

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, August 11, 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  
Thomas Anderson Councilman

**Absent:** Lucille Carpenter Councilwoman  
Timothy Garrison Councilman

**Others Present:** William Trybendis, Art Morgan-Water & Sewer Superintendent, Ed Roberts-Building & Grounds Superintendent, Diana Stevenson, Jackie & John Viestenz, Catherine Sprague, Jeff Kelly, Linda Smythe and Rose French-Town Clerk.

Supervisor Scozzafava opened the meeting at 6:00pm.

**ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Salerno, the following resolution was

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

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

#### **Bid Opening's:**

Supervisor Scozzafava read the legal notice of bid for one Club Car Golf Cart. One bid was received from Larry Cutting, in the amount of \$50.00.

Supervisor Scozzafava read the legal notice of bid for one 2001 Ford F-250 Pickup Truck. One bid was received from Thomas Yakalis, in the amount of \$550.00.

#### **Floor Open to the Public:**

Catherine Sprague from the Town of Moriah Chamber of Commerce wanted to thank everyone that helped with Champ Day, it was a huge success.

There will be a boat cruise around Lake Champlain on Basin Harbor's boat the "Escape" on August 20, 2016, leaving Port Henry Marina at 2:00pm. \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members.

Labor Day festivities are under way. There will be sail boat races, the parade (which will include "Honor Flight" members), The Mutton Hollow Parade, Music, Fire Works, etc. The Chamber is still asking for help.

The Chamber received a \$700 grant from ROOST, which will be coming from the Town out of the \$2,500 grant that each Town in the County received from ROOST to boost tourism. The Supervisor mentioned that the Town should receive this money sometime in December. He explained how this money comes from "bed tax" within the County. The remainder of this money will go to the Chamber next year in addition to their yearly appropriation.

#### **Department Head Reports:**

Richard LaPier- Building Codes: Absent, report read by Councilman Salerno. Issued six (3) building permits for the month of July. Issued 1 violation notice for rubbish.

Steve Stahl-Officer in Charge: Absent, report read by Supervisor Scozzafava. Handled 128 calls for service. 4 Violations-harassment in the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree. 6 Misdemeanors: 4 issuing bad checks and 2 criminal contempt in the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree. Issued 17 traffic tickets. Handled 4 traffic accidents. Conducted 4 background investigations for pistol permits.

The Supervisor reported that drugs are a huge problem in the Town. We, in the near future are going to have to discuss the Police Department and possibly expanding it. We don't have enough coverage right now with only 2 officers. There are Federal grants that would pay salaries for police officers for up to 2 years; this might be something the Town should look into.

Ed Roberts-Building & Grounds Superintendent reported that he and the prisoners have been busy with road side clean up and they have been doing a lot of work at the boat launch. He reminded everyone that the bathrooms are cleaned by the State, not the Town. Supervisor Scozzafava said these bathrooms should be on Village water and sewer and they are not. Residents should contact Betty Little and Dan Stec to see if that would persuade the state to do so, or clean them more often. Catherine Sprague reported that during Champ Day, there were a lot of complaints about the bathrooms. The Supervisor also reported that the water is very low and boaters are having a hard time launching out.

Art Morgan-Water & Sewer Superintendent reported that Bartlett Pond is very low and they are watching it closely. Supervisor Scozzafava said the \$600,000 grant for sewer in Witherbee has been submitted, it is not a guaranteed grant, and it is based on income. Hopefully the Town will get it. Mr. Morgan also mentioned that they cleaned both holding tanks and looked in them with the new camera and they looked good, Mark Maye is doing a great job. Supervisor Scozzafava also wanted to point out that the camera was purchased with grant money that the Town received, but it is a shared service with the Village, and they have already used the camera.

Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent-absent.

### **Town Board Reports:**

Councilman Salerno reported that the campsite is getting geared up for the Labor Day weekend. They have had a great year. The maintenance crew has done a lot of work on the bathrooms and they look great.

Sometime in September we will have another town wide clean-up day. More information to follow at the September meeting.

Councilman Garrison-absent.

Councilwoman Carpenter-absent.

Councilman Anderson reported that the Summer Program ran great this year. Steve Pelkey, Deb Brace and Cecelia Briggs did a great job. Had roughly 95 kids every day. Had a lot of great comments on the program this year. Supervisor Scozzafava reported that Steve Pelkey did a great job this year as Director.

### **Supervisor's Report:**

Supervisor Scozzafava reported that he and Jamie Wilson met with Cheyenne at the Transfer Station regarding C & D, they haven't made a decision yet on what days of the week we should accept C & D and if that would even help the problem. Saturdays are really busy at the Transfer Station. Our Transfer Station has the highest tonnage outside of North Elba in the County. Catherine Sprague commented that people who live outside the Town have been utilizing the Transfer Station, the Supervisor said it is a County wide system; they are allowed to use it. Linda Smythe asked if we are making money on the Transfer Station and the Supervisor reported that we run in the black, but it basically pays for itself, plus we have fees that we are still paying on the old landfill.

The Supervisor copied the Town Board with a Junkyard and Storage Local Law from the Town of Jay. Linda Smythe asked how that process was going, Councilman Salerno stated letters have been sent out and we are moving forward. Supervisor Scozzafava reported that there are 3 different agencies involved and violations have been issued. We have seen some improvement. The Supervisor looked into cleaning up these properties and putting the cost on the land taxes, but if the people don't pay their land taxes, there is no way to collect the money.

The Supervisor asked Councilman Salerno if there was going to be a brush day, yes there is, sometime in the fall. We are still not allowed to burn brush at the Transfer Station.

The Supervisor received an email from Robert Roeckle from the NYS Department of State regarding a couple of questions he had about the dissolution. If anybody is interested in reading it, feel free to stop down to the Town Hall and get a copy.

The Town received a check from Glens Falls National Bank in the amount of \$6,281.87 that had been in an account that belonged to the old Mineville Health Center. This account has been closed, if not, the money would have been turned over to “unclaimed funds”. The funds were deposited into the Trust and Agency account. It will have to be used for improvements on the new Health Center. The Supervisor is waiting to hear on the final decision.

The Town received a letter from National Grid regarding the Titus Road Pump Station, we will no longer be charged “demand” rate, which is good news, the new pumps are working great and the electric is going down.

The Hydro Project is moving forward. There were a few small issues regarding wetlands and brown bats, neither are going to be an issue. X earth had an issue with the mineral rights as well; this also will not be a deal breaker.

The Supervisor received an email from Gail Pilger requesting a Porta Potty at the Pickle Ball Court in Moriah. The Town provides one for youth baseball in the Spring at Pepper Field and that is all. The Supervisor asked the board their thoughts, and Councilman Salerno feels if we aren't going to supply the Pickle Ball court with one, we shouldn't put one on Pepper field either, Councilman Anderson disagreed, he feels there should definitely be one on Pepper Field and not on the Pickle Ball court and the Supervisor agreed with him.

The Supervisor received a letter from the Assessor's Office regarding the stairway to get up to their office. It is very difficult for some elderly people to get up there. The Supervisor is not sure what the answer is, maybe a hand rail. The Town Board will look into this.

Councilman Salerno asked if there was any word when Charter was going to expand their service. The Supervisor reported that the State was going to announce awards anytime.

#### **Resolution's:**

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

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

**RESOLVED** to award the bid for one Club Car Golf Cart to Larry Cutting in the amount of \$50.00.

- 2. ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was

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

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|          | Nays   | 0                              |
|          | Absent | Garrison, Carpenter            |

**RESOLVED** to go to bid for fuel oil, kerosene and diesel for 9/1/16-8/31/17.

Discussion: All bids shall be opened at the September 8, 2016 board meeting.

4. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Salerno, the following resolution was

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

**RESOLVED** to refund camper, Pat Connelly \$450.

Discussion: The Supervisor received an email from Pat Connelly, requesting a refund on her campsite; she had to leave early this year due to health reasons.

5. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Salerno, the following resolution was

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

**RESOLVED** to approve payment of the warrant.

**Floor open to the public:**

Councilman Salerno reported that he saw a “Go Gas” sign at Port Henry Service Center, and he asked if this would change anything with the Town getting our gas there and the Supervisor said no, nothing will change.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

**Abstract Distributions:**

**Claim Numbers:**

July 26, 2016

|          |            |                |
|----------|------------|----------------|
| General  | \$4,659.44 | 2016/5368-5382 |
| Highway  | \$838.61   |                |
| Water #1 | \$55.63    |                |
| Water #2 | \$46.10    |                |
| Water #4 | \$5.70     |                |
| Sewer    | \$62.00    |                |

August 4, 2016

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| General | \$7,916.50 | 2016/5387-5392 |
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August 11, 2016

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| General  | \$40,382.39 | 2016/5394-5480 |
| Highway  | \$13,931.44 |                |
| Water #1 | \$3,307.78  |                |
| Water #2 | \$2,335.95  |                |
| Water #4 | \$331.44    |                |
| Sewer    | \$1,818.03  |                |

**Capital Projects:**

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|--------------------------------|------------------------|------------|----|
| Denton Publications            | Titus Rd. Pump Station | \$43.21    | #8 |
| Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe | Titus Rd. Pump Station | \$1,735.00 | #7 |
| AES Northeast                  | Mt. Spring Road        | \$1,801.80 | #5 |

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Town Clerk