

The Town of Moriah Town Board held a Budget Workshop on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at 7pm at the Town Hall, 38 Park Place, Port Henry.

<b>Present:</b>	Thomas Scozzafava	Supervisor
	Lucille Carpenter	Councilwoman
	Timothy Garrison	Councilman
	Paul Salerno	Councilman
	Thomas Anderson	Councilman

#### **Others**

**Present:** Becky Gilbo, Sr. Account Clerk; Rose French, Town Clerk

The Supervisor opened the budget workshop at 7:00 PM by saluting the flag.

The Supervisor read the legal notice calling for the budget workshop.

The Supervisor stated that this budget has been a lot of work. He would like to again thank Becky Gilbo, Janel Jurkiewicz, and Matt Brassard for all their help on it. Ms. Gilbo stated that this is a 9 month budget due to the dissolution of the Village of Port Henry effective 4/1/17.

The Supervisor discussed salaries; there will be a 3% raise across the board with the exception of Town Board members, Justices and the Assessor Chairman. Carl (Chip) Perry-Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator will be making \$60,000 a year and Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent will go from \$47,000 to \$55,000 a year. The Supervisor stated that Mr. Perry will not get paid for "on call" time. "On Call" time will be done away with. The Supervisor stated that everyone is taking on more responsibility with the dissolution of the Village.

Councilwoman Carpenter asked what Denise Daley's position with the Town will be. The Supervisor stated she will be split between several different departments. Ms. Gilbo will teach her payroll, she will help out in the Town Clerk's Office, the Justices and the Assessor's Office. Councilman Anderson asked what would happen to the building that is the Village Hall now, and the Supervisor stated he believes the Assessor's will be moving up there. Councilman Anderson also wanted to know what Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent is currently making, Ms. Gilbo said he is currently making \$47,000.

Councilman Salerno wanted to know what the rate of pay for the Village DPW crew would be and the Supervisor said they would be making \$19.30 per hour. The Supervisor stated that the employee salaries were the most difficult part of the budget, because not everyone was going to be happy. He also stated that he has met one on one with a lot of employees to discuss salaries.

The Supervisor reported that once the Village dissolves, Rich Lapier-Building Codes, will be doing strictly building codes only and Bill Ball-Building Codes for the Village will be doing property maintenance issues only. The Supervisor has met with both and they are on board with the plan.

The Supervisor reported that the Clerks are all making different salaries and would like to make them all \$12.75, the Board was in agreement.

The Supervisor referred everyone to the hand out on projected taxes, special districts, new Water & Sewer rates for Water District #3 and Sewer District #2 and a summary of the budget comparing 2017 to 2016. He reminded everyone that this budget is based on 9 months due to the dissolution of the Village. He also stated that we had to use very little fund balance. Ms. Gilbo stated that 2018 could be completely different.

Councilman Anderson asked if the Village was still trying to sell equipment off and the Supervisor said no, they only sold one truck. The Supervisor also reported that they are trying to do away with garbage pickup right after Christmas.

Councilman Salerno asked if the Fire Commissioners for the new Fire District would be able to just go out and buy a new ladder truck? The Supervisor said no, they would have to have a Public Hearing and if it was petitioned it would have to go out to permissive referendum.

Ms. Gilbo and Rose French-Town Clerk explained the new Water & Sewer Billing for the Village. The Village will bill one last time for 3/31/2017, and the Town will collect the money and then the Town will start billing people in the Village in August 2017.

Ms. Gilbo reported that in 2018 sewer debt will go up for people in the Village due to a debt payment that the Town will have to start paying.

The Supervisor reported that due to the dissolution, the Town will be getting a NYS DOT grant for \$100,000 for sidewalks along NYS Route 9N.

The Supervisor also reported that Albany Engineering Corporation received their license for the Hydro Project.

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

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

**RESOLVED** that the existing boundaries of the Moriah Fire Protection District be modified to exclude the properties in the annexed Schedule A, contingent upon the formation of a new Fire District to be known as Fire District #3 which will consist of the aforementioned excluded parcels and the former Village of Moriah as shown on a Map entitled, "Proposed Moriah Fire Districts Revised" attached hereto as Schedule B and to consist of the parcels listed in the annexed Schedule C and further that this resolution is contingent upon the formation of said Fire District #3 and that this resolution shall not go into effect until said Fire District # 3 has been duly formed and is in existence.

\*Please see attachment.

Councilman Salerno asked the Supervisor if he thought there would be any repercussions from employees regarding the budget. The Supervisor said no, he didn't think so. He also stated that the Town Board needed to support this budget. He also reiterated that the Town Board creates positions and that the Highway Superintendent does his own hiring.

**ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Salerno, the meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.

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Town Clerk