even in the future) than the fuels it replaces, the long-term outlook is good for consumers. Again, we've just got to find ways to navigate through the transition.

With all these challenges and cost pressures, including continued inflationary pressures for our equipment supplies, cash was indeed tight in 2024. The state's decision on our rate case left us with about two days of cash on hand. Anyone involved in owning or managing a business knows that this means you can't pay your bills in real time. Add to that our need to front all the money for flood repairs, the money we fronted to make repairs for winter storm Elliott in 2022 (which has not yet been reimbursed), the need to lay out cash for capital repairs, and much higher costs for power supply purchases and you begin to understand the issues. The Village Trustees and management worked closely together to develop a cashflow strategy that had us able to pay our bills, "keep the lights on and water flowing."

Our auditors, Kittell, Branagan and Sargent, have not completed our audit for 2023 at the time of this writing. As always, we expect their review of our books will result in a clean audit being presented to the Trustees by mid-year. When that occurs, the audit will be made available on our MWL website and we'll alert the public to its availability.

## Our Services

### Water

Aside from the enormous effort that went into flood repairs, this year saw a good deal of action on improvements to the water system. The water lines on East Olive Street were replaced, and repairs to pesky water leaks were made on Portland and Bridge Streets. A generator at Well 3 was installed and then almost immediately destroyed by the flood. A control system, called SCADA, was installed to assist in the proper management of the pumping to the reservoirs. Finally, the Bugbee Springs property had its forest thinned in a sustainable manner during the year.

### Sewer

During the year, significant relining of sewer lines occurred. Relining enables us to extend the life of a sewer line without digging it up – and is much more cost effective. This has been a multi-year initiative that will continue for many years to come. A new sewer line was installed on East Olive Street.

## Electric

All electric systems, including MWL's, require constant investment to make sure customers have adequate, reliable power. In 2023 continued improvements were made to substation #3, 32 transformers and 50 new poles were set, 122 customer jobs were completed, 1.87 miles of single-phase line was constructed, 1,800 feet of cross-country line was moved to the roadside to improve reliability and 8.5 miles of our system had vegetative maintenance performed. As impressive as this sounds (and is), the pace of improvement to our electric grid will need to ramp up in the future to ensure the reliability our customer's desire.

We expected to retire one of our bucket trucks in 2023. Ordered in 2022 and due to arrive in April 2023, it is now expected to arrive in July 2024. This is simply the state of our supply chain today and likely for the foreseeable future. Work to ready our system for the installation of advanced meter infrastructure continued in 2023 with the current expectation that meters will begin to be installed in 2025.

As noted previously, MWL submitted its new Integrated Resource Plan during 2023. This state-mandated effort identifies the next stage of planning and investment necessary to meet our state's energy policies. This means we'll continue to focus on deploying renewables and the adoption of energy efficiency while now also focusing on transitioning to all electric buildings – strategic electrification. Presuming the plan gains approval by the Public Utility Commission, MWL will then need to work to become 100% renewable by 2030.

## Hydro

For fifteen years now, MWL has been attempting to secure new permits to operate our three hydro electric generating dams. The odyssey continues. There are really no points of contention regarding the Morrisville and Cady's Falls Dams, but we continue to be miles apart on the Green River Dam. MWL has made clear that the new requirements, demanded by the state, make operating Green River as a renewable energy facility unattractive financially. As such, we've asked that the state acquire the dam from MWL as its real purpose is to support the state park and the unique experience it provides. The state is undertaking a study to determine what owning the dam would entail for them and should complete that work in 2024.

During the year, our generators at Cady's Falls produced no electricity. One of our generators was taken out of service due to the need for a complete rebuild (vertical turbine) which is necessary about every 20 years. The other (horizontal turbine) was damaged during winter storm Elliott. Repairs are expected to be completed by mid-2024. Amazingly, with Cady's Falls and Morrisville nonoperational for a couple months due to flood damage, we still produced our ten-year average from our hydro facilities. Yes, there was indeed That. Much. Rain. in 2023.

## Customer Service

During 2022 our automatic bill payment system broke. During 2023 our team identified and implemented a new bill payment platform. The platform, called Invoice Cloud, provides customers with an easy-to-use method to assure their utility payments are up to date. Customers can access their accounts online, sign up for autopay or scheduled payments, and receive paperless bills. Response to date from customers has been impressive. To register on this new payment platform please visit our website, [www.mwlv.com](http://www.mwlv.com).

## Village

The Village sponsored two special projects in partnership with MACC and the Town of Morristown respectively during 2023. MACC installed pollinator plants around the track, while the Town improved and beautified the rail trail kiosk. These projects were funded, in part, by the special projects fund of the Village. Many thanks to the teams at MACC and Morristown for bringing these projects forward.

## Closing

We will remember 2023 as a challenging but good year at MWL. We faced another major weather disaster which, as always, brought out the best in our community. Our three utilities are strong, delivering the services the community needs and supports. That said, the cost of everything, our utility services included, is putting pressure and stress on our customers.

As a public utility, MWL has the benefit of doing everything we can to balance the needs of our customers with the choices we make in caring for our systems. Our customers are our neighbors, and our only interest is in providing services that are needed and valued by all of you. In truth, our team feels the same financial pressures our customers do. It's why we say "Community is at the Heart of Morrisville Water & Light." More than a slogan or tag line – it's how we work together to navigate both good and bad times.

Many thanks to all our customers for your support, and to both the team of employees here at MWL and our Board of Trustees. It continues to be an honor to work for all of our customers and with the amazing team of Trustees and employees here at the Village of Morrisville!

Respectfully Submitted by the General Manager and on behalf of the Village Trustees:

Chairman:	Tom Snipp
Trustees:	Travis Knapp, Bob Heanue, Brad Limoge, and Carl Fortune
General Manager:	Scott Johnstone



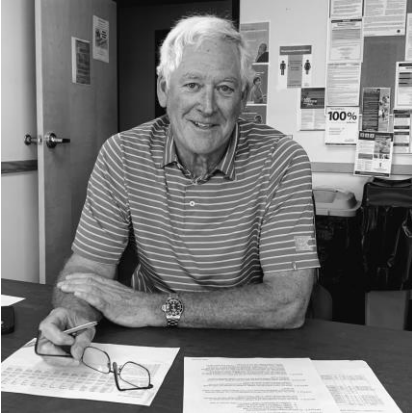
# 2024 Board of Trustees



Tom Snipp - Chair



Travis Knapp - Clerk



Robert Heanue



Brad Limoge



Carl Fortune







Scott Johnstone, General Manager



Penny Jones, Controller



Kevin Newton, Operations Superintendent



David Heller, Electric Superintendent







Misty Baker, Assistant Billing Clerk



Linda Osgood, Administrative Assistant



Christy Snipp, Staff Accountant



Tammy Gamble, Assistant Billing Clerk







Rusty Shed, Line Foreman



Nick LeBlanc, 1<sup>st</sup> Class Lineman



Dino Fernandes, 1<sup>st</sup> Class Lineman



Kyle Johnson, Apprentice Lineman

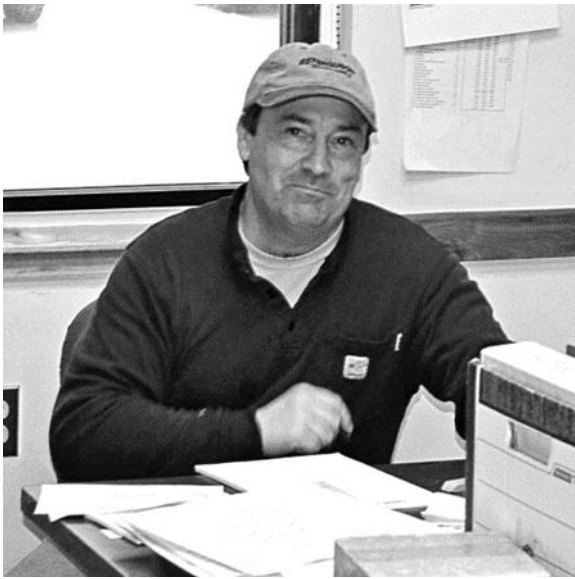


Mike LeRiche, Apprentice Lineman



Frank Ferrante, Meter Dept.





John Tilton: Water, Hydro, Sewer



Brian Quad: Water, Hydro, Sewer



Eric Waterhouse: Meter Department



Mike Buchanan: Water, Hydro, Sewer





FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE

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Morrisville Water & Light has retained the services of Kittell, Branagan & Sargent Certified Public Accountants to perform an audit of the 2023 Financial Statements. When the report is finalized (Summer of 2024), a copy of these audited statements will be posted to our website at, [www.mwlv.com](http://www.mwlv.com) They will also be available by calling our office at 802-888-3348.

ONE DOLLAR

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**Village of Morrisville  
Statement of Net Assets  
December 31, 2023**

	General Fund	Amy Wade Trust
<b>Assets</b>		
Money market account	14,100	0
Union Bank CD	0	156,279
	14,100	156,279
<b>Liabilities &amp; net assets</b>		
<b>Net assets</b>		
Reserved	10,737	21,487
Unreserved	3,363	134,792
Unrestricted Fund balance	0	0
Total liabilities & net assets	14,100	156,279
Variance	0	0



Flood July 2023

**Village of Morrisville  
General Government Income Statement  
December 31, 2023**

	General Fund			Amy Wade
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Trust
<b>Revenues</b>				
Tax revenues	\$ 13,180	\$ 13,180	\$ (0)	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 2,443	\$ -	\$ 2,443	\$ -
Interest	\$ 30	\$ -	\$ 30	\$ 4,928
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>\$ 15,652</b>	<b>\$ 13,180</b>	<b>\$ 2,472</b>	<b>\$ 4,928</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Insurance-Treasurer's Bond	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ -
Village Reports	\$ 315	\$ 350	\$ 35	\$ -
Advertising	\$ 466	\$ 350	\$ (116)	\$ -
Salary - Village Trustees**	\$ 538	\$ 538	\$ -	\$ -
Salary - Clerk/Treasurer	\$ 6,956	\$ 6,956	\$ -	\$ -
Salary - Assistant Clerk/Treasurer	\$ 436	\$ 436	\$ -	\$ -
Salary- Planning/ Zoning Administrator	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ -	\$ -
Benefits - Clerk/Treasurer & Assistant	\$ 1,101	\$ 1,101	\$ -	\$ -
Meetings & Trainings	\$ 170	\$ 170	\$ -	\$ -
Office Supplies	\$ 125	\$ 125	\$ -	\$ -
Postage	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ -	\$ -
Copier Program	\$ 80	\$ 80	\$ -	\$ -
Tax Bill Expenses	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -
Audit Expense	\$ 1,525	\$ 1,525	\$ -	\$ -
Special Projects	\$ 6,841	\$ 500	\$ (6,341)	\$ -
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 19,602</b>	<b>\$ 13,180</b>	<b>\$ (6,421)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Net income</b>	<b>\$ (3,950)</b>	<b>\$ (0)</b>	<b>\$ (3,949)</b>	<b>\$ 4,928</b>
Inter-fund transfers	\$ -			\$ -
Net assets, 12/31/22	\$ 18,050			\$ 151,351
<b>Net assets, 12/31/23</b>	<b>\$ 14,100</b>	<b>\$ (0)</b>	<b>\$ (3,949)</b>	<b>\$ 156,279</b>

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT PROPOSED BUDGET**

<b>BUDGET OVERVIEW</b>				
	2022 Voted Budget	2023 Voted Budget	2024 Proposed Budget	Voted % of change
Article 3: Trustees Salary & Benefits**	\$375.00	\$538.25	\$538.25	0%
Article 4: General Government Budget	\$11,497.10	\$12,141.83	\$12,775.72	5%
<b>General Government Sub Total</b>	<b>\$11,872.10</b>	<b>\$12,680.08</b>	<b>\$13,313.97</b>	5%
Article 5: Village Special Projects Reserve	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	0%
<b>TOTAL WARNED</b>	<b>\$12,372.10</b>	<b>\$13,180.08</b>	<b>\$13,813.97</b>	<b>5%</b>

<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT- REVENUES</b>				
	2022 Actual	2023 Voted	2023 Actual	2024 Proposed
Property Taxes	\$12,049.82	\$13,180.08	\$13,179.61	\$13,813.97
Copley Country Club Cell Tower	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	\$2,400.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$14.49	\$0.00	\$29.69	\$0.00
PILOT	\$44.00	\$0.00	\$43.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,508.31</b>	<b>\$13,180.08</b>	<b>\$15,652.30</b>	<b>\$13,813.97</b>

<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT - EXPENSES</b>				
	2022 Actual	2023 Voted	2023 Actual	2024 Proposed
Insurance-Treasurer's Bond	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Village Reports	\$322.75	\$350.00	\$314.85	\$350.00
Advertising	\$344.75	\$350.00	\$466.00	\$475.00
Salary - Clerk/Treasurer	\$6,561.93	\$6,955.65	\$6,955.65	\$7,233.88
Salary - Assistant Clerk/Treasurer	\$410.96	\$435.62	\$435.62	\$453.04
Salary- Planning/ Zoning Administrator	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Benefits - Clerk/Treasurer & Assistant	\$1,018.74	\$1,100.56	\$1,101.30	\$1,163.80
Meetings & Trainings	\$170.00	\$170.00	\$170.00	\$170.00
Office Supplies	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00
Postage	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Copier Program	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$80.00
Tax Bill Expenses	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Audit Expense	\$1,277.75	\$1,525.00	\$1,525.00	\$1,675.00
<b>General Government Sub Total</b>	<b>\$11,361.88</b>	<b>\$12,141.83</b>	<b>\$12,223.42</b>	<b>\$12,775.72</b>
Salary- Village Trustees**	\$363.32	\$538.25	\$538.25	\$538.25
Transfer to reserve funds	\$2,900.00	\$500.00	\$2,900.00	\$500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,625.20</b>	<b>\$13,180.08</b>	<b>\$15,661.67</b>	<b>\$13,813.97</b>

\*\* voted as a separate article



## RESERVE FUNDS

<b>VILLAGE SPECIAL PROJECTS RESERVE FUNDS</b>			
January 1 - December 31, 2023			
<b>Starting Balance Jan 1, 2023</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>13,440.52</b>
<b>Revenue</b>			
	Approved warned article	\$	500.00
	Copley Country Club Cell Tower	\$	2,400.00
	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,900.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
	Pollinator Garden	\$	470.00
	Railtrail Kiosk project	\$	6,370.52
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,840.52</b>
<b>Ending Balance December 31, 2023</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>9,500.00</b>

<b>VILLAGE GENERAL RESERVE FUNDS</b>			
January 1 - December 31, 2023			
<b>Starting Balance Jan 1, 2023</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>1,187.21</b>
Revenue: (10% prior year operating expenses)		\$	50.00
Expenses		\$	-
<b>Ending Balance December 31, 2023</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>1,237.21</b>

**Total Reserve balance ending December 31, 2023** **\$ 10,737.21**



*Rail Trail Kiosk Project funded by the Village Special Project Reserve Fund*

# VILLAGE OF MORRISVILLE

<b>Policy Name:</b>	<b>Special Projects Fund</b>	<b>Department:</b>	Village Trustees
<b>Policy Number:</b>		<b>Version:</b>	
<b>Date Authorized by Village Trustees</b>	<b>February 6, 2019</b>	<b>Authorized Signature &amp; Title</b>	

**HISTORY.** At various Annual Village meetings, voters have approved Articles that, in addition to the grand list tax rates, have raised tax dollars for special projects in or for the benefit of the Village.

**POLICY.** Organizations, individuals, or the Village itself can make funding requests for proposed Special Projects. The Village Trustees are charged with evaluation of proposals and determining which are funded at their sole discretion.

**GUIDELINES.** The following serve as guidelines for the Special Projects Fund:

1. At the end of each fiscal year, but no later than the first Monday of April of the succeeding year, the Village Trustees will review the balance of the Special Projects fund.
2. At the Annual Village Meeting held the second Monday in April each year, Village voters have approved, and in the future may approve, Special Projects Fund dollars.
3. After the Annual Village Meeting, if funds are available for projects, the Manager will post a Notice in the locations listed below informing the public that funds are available and applications for projects will be accepted. If funds are not available, no communication with the general public will be made. Locations for the Notice to include at a minimum:
  - the Village Office;
  - the Town Office;
  - the local newspaper; and
  - Front Porch Forum email list-serve.
4. Request for funds shall be made to the Village Trustees in writing. Adequate detail must be provided in order for the Trustees to ascertain the suitability of providing funding for the proposed project.
5. The Trustees will approve or disapprove projects for funding as requests are received. The General Manager will respond to all requests on behalf of the Trustees on the first day following the Trustee meeting during which projects were approved or disapproved.

6. Projects are expected to be completed prior to December 31 of the current calendar year that the award is received. Projects not completed before December 15 run the risk of not being reimbursed unless there were unforeseen circumstances as determined at the sole discretion of the Village Trustees.
7. In November, The Village Clerk will collect any funds that may have been approved by Village voters under Article 5 of the Village Annual meeting.
8. Reimbursement for projects will only be made after Village Taxes have been collected in November, unless subject to (13) below.
9. Payment will be made either directly to qualified vendors, or as reimbursement to individuals or organizations, following satisfactory completion of the project and satisfactory documentation of expenses.
10. General guidelines for Special Project requests are: beautification; recreation; safety; business promotion and general environmental projects. Special Projects may be above and beyond those than can be reimbursed by the Amy Wade fund. Examples include, but are not limited to: flowers; trees; VAST trail maintenance; cross walk signs and other pedestrian improvements; downtown and business informational signs; and recycling containers.
11. The following guidelines apply to projects that consist of individual tree or shrub planting projects on residents' private property:
  - a. Each 911 address can apply every other year.
  - b. Tree planting has to be a native species of tree or shrub with a high survival rate.
  - c. The award amount will not exceed \$75 per address.
  - d. Trees cannot be planted in any electric, water, or sewer right of way.
  - e. Individuals need to provide a photo of tree in final location, including home, road or other landmark for visual verification.
  - f. Individuals must provide the Trustees with a copy of purchase invoice.
  - g. All trees or plants must be purchased from a nursery in Lamoille County.
  - h. The Trustees will consider a reasonable number of grants per year based upon number of requests received and funds available.
  - i. Projects need to be completed by December 15 of each year.
12. The Amy Wade Fund, a separate fund, is governed by a separate Policy.
13. The Village of Morrisville Water or Sewer Dept. may, at its sole discretion, provide advance reimbursement of completed projects prior to November.



However, such advance reimbursement will be on a case-by-case basis and only as authorized by the Village Trustees.

The Village Trustees will review this policy from time to time, and revise it as they deem appropriate.

<b>Special Project Fund Time Line</b>	
Jan	
Feb	
Mar	Amount of Dollars Available Determined for Amy Wade Fund for the year.
Apr	Amount of dollars (if any) determined for the Special Project fund per Village Annual Meeting Article plus rollover dollars from prior year. Warn availability of funds (if any).
May	Start to Accept Applications
Jun	Approve Project Requests starting with the First Trustees Meeting of June Continue to accept and approve project requests for unspent funds Project Work – May 15 to Dec. 15
Jul	↓
Aug	↓
Sep	↓
Oct	↓
Nov	↓
	Collect tax monies. Reimburse Approved Completed Projects.
Dec	Projects complete by December 15. Close out all projects – Funds not spent returned to Fund Balance December 31.
	Approved Projects will be reimbursed only upon completion and proper documentation of costs.

**Village of Morrisville  
Balances of Amy Wade Fund  
as of December 31, 2023**

	<i>Total Assets</i>	<i>Fund Balances</i>			<i>Total</i>
		<i>Reserved</i>	<i>Unreserved</i>	<i>Approp.</i>	
Balances, 12/31/2022	151,351	21,487	129,864	0	151,351
2023 Activity					
Interest earned on Union Bank CD	4,928			4,928	4,928
Inflation adj added to principal <sup>[1]</sup> **					0
Balances, 12/31/2023	156,279	21,487	129,864	4,928	156,279

Account Summary:

Union Bank Certificate of Deposit    156,279 (invested through Electric Dept)

156,279

<sup>[1]</sup> 12 mos inflation rate as of Dec 2023    2.55%

Definitions:

Reserved: Those portion of the assets that are restricted by the donor of the original gift. This is a legal restriction that can not be changed except by a Probate Court.

Unreserved: Those portion of the assets that are restricted by vote of the Board of Trustees. This restriction can be changed, modified and/or removed by vote of the Board of Trustees.

Appropriated: Those portion of the assets set aside for a future expenditure as determined by the designated authority.

## AMY WADE FUND

Alexander Hamilton Copley owned a one-family home in Brockton, Massachusetts, and he provided his long-time secretary, Amy Wade, with a life lease in the residence. Following her death in 1961, and at Mr. Copley's direction, this real estate became the property of the Village of Morrisville. Village voters approved its sale which yielded proceeds totaling \$12,000. Over the next 19 years, this sum was invested and increased to \$21,487.25. Beginning in 1980, voters approved utilization of additional interest earned toward beautification of village streets and properties. In 2002, Village voters authorized the sale of .8 acres off Elmore Street, with the proceeds to be dedicated to the Amy Wade Fund. In 2004, \$80,000 was invested from the sale proceeds and interest income.

The Trustees have determined the following guiding principles for use of income earned from the Amy Wade Fund:

1. At the end of each fiscal year, but no later than February 1<sup>st</sup> of the succeeding year, the Village Trustees will review how much interest was generated but not spent on eligible projects.
2. The Trustees will then decide if unspent interest will remain classified as interest, or if it is converted to principal. In making this decision, the Trustees will be guided by their desire to ensure that the current principal increases each year by at least the rate of inflation.
3. The Trustees have full authority to spend any interest generated in a current year, as well as any unspent interest accumulated from previous years but not converted to principal.
4. Village voters must approve any expenditure that will require a reduction in principal of the Fund.
5. MWL staff has no authority to authorize expenditure of Amy Wade Funds.
6. Request for funds shall be made to the Village Trustees in writing by May 1<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year. Adequate detail must be provided in order for the Trustees to ascertain the suitability of the proposed project.
7. The Trustees will review, consider, and respond to all requests by June 1<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year.
8. Payment will be made directly to qualified vendors or as reimbursement following satisfactory completion of the project.



**THE COPLEY FUND**  
**2023**

Account of Richard Sargent and Gloria Wing, as Trustees under agreement and letters of trust with Alexander H. Copley, dated July 8, 1942 as amended August 29, 1945, providing, in substance, for the establishment of a home for elderly ladies in Morrisville, Vermont, under the terms, conditions and circumstances in said trust letters set forth at length; and including additions to said trust purposes pursuant to the late Levi M. Munson, Esquire of said Morrisville, VT.

Trust Assets forward December 31, 2022		\$520,780.33
Credits:		
Dividends	\$243,334.97	
Interest on Money Market Account	\$ 7,941.42	
Realized Gain/Loss	<u>\$ 23,350.30</u>	
		<u>\$274,626.69</u>
		\$795,407.02
Debits:		
Management Fee	\$ 12,664.36	
Legal/Tax Prep Fees	\$ 3,227.49	
Taxes	\$ 3,972.00	
Gifts	<u>\$253,584.00</u>	
		<u>\$273,447.85</u>
Trust Assets December 31, 2023		<u>\$521,959.17</u>

THE COPLEY FUND		
Pro Rata Share of Equities/Fixed Income	\$ 73,074.28	
Pro Rata Share of Money Market Accounts	<u>\$ 31,317.55</u>	
		\$104,391.83
MUNSON ESTATE		
Pro Rata Share of Equities/Fixed Income	\$292,297.14	
Pro Rata Share of Money Market Accounts	<u>\$125,270.20</u>	
		<u>\$417,567.34</u>
		<u>\$521,959.17</u>

We certify that the foregoing is a true accounting:

Richard Sargent  
Richard Sargent

Gloria Wing  
Gloria Wing

Subscribed and Sworn to before me  
this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024

Subscribed and Sworn to before me  
this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024

Heather Sartwell  
Notary Public

Heather Sartwell  
Notary Public

\*Union Bank Shares delivered to Broadridge to avoid impending rate increase.

Notary Public State of Vermont  
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Heather L. Sartwell  
Commission  
★ No. 157.0009692 ★

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January 24, 2024

# UnionBank

Wealth Management

Richard Sargent, Co-Trustee  
PO Box 696  
Morrisville, VT 05661

Gloria Wing, Co-Trustee  
PO Box 641  
Morrisville, VT 05661

RE: Copley Fund

Dear Dick and Gloria:

The following is a listing of the Book Value and Market Value of assets held by the Copley Fund on December 31, 2023:

	<u>Book Value</u>	<u>Market Value</u>
Money Market Accounts	\$ 43,640.27	\$ 43,640.27
Fixed Income	17,310.62	17,290.41
Equities	\$429,508.28	\$ 743,845.80
UB Shares	<u>\$ 31,500.00</u>	<u>\$4,872,960.00</u>
	<u>\$521,959.17</u>	<u>\$5,677,736.48</u>

Distributions were made as follows:

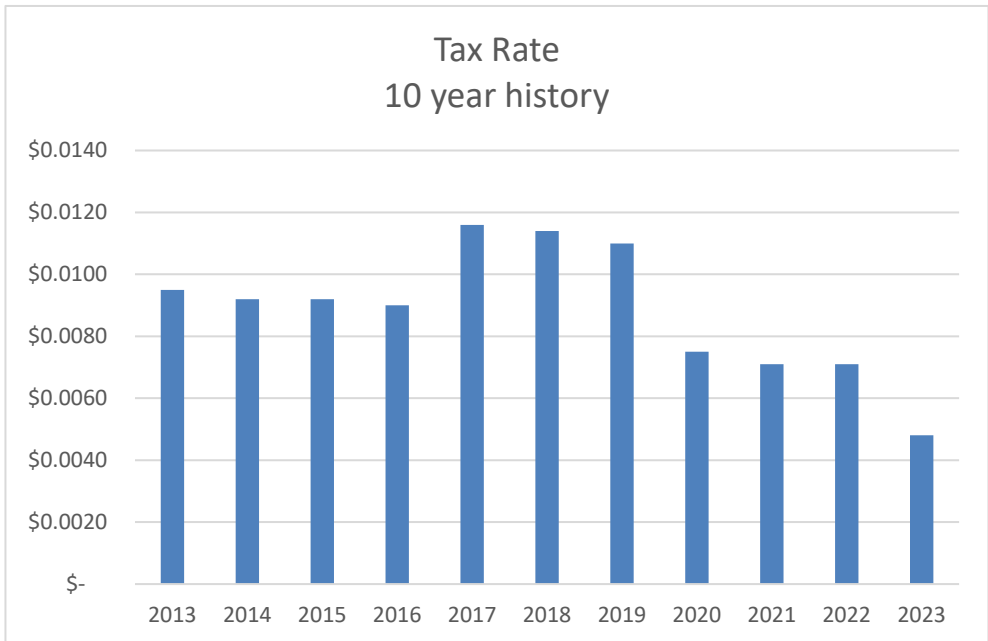
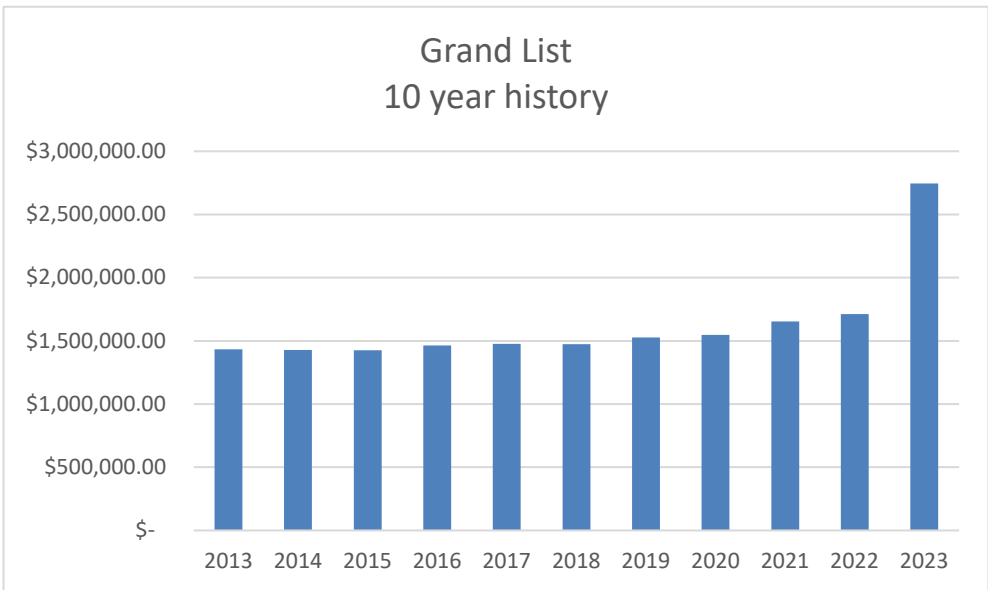
Lamoille County Food Share	\$ 3,587.52
Lamoille County Civic Association	\$ 19,133.44
Lamoille Adult Day Health Services	\$ 2,989.60
River Arts	\$ 5,979.20
Lamoille County Meals on Wheels	\$ 5,979.20
Morristown Centennial Library	\$ 3,587.52
Lamoille Home Health & Hospice	\$ 17,937.60
Lanphear Memorial Library	\$ 3,587.52
Johnson Public Library	\$ 3,587.52
Johnson Food Shelf	\$ 3,587.52
Cambridge Food Shelf	\$ 3,228.77
Varnum Memorial Library	\$ 3,587.52
Glee Merritt Kelley Community Library	\$ 3,587.52
Stowe Free Library	\$ 3,587.52
Central Vermont Council on Aging	\$ 17,100.51
Home Share Vermont	\$ 597.92
Capstone Community Action	\$ 17,937.60
134 checks @ \$1,000.00	<u>\$134,000.00</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>\$253,584.00</u>

Sincerely,

*Lura L. Jacques*

Lura L. Jacques, CTFA  
Senior Vice President/Managing Director

VILLAGE GRAND LIST AND TAX RATE		
10 Year History		
Year	Grand List	Tax Rate
2013	\$ 1,433,938.06	\$ 0.0095
2014	\$ 1,429,007.13	\$ 0.0092
2015	\$ 1,425,863.93	\$ 0.0092
2016	\$ 1,462,766.63	\$ 0.0090
2017	\$ 1,476,893.27	\$ 0.0116
2018	\$ 1,473,847.61	\$ 0.0114
2019	\$ 1,525,851.00	\$ 0.0110
2020	\$ 1,548,178.00	\$ 0.0075
2021	\$ 1,652,451.56	\$ 0.0071
2022	\$ 1,712,432.00	\$ 0.0071
2023	\$ 2,746,416.00	\$ 0.0048



**Morrisville Water & Light**  
**Municipal Utility Service Quality & Reliability Plan Reporting Form**  
**Report Period: January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023**

Performance area	4th Quarter	3rd Quarter	2nd Quarter	1st Quarter	Annual Rolling Average	Baseline
<b>1</b> Call Answer Performance						
<b>2a</b> Percent of bills not rendered within 7 days of monthly billing cycle						
<b>A</b> Bills not rendered within 7 days of scheduled billing cycle	-	-	-	-	0	
<b>B</b> Total bills scheduled to be rendered	13,237	13,234	13,179	13,095	13,186	
<b>C</b> (A/B)	-	-	-	-	0.0%	<=1.0%
<b>2b</b> Bills found inaccurate						
<b>A</b> Number of bills rendered inaccurate	6	5	5	2	5	
<b>B</b> Total number of bills rendered	13,237	13,234	13,179	13,095	13,186	
<b>C</b> (A/B)	0	0	0	0	0.0%	<=1.0%
<b>2c</b> Payment posting complaints						
<b>A</b> Number of customers complaining about payment posting	-	-	-	-	0	
<b>B</b> Total Number of Customers	12,838	12,929	12,843	13,025	12,909	
<b>C</b> (A/B)	-	-	-	-	0.0%	<=0.05%
<b>3</b> Percent of actual meter readings per month						
<b>A</b> Number of meter readings not read	-	1	-	-	0	
<b>B</b> Number of meter readings scheduled	14,223	14,099	12,843	13,025	13,548	
<b>C</b> (A/B)	-	0	-	-	0.0%	<=10.0%
<b>4a</b> Percent of customer requested work not completed on or before promised delivery date						
<b>A</b> Number of jobs not completed on or before promised delivery date	-	-	-	-	0	
<b>B</b> Total number of jobs promised complete in reporting month	198	171	181	127	169	
<b>C</b> (A/B)	-	-	-	-	0.0%	<=5.0%
<b>4b</b> Average number of days after the missed delivery date						
<b>A</b> Total days of delay	-	-	-	-	0	
<b>B</b> Total number of delayed jobs in the reporting month	-	-	-	-	0	
<b>C</b> (A/B)	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	-	<=5 days
<b>5</b> Rates of complaints to DPS/Consumer Affairs as reported to Utility						
<b>A</b> Number of escalations to DPS/Consumer affairs	-	-	-	-	0	
<b>B</b> Total number of customers	4,279	4,310	4,281	4,342	4,303	
<b>C</b> (A/B)	-	-	-	-	0.00	<=0.07%, minimum 2
<b>6a</b> Lost time incidents (report annually in January)						
<b>A</b> Total incidents that cause injury to an employee, occur while employee is working for utility and result in missed work beyond day of injury					0	<=2
<b>6b</b> Lost time severity (reported annually in January)						
<b>A</b> Cumulative number of work days missed by utility employees in calendar year as a result of injuries sustained while performing work for utility					0	<=18
<b>7a</b> System average interruption frequency (reported annually in January)						
<b>A</b> SAIFI as defined in PSB Rule 4.901 with the exception of Major Storms					2.23	3.00
<b>7b</b> Customer average interruption duration (reported annually in January)						
<b>A</b> CAIDI as defined in PSB Rule 4.901 with the exception of Major Storms					1.99	2.50
<b>7c</b> Worst performing areas: Attach worst performing areas analysis (reported annually in January)						

**Service guarantees**

List service guarantees provided by utility and indicate number of times each guarantee was provided to customers during the month and quarter

Guarantee	4th Quarter	3rd Quarter	2nd Quarter	1st Quarter
<b>1a) Line Crew Appointments</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>1b) Meter Work</b>				
Customer requested Meter Readings	0	0	0	0
Meter Accuracy Verification	0	0	0	0
Final / Initial Meter Readings	0	0	0	0
<b>1c) Delay Days</b>	0	0	0	0



**MINUTES  
FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING  
OF THE VILLAGE OF MORRISVILLE**

**APRIL 10, 2023**

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The inhabitants of the Village of Morrisville, who are legal voters of said Village were notified and warned to meet in Annual Village Meeting at the Morrisville VFW, 28 VFW Street in said Morrisville, Vermont on Monday, April 10, 2023 at 6:30 o'clock in the evening local time. Cub Scouts from Pack 876 lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance before Moderator Shap Smith called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm. There were 19 Village voters in attendance. Attention was drawn to the dedication of the 2022 Annual Report to the amazing team of employees at Morrisville Water & Light who banded together to fight the Winter Storm Elliott and restore power and to the people of all the communities served by MWL, who motivate the staff to do their best every day.

**ARTICLE 1: To elect a Village Moderator for the year ensuing.**

Kathy Chaffee nominated Shap Smith. Shap Smith was elected moderator of the Village Meeting for the ensuing year on a voice vote.

**ARTICLE 2: To elect all Village Officers required by law:**

- **Village Clerk:** **one year term**  
Alexander Cyr nominated Sara Haskins. Sara Haskins was elected Village Clerk on a voice vote.
  
- **Village Treasurer:** **one year term**  
Elise Limoge nominated Sara Haskins. Sara Haskins was elected Village Treasurer on a voice vote.
  
- **Village Trustee:** **five year term**  
Todd Thomas nominated Tom Snipp. Tom Snipp was elected Village Trustee on a voice vote.
  
- **Collector of Delinquent Taxes:** **one year term**  
Shelley Nolan nominated Sara Haskins. Sara Haskins was elected Collector of Delinquent Taxes on a voice vote.

**ARTICLE 3: Shall the voters compensate each Village Trustee an annual salary of \$1,500 to be paid \$75 from the General Village and \$1,425 from the Morrisville Water & Light Department?**

Elise Limoge made a motion to accept the article. Alexander Cyr seconded it. David Ring made a motion to amend the article to ***“Shall the voters compensate each Village Trustee an annual salary of \$2,000 to be paid \$100 from the General Village and \$1,900 from the Morrisville Water & Light Department.”*** Marci Young seconded the amendment. Questions were asked to clarify where the money would come from. The amendment passed on a voice vote. The motion as amended passed on a voice vote.

**ARTICLE 4 Shall the voters authorize total fund expenditures for the Village General Government operating expenses of \$12,141.82 all of which shall be raised by taxes?**

Alexander Cyr made a motion to accept the article. Shelley Nolan seconded it. Questions were asked to clarify where the money would come from and if the budget needed to be amended due to the change in article 3. The motion passed on a voice vote.

**ARTICLE 5: Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of \$500, approximately \$.00032 on the Village grand list, to fund the Village Special Projects Reserve Fund?**

David Ring made a motion to accept the article. Kathy Chaffee seconded it. Questions were asked regarding past and current special projects in the works. The motion passed on a voice vote.

**ARTICLE 6: Shall the voters authorize payment of real and personal property taxes on November 15, 2023 by delivery to the Village Treasurer before 4:00 pm on that date with only official U.S.P.S. cancellation marks accepted as postmarked mail?**

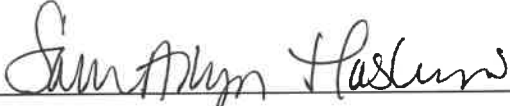
Elise Limoge made a motion to accept the article. Shelley Nolan seconded it. A question was asked about why this article was placed on the warning. The motion passed on a voice vote.

**ARTICLE 7: To transact any non-binding business.**

- Marci Young asked if Brad Limoge was currently serving on the Board of Trustees as he was not in attendance. The Board responded affirmatively that he is still serving but was out of town.
- David Ring questioned if the Village Trustees have the responsibility for the sidewalks in the Village. Discussion followed surrounding clarification of the duties of the Village Trustees vs the Town Selectboard in regard to sidewalks and the highway department in the Village.

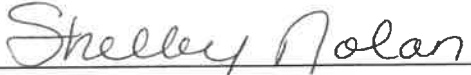
With no further business to legally come before the said meeting, the 2023 Annual Village Meeting was adjourned upon motion by Etienne Hancock and seconded by Elise Limoge at 7:03 PM.

I certify that this is a true and accurate record of the proceedings of this meeting.

  
 Sara Allyn Haskins, Village Clerk

Attest:

  
 Shap Smith, Moderator

  
 Shelley Nolan, Board of Civil Authority

## THE VILLAGE OF MORRISVILLE

“Whereas application in writing has been made to the undersigned selectmen of the Town of Morristown in Orleans County, State of Vermont, signed by more than seven freeholders of said town requesting us to lay out and establish bounds and limits to the village near Safford’s Mills in said Morristown, we hereby certify that in compliance with said application, we have layed out and established limits and bounds to said village as follows: viz. beginning at the bridge below Jedediah Safford’s mills and running up the Lamoille River on the south side thereof to the east line of Jedediah Safford’s land and running thence south on said Safford’s line to the south east corner of the Safford’s land thence west on said Safford’s south line to the brook that crosses the road near Calvin Burnett’s; thence down said brook to the river thence up said river to the bridge or bound begun at.

Given under our hands at Morristown the 18<sup>th</sup> of February, 1829.

Luther Brigham  
Isaac Allen  
Selectmen”

(From *Morristown Two Times*)

The Village of Morrisville was created by Public Law No. 255 of the General Assembly of the State of Vermont in 1888. In its first meeting on June 13, 1890, the Incorporated Village of Morrisville voted to accept the act of the legislature.

LAND AREA:	3.5 square miles
POPULATION:	2,009 inhabitants in the 2000 Census 1,958 inhabitants in the 2010 Census 2,086 inhabitants in the 2020 Census



**Village of Morrisville  
PO Box 748  
Morrisville, VT 05661**

**Morrisville Water and Light Dept.  
857 Elmore Street  
Morrisville, VT 05661**

**Please bring this Annual Report to the Village Meeting  
Wednesday, April 17, 2024**