

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, December 7, 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  
Lucille Carpenter Councilwoman

**Absent:** Timothy Garrison Councilman

**Others Present:** William Trybendis, Art Morgan-Water & Sewer Superintendent, Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent, Rich Lapier-Building Codes, Lohrer McKinstry, Sharon O'Connor, William Potkowski and Rose French-Town Clerk.

Supervisor Scozzafava opened the meeting at 6:00pm.

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

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

**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 1995 International Dump Truck. One bid was received from Robert Blaise in the amount of \$511.00.

Supervisor Scozzafava read the legal notice of bid for Sodium Hypochlorite Solution. Surpass Chemical Company bid \$1.19-bulk-per gallon-delivered. Slack Chemical Company bid \$1.198-bulk-per gallon-delivered.

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

N/A

#### **Special Guest: Meeghan Goralczyk**

Ms. Goralczyk was unable to attend the meeting. The Supervisor did speak to her regarding a program at the school which donates gifts to needy families in the area and they are asking for help from the community. The program has grown and it is very time consuming.

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

Rich Lapier-Building Codes: Issued 4 building permits for the month of November. Inspected and issued one certificate of occupancy for an apartment.

The Supervisor reported that after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year, the Town Board will have to address property cleanup. April 1, 2017, Bill Ball will be handling all property maintenance for the Town. The Town will have to start taking people to court who do not comply, and it could get costly. He said the Local Laws we have on the books are not strict enough. Councilman Salerno said he is very discouraged when the Town does everything they can and then the agencies above us haven't done anything yet. The Supervisor said the Town is ultimately responsible for enforcing the cleanup.

Art Morgan-Water & Sewer Superintendent: The water and sewer department had their yearly inspection last week and everything went well. The other air compressor went down, needs a new head, will have to be replaced. They just replaced the other one, they run alternately. They got the other one through Ingersoll Rand and they will have to get this one through them as well.

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

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

**RESOLVED** to purchase one head through Ingersoll Rand for the Air Compressor at the Water & Sewer Department.

Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent: The bike racks are in for Linney Field that we received through a grant. The Supervisor mentioned that he spoke briefly with Jamie today regarding a new front end loader. Jamie is hoping to trade the old one in. He doesn't really want to take out a BAN because the Highway Department will need a new tandem in the near future. Jamie will meet with Becky-Account Clerk to see what can be done in the budget for 2017.

### **Town Board Reports:**

Councilman Salerno gave a brief overview of the revenues and expenditures for the campsite for the 2016 season. Gross revenues were \$330,012 and the approximate profit was \$159,493 which is about 14,000-15,000 higher than last year. We had 160 seasonal campers. He and Councilwoman Carpenter will meet with Denise-the Village Clerk and Deputy Mayor Brassard on the Village Campsite. The Supervisor spoke about the waterfront grant; this is a study on both campsites to see if they are being run to their full potential. He also mentioned again, that neither campsite will be sold. Leasing might be a better way to run them and make more profit. The Supervisor mentioned that the biggest expense this year was the employees. Councilman Salerno asked if the Port Henry campsite will stay as is for 2017 and the Supervisor said yes, with the exception of the bookkeeping end of it.

Councilman Salerno wanted to thank the Town work force and also Moriah Shock inmates for all their hard work.

Councilman Garrison: absent.

Councilwoman Carpenter had nothing to report. There was no Police Report:

Councilman Anderson reported that they will begin working on the YC again in a couple of months. The Supervisor reminded everyone that the increase in minimum wage is going to hurt the Youth Program. Councilman Anderson said they are going to have to charge a fee this year. They haven't had an increase in the budget since he started working on the Youth Program. The Supervisor stated it is a costly program for only 5 weeks.

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

The Supervisor, Art Morgan and Jamie Wilson went to a meeting in Warrensburg on the Hydro Project. State and Federal agencies were there. The Supervisor reminded everyone about the Hydro Meeting at the school on Thursday, December 8, 2016 at 7:00pm. This meeting is part of the "scoping" process, they will be taking questions and/or comments from the community. The Supervisor said that the biggest topic for discussion at this meeting was the concern over the bats in the mines.

The Supervisor received a letter from the NYS DEC regarding the proposed acquisition of Tub Mill Pond. The Town has 90 days to respond, whether we support or oppose this. The Supervisor will hold off on replying to see if we get any public input.

Whistlepig Rye Whiskey out of Shoreham, Vermont has moved some tanks into the Industrial Park. Rich Lapier has been working with them on code issues. The Supervisor said he has had some questions from the community regarding them. Are they getting a tax break? No, they are not. Will they pay taxes? Yes, they will. Are they going to own the property? Yes, they will. The Supervisor said they have not asked for any incentives. This will bring a few jobs to the area and that is a good thing. Councilman Salerno asked if the water and sewer up there would support them and the Supervisor said yes, it would. Councilman Anderson said he was concerned about their assessment going up and chasing them away. Councilman Anderson asked if there was a brewery coming to town? The Supervisor said there is one trying to come to VanSlootens, but a zoning law that the Village has on the books is preventing it for 2 years, the

Supervisor is hoping he can get them to change it since the Village will be dissolved April 1, 2017. Councilman Carpenter will attend the Village meeting and request this.

The Supervisor went over our bill from Ewaste, this is the company that picks up the tv's and monitors at the Transfer Station. It is very costly to get rid of these. We are not taking in what we are being charged. Since the State mandates this they need to step in and help out. Ewaste is pretty much the only one in the area that does this. This is a problem state wide. The cost is going right back to the consumer when it should be going back to the manufacturer. Councilman Salerno asked if we should raise the fee for taking them in and the Supervisor said we could but then we would probably see them on the side of the road. He stated he is not sure what the answer is.

The Supervisor received a letter from architect Fred Keil regarding the Iron Center Museum. Once the report of his findings is done, we will have to address the structural issues. After the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year, The Supervisor will meet with Mr. Keil and the Historical Society regarding the work that needs to be done.

**Resolutions:**

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

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

**RESOLVED** to award the surplus dump truck bid to Robert Blaise for \$511.00.

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

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

**RESOLVED** to award the Sodium Hypochlorite Solution bid to Surpass Chemical in the amount of \$1.19-bulk-per gallon-delivered for 2017.

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

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

**RESOLVED** to remove charges for water and sewer operation and maintenance charges for John Drake property 29 King Lane, Mineville in the amount of \$526.00.

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

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

**RESOLVED** to Amend Local Law #1 of 1992 "Flood Damage Prevention" to include the Village of Port Henry due to the dissolution of the Village.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated this is just "housekeeping" by the DEC due to the dissolution of the Village.

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

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

**RESOLVED** to review contract with Standard Medical Services for 2017 for drug and alcohol testing for employees-fees for 2017.

Discussion: The Supervisor reported he believed there was no increase in price. Fees are as follows:

Yearly Consortium Fee:	\$100.00
Urine Drug Screens:	\$60.00
Alcohol Breath Testing:	\$35.00
DOT/CDL Physicals:	\$125.00

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

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

**RESOLVED** to accept the resignation of Patsy McCaughin from the Board of Assessment and Review and advertise for replacement for this seat.

Discussion: This will be for the remainder of her term which expires September 30, 2020. Councilman Anderson suggested this be a Board decision.

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

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

**RESOLVED** to set date for End of Year Meeting for Wednesday, December 28, 2016 at 10:00am at the Town Hall.

Discussion: This is a formality just to pay bills.

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

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

**RESOLVED** to set date for Organizational Meeting for Thursday, January 5, 2016 at 6:00pm at the Town Hall.

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

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

**RESOLVED** to increase the Town Clerk Petty Cash from \$150.00 to \$300.00.

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

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

**RESOLVED** to advertise for a Fire Commissioner for Fire District #3.

Discussion: Dwayne Maye had been appointed but had to step down due to health reasons. This is a short term appointment. Whoever is appointed would have to run again in November 2017. The person has to reside in the district and the Supervisor would prefer they are from that area-Cheever.

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

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

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

**Floor open to the public:**

N/A

The meeting adjourned at 6:57pm.

**Abstract Distributions:**

**Claim Numbers:**

November 16, 2016

General \$6.00

2016/5826

November 23, 2016

General \$2,860.34  
Highway \$207.27  
Water #1 \$1,016.10  
Water #2 \$733.91  
Water #4 \$94.06  
Sewer \$249.15

2016/5827-5847

December 6, 2016

General \$1,000.00  
Highway \$2,000.00  
Water #1 \$210.00  
Water #2 \$142.50  
Water #4 \$22.50  
Sewer \$375.00

2016/5848-5863

December 7, 2016

General \$41,784.38  
Highway \$14,012.54  
Water #1 \$1,365.32  
Water #2 \$955.25  
Water #4 \$136.67  
Sewer \$1,473.48

2016/5866-5969

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Town Clerk