

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 6:00PM at the Town of Moriah Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, New York.

Present:	Thomas Scozzafava	Supervisor
	Paul Salerno	Councilman
	Timothy Garrison	Councilman
	Thomas Anderson	Councilman
	Lucille Carpenter	Councilwoman

Others Present: Diana Stevenson, William Trybendis, Sharon O'Connor, Richard LaPier-Building Codes, Sandra Lovell, Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent, Lou Paris-Town of Moriah Ambulance Squad, John Viestenz, Ann Tesar, and Rose French-Town Clerk.

Supervisor Scozzafava opened the meeting at 6:00pm.

ON MOTION by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Garrison, the following resolution was

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Garrison, Anderson, Carpenter
	Nays	0
	Absent	0

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

Special Guest:

Mr. Lou Paris from the Town of Moriah Ambulance Squad spoke. He said beginning May 1, 2016, the ambulance squad will begin billing for transports. They have an outside agency that will bill the patients insurance. Mr. Paris also mentioned that they might have to look at hiring a paid EMT. Their volunteers are way down. The Supervisor mentioned that the training now to be on the ambulance squad is a lot, he thinks that is what is discouraging people from volunteering. Councilman Salerno asked how well the squad does with the donation letters that the squad sends out every year, Mr. Paris said they usually get between \$6,000-\$7,000. He also stated there is a section on the letter if you are interested in volunteering.

Floor Open to the Public: N/A

Department Head Reports:

Edward Roberts-Building & Grounds Superintendent: Excused. Councilman Salerno reported that the Building & Grounds Department has been working with the prisoners on picking up road side garbage.

Art Morgan-Water & Sewer Superintendent: Excused. Super Scozzafava reported that the Water & Sewer Department have been cleaning the reservoir tanks and they have also been flushing hydrants. They need a camera for the Sewer Main. This will be purchased with grant money and will be shared with the Village of Port Henry.

Richard LaPier- Building Codes: Issued one (1) building permit for the month of March. Issued four (4) notices of complaint. Mr. Lapier reported that there is a huge rat problem in Witherbee. Super Scozzafava stated that this issue needs to be taken care of immediately. People need to clean up their property or they will be issued a summons and they will be taken to court. Supervisor Scozzafava also stated that the Town cannot go on someone's property without an Administrative Warrant. It is the homeowner's responsibility to get rid of the rats once the garbage is cleaned up. The Town cannot hire a firm to go in and drop rat poison. Sandra Lovell asked if there was an animal that was an enemy to a rat that could be brought in to take care of the rats, and the Supervisor said that would just create a whole new problem.

Councilman Garrison read the Police Report: Handled 163 calls for service.

Violations (2)

1-Harassment 2nd degree

1-Permitting a dog to run at large

Misdemeanors (10)

- 1-Aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle
- 5-Issuing bad checks
- 4-Petit larceny

Felonies (3)

- 1-Grand larceny 3rd degree
- 1-Criminal mischief 3rd degree
- 1-Aggravated harassment 1st degree

Issued 19 Traffic Tickets and handled 6 traffic accidents.

Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent: They have been sweeping roads and working on a few trucks. He also reported that the Transfer Station will be accepting brush April 29 and April 30, 2016. The metal containers are working out well. George Moore has taken two (2) loads already. Mr. Wilson is going to see if they want the old metal pile. The last time we went out to bid for the metal pile we didn't get any interest.

Town Board Reports:

Councilman Salerno reported that the Transfer Station will begin their summer hours on May 6, 2016. The campsite workers will start getting the campsite ready on Monday, April 18, 2016. Councilman Salerno reported that the Campsite opens May 7, 2016 and closes October 9, 2016. He also reported that the erosion looks good, probably won't have to bring in any fill this year.

Councilwoman Carpenter read a report from the Chamber: They will have a meet and greet on April 28, 2016 at 7:00PM at the Chamber Building with new Administrator, Laura Baker. May 14, 2016 they will have a craft fair/flea market, from 10:00am-3:00pm at the K of C Hall. The last day for banner orders is April 22, 2016. June 4, 2016 is National Trails Day. They have been working with CATS for the hike on Cheney Mountain and the hike from Mineville to Westport. July 27, 2016 is Champ Day and an Antique Boat Show at Port Henry Beach. They are working on getting health insurance for Chamber Members. National Grid has agreed to meet with Businesses on discounts. The Chamber is currently being audited.

Supervisor Scozzafava said if they could do a community calendar that would be great.

Councilman Garrison had nothing to report.

Councilman Anderson reported that the deadline for applications for the Youth Commission is April 22, 2016. Elizabethtown/Lewis School District has a Capital Project going on this summer and they have asked if they could combine their summer program with ours. Supervisor Scozzafava stated that he has several reservations regarding this. We have a new, young director this year. With the additional 40-50 kids, the liability increases. Plus, we supply the BOCES program with breakfast and lunch that would be an added burden. The Youth Commission was meeting tonight, the Board decided to wait and see what they recommended.

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Scozzafava received a letter from Miller, Mannix, Schachner & Hafner, Attorneys for the Village regarding an easement for a sewer line. The Supervisor recommended that we do it.

1. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Garrison, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Carpenter, Garrison, Anderson
	Nays	0
	Absent	0

RESOLVED to sign the Utility Line Easement and Right of Way Agreement with the Village of Port Henry regarding parcel #97.72-3-56.000 for Manhole 13.

In order to stream line communication with the Police Department, The Supervisor has been looking into a couple of options. 1) The Town Board would have to appoint one non-elected official and 2 Town Board members or appoint the Supervisor as the Police Commissioner. The

Supervisor will copy the board with more information and then make a decision at the next board meeting.

There will be a Household Hazardous Waste Day, Saturday June 4, 2016, 8:00am-1:00pm at the Town of North Elba Highway Garage and one on Saturday, July 30, 2016 from 8:00am-1:00pm at the Town of North Hudson Highway Garage and one on Saturday, August 6, 2016 from 8:00am-1:00pm at the Essex County DPW in Elizabethtown.

The Supervisor received a letter from First Hamilton Corporation. They are interested in buying the campsite. The Town cannot sell the campsite without state legislature, but we could lease it. The Supervisor would like the approval of the board to at least call them and hear what they have to say, the Board was in agreement.

The Town Board received a letter from the Moriah Chamber of Commerce. They are seeking a donation for a weekend stay at Bulwagga Bay Campground as a fundraiser to assist with Chamber expenses.

2. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilwoman Carpenter, the following resolution was

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Carpenter, Garrison, Anderson
	Nays	0
	Absent	0

RESOLVED to donate a weekend stay at Bulwagga Bay Campsite to the Town of Moriah Chamber of Commerce for a fundraiser.

Councilwoman Luci Carpenter has been looking into a security camera for the campsite. They are very expensive and way more than what we need. We can get what we need right at Walmart for \$250.00. Supervisor Scozzafava recommended that the Town purchase the Defender Sentinel Pro Widescreen 4CH Security DVR.

3. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Garrison, the following resolution was

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Carpenter, Garrison, Anderson
	Nays	0
	Absent	0

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah purchase the Defender Sentinel Pro Widescreen 4CH Security DVR at Walmart for \$247.99.

The Supervisor received a letter from the NYSDOH regarding new requirements for Seasonal Facilities. The water at the campsite has to be on and running 15 days prior to open.

The Supervisor received a thank you letter from the Moriah Chamber of Commerce for the use of the Town Hall lawn and bandstand for their First Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Also, they would like to thank Ed Roberts for sectioning off the lawn for it.

Resolutions:

4. **ON MOTION** by Councilwoman Carpenter, seconded by Councilman Garrison, the following resolution was

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Carpenter, Anderson, Garrison
	Nays	0
	Absent	0

RESOLVED the Town Board of the Town of Moriah accept proposal from Cedar Ledge Fence Company to replace damaged fence at Raymond Wright Park in the amount of \$2,199.00.

5. **ON MOTION** by Councilwoman Carpenter, seconded by Councilman Garrison, the following resolution was

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Carpenter, Garrison, Anderson
	Nays	0
	Absent	0

RESOLVED to adjust water and sewer bill for Donald Murdock, deduct \$263.00.

Discussion: He has not lived in the house in a very long time.

6. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Garrison, seconded by Councilwoman Carpenter, the following resolution was

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Carpenter, Garrison, Anderson
	Nays	0
	Absent	0

RESOLVED to authorize the Supervisor to request an application from NYS DEC to reduce the required sampling from 4 times per year to 2 times per year for the old Landfill monitoring. The application will be prepared by Adirondack Landfill Services, LLC.

Discussion: The savings will be \$126,000.00 over the duration of the monitoring.

7. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilwoman Carpenter, the following resolution was

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Carpenter, Anderson
	Nays	0
	Absent	0

RESOLVED to authorize the Supervisor to make final payment for Titus Road Pump Station to Reale Construction in the amount of \$21,009.08.

Discussion: The Town will be taking out a BAN so we will be eligible for EFC funds.

8. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Garrison, seconded by Councilwoman Carpenter, the following resolution was

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Carpenter, Garrison, Anderson
	Nays	0
	Absent	0

RESOLVED authorizing the Supervisor to open an account with Lowes.

Discussion: We had an account when the Lowe's was open in Ticonderoga. It is good to have one. The Town does try to buy locally when we can.

Discussion: Increasing the income amount for Disability Exemption on property taxes from \$25,000 to \$28,000 a year. The Supervisor will get more information from the Assessor's and it will be discussed at the next board meeting.

9. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Garrison, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Carpenter, Garrison, Anderson
	Nays	0
	Absent	0

RESOLVED that the check that the Town of Moriah received from Stewarts in the amount of \$750.00 for youth purposes be put back into the Johnny Podres Fund for future use.

10. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Garrison, second was unanimous

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Carpenter, Garrison, Anderson
	Nays	0
	Absent	0

RESOLVED a Board Resolution of Appreciation to Judy Brassard for 21 years of service on the Town of Moriah Ambulance Squad.

11. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilwoman Carpenter, the following resolution was

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Carpenter, Garrison, Anderson
	Nays	0
	Absent	0

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board approve payment of the warrant.

Floor open to the public:

Sandra Lovell wanted to thank Lou Paris and the Town of Moriah Ambulance Squad, she appreciates them and they do a wonderful job.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.

Abstract Distributions:

Claim Numbers:

March 22, 2016

General	\$2,070.14	2016/4841-4861
Highway	\$237.27	
Water #1	\$56.17	
Water #2	\$61.11	
Water #4	\$5.75	
Sewer	\$70.59	

April 14, 2016

General	\$89,865.62	2016/4868-4986
Highway	\$29,509.22	
Water #1	\$4,109.25	
Water #2	\$2,979.29	
Water #4	\$352.79	
Sewer	\$45,787.65	

Capital Projects:

AES Northeast	\$1,233.39	Titus Rd. Pump Station	#5
Denton Publications	\$43.21	Titus Rd. Pump Station	#6

Town Clerk