

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their End of Year Board Meeting on Thursday, December 28, 2017 at 10:00 AM at the Town of Moriah Town Hall, 38 Park Place, Port Henry, NY.

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

Absent: Timothy Garrison Councilman

Others Present: Matt Brassard, Chip Perry, Joe Provoncha-Essex County Clerk, Sharon O'Connor, Paul Mazzotte and Rose French-Town Clerk

The Supervisor opened the meeting at 10:00AM by saluting the flag.

The Supervisor read the notice calling for the meeting. Pay end of year bills, authorize transfers and to audit the Justice books.

Joseph Provoncha-Essex County Clerk swore in new Board member Matt Brassard, Lucille Carpenter, Paul Mazzotte and Supervisor, Thomas Scozzafava.

Bid Opening:

The Supervisor read the legal notice regarding the surplus sewer pipe bid.

Darren Dickerson-Willsboro, NY: \$3,678.00

Daniel Bryant-Port Henry, NY: \$2,970.00

Chip Perry stated that the Town has \$27,000.00 invested in this pipe and he feels we shouldn't take less than \$10,000. The Supervisor stated he would like to put this on the County website to see if there is any interest. Chip will ask AES if they know any contractors that would be interested. Chip gave a brief history on the pipe; when Manhole 13 project was done, CP Rail would not approve this pipe. Councilman Salerno asked Chip if he thought we should get between \$12,000-\$15,000 and Chip said it should be more like \$10,000. Councilwoman Carpenter asked if where the pipe was purchased would buy it back and Chip said no, it has been stored too long and is now bleached from sitting out in the weather. The Supervisor stated it would have to go to bid anyway. Chip will get it on the county website and he will check with other towns to see if they are interested in it. Councilman Salerno asked Chip if he thought we might be able to use it down the road and he said he asked Jamie and Art and they both said no.

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

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

RESOLVED to authorize Chip Perry to put the surplus sewer pipe on the County Website and also reach out to other towns to see if they would be interested in it.

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

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

RESOLVED to approve the End of Year Transfers. (see attachment)

The Supervisor reported that the Town has \$185,000 leftover in the Water District #4 project and if we don't use it, EFC said we will lose it. The Supervisor stated this money has to be used in Water District #4. He spoke to Chip Perry about using the money to extend Water District #4 to include the residents on those roads that were in the former Village of Port Henry; Water District #3. The Supervisor stated he feels the Town can do some of the work ourselves. We will have

to do some test boring and check with Art Morgan-Water & Sewer Superintendent regarding fire hydrants. Councilman Salerno asked if there were existing curb stops and Chip Perry was not sure.

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

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

RESOLVED to authorize the Supervisor to sign agreement with NYS DOT allowing the Town of Moriah to do work on State Highways.

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

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

RESOLVED to authorize the Supervisor to sign Allied's Liability Insurance Proposal for the year 2018.

Discussion: Increase property deductible to \$2,500, saving \$3,400 on total premium. With the addition of the Village the increase was \$13,000. Budgeted \$85,000, total premium was \$84,055.

The Supervisor reported he received a letter from Mountain Lake Services regarding a shared services agreement for parking near the Post Office in Port Henry. Mountain Lake Services purchased this property and would like help from the Town turning it into a parking lot for everyone.

Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent would like to put a small salt shed behind the old Village Hall in Port Henry.

The Supervisor reported that the County is interested in the old Village Hall for their Soil & Water Department. The office in Westport is closed. Councilman Anderson asked if the Town would lease it to the County and the Supervisor said yes. Councilwoman Carpenter asked if the Assessor's would be going up there. The Supervisor said that has not happened yet. He thought the old Village Hall would be a perfect spot for the police and the court, but the Office of Court Administration would not let that happen because of the grant the Town got to put the addition on the existing court house. Chip Perry said he didn't think it was handicap accessible. He also asked where would Frank Slycord go and the Supervisor said he would move down to the Town Hall. Councilman Salerno asked if we could put an addition on the Court House for the Assessors and the Supervisor said no. The Supervisor would like the Board's permission to show the old Village Hall to the County and the Board was in agreement with this. Paul Mazzotte-Assessor Chairman stated that the existing stairs at the Town Hall to get up to the Assessor's office are dangerous. The Supervisor stated he would see if there was any money left over to install the chair lift and we will wait and see what the County says. Councilman Salerno asked the Board about putting an addition on the Court House for the Assessors and the Supervisor said they will look into it.

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

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

RESOLVED to pay end of the year bills.

Councilwoman Carpenter asked if the Supervisor had received anything regarding the \$500,000 grant for the Waterfront Development and the Supervisor said no, not this time. Will have another round. He stated that Jim McKenna will work on it. He also stated that we cannot get it unless we definitely have a developer who is interested. Councilwoman Carpenter stated that Michael Crane keeps saying he does have a developer who is interested. She also stated that we still have to go forward with the \$75,000 feasibility study. Councilman Salerno asked Chip

Perry if he thought the current sewer system could handle a hotel at the campsite and Chip said yes, it could. The Supervisor stated that we have to go with a realistic plan, maybe cabins and yurts at the existing campsites. Councilman Salerno asked if the Town decided to lease the campsite property would it have to go to public referendum and the Supervisor said yes, it is a requirement.

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

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

RESOLVED to recess end of year meeting at 10:38am.

The Public Hearing began at 10:40am.

The Supervisor read the legal notice calling for the Public Hearing to amend Local Law #2 of 2007 entitled "Increasing the sewer rates"; establish point system for Sewer District #2 and Campgrounds in Sewer District #1.

The Supervisor explained the point system for Sewer District #1: 1 Point for usage = \$2.36; Sewer usage \$236.00 per year and 1 Point for debt = \$1.84; \$184.00 per year for sewer debt; total of 20 points, 10 for O & M and 10 for debt; \$420.00 a year. Sewer District #2 will be the same as Sewer District #1 so everybody is being billed the same.

Campgrounds: 4 points at \$2.36 O & M per site and 2 points at \$1.84 debt service per site.

Councilman Salerno asked if this included the Laundromat in Port Henry and the Supervisor stated they are already included because there used to be a laundromat in Moriah. The Supervisor explained how we legally have to bill our own campsite. The Supervisor stated that the Campgrounds dropped to 4 point system because they are only open 5 months out of the year. Councilman Salerno asked if this would change for next year and the Supervisor said yes.

The Public Hearing closed at 10:48am.

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

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

RESOLVED to come back in from recess to regular meeting at 10:49am.

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

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

RESOLVED to amend Local Law #2 of 2007 entitled "Increasing the sewer rates"; establish point system for Sewer District #2 and Campgrounds in Sewer District #1.

The Supervisor received a copy of the Henry's Garage Grant. The Town has never received any grant money for historic buildings.

The Town of Moriah Town Board will audit Justice Books for the year 2017 at the end of this meeting. (see attached)

The meeting adjourned at 10:54AM.

Abstract Distributions:

December 15, 2017

General

\$13,866.91

2017/7970

December 28, 2017

General	\$11,682.33	2017/7971-8040
Highway	\$2,533.33	
Water #1	\$2,170.15	
Water #2	\$1,585.62	
Water #3	\$1,343.96	
Water #4	\$185.93	
Sewer #1	\$5,462.18	
Sewer #2	\$2,369.72	

Capital Projects:

Fred Keil	\$3,000.00	Restore NY Henry's Garage	#3
AES Northeast	\$3,892.30	Manhole 13 Project	#5
AES Northeast	\$6,059.10	Manhole 13 Project	#6
Cedarwood Engineering	\$2,980.00	Lamos Lane Sewer	#7

Town Clerk