

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, March 10, 2016 at 6:00PM at the Town of Moriah Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, New York.

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

Absent: Thomas Scozzafava Town Supervisor

Others Present: Michael O'Donnell, Diana Stevenson, William Trybendis, Sharon O'Connor, Arthur Morgan-Water & Sewer Superintendent, Edward Roberts-Building & Grounds Superintendent, Richard LaPier-Building Codes, Chuck Roberts, Sandra Lovell, Catherine Sprague, Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent and Rose French-Town Clerk.

Deputy Supervisor Salerno opened the meeting at 6:03pm.

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

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

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

Floor Open to the Public:

Mr. Michael O'Donnell asked when the Village was going to be dissolved and who would be taking over Code Enforcement when that happened. Mr. Salerno stated that if the Village dissolves it wouldn't be until March 2017 and at that time Rich Lapier would assume Code Enforcement for the Village. Mr. William Ball will remain Code Enforcement for the Village until that time.

Department Head Reports:

Edward Roberts-Building & Grounds Superintendent: They have been working on road side garbage. Next week they will begin work at the Campsite with the inmates; weather permitting.

Art Morgan-Water & Sewer Superintendent: They picked up the two new trucks. Surplused two trucks to the Highway Garage.

Richard LaPier- Building Codes: No building permits were issued in February. Issued 3 notices of complaint. Attended code update training in Lake Placid. Mr. Lapier reported that the new code if approved by the Department of State will take effect June 28, 2016. It will be going with International Code with NY supplement of over 100 pages of changes to the codes. Mr. Anderson asked if these changes would make it more expensive to build and Mr. Lapier said no, should remain the same.

There was no Police Report.

Town Board Reports:

Councilman Anderson reported that the Youth Commission just met and he is happy to announce they have three candidates for the Director, Co-Director and Activities Coordinator positions. Valerie Wykes has applied for the Director position, she will not be 21 years of age until August, they will get an immediate exemption from the state and there should be no problem.

Supervisor Scozzafava arrived at 6:10PM.

Councilwoman Carpenter reported that she has been looking into a camera for the Campsite. Both systems will require the internet unless we go with a closed circuit system. Councilman

Garrison suggested we get RFP's for a system. Supervisor Scozzafava reported that the Highway Garage and the Water & Sewer Department need security systems as well.

Councilman Garrison had nothing to report.

Councilman Salerno reported that the Campsite letters have gone out. Next week Building & Grounds along with the inmates will begin cleaning up the Campsite, weather permitting.

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Scozzafava reported that he was in contact with the Department of Health regarding his concerns with the drinking water, given all the problems in Flint and Hoosick Falls. He wanted to make sure we were adequately testing and we are. We have no high levels. Eventually there will be stricter testing.

The Town received partial payment from the Department of State in the amount of \$213,477.00 for the Campsite Shoreline Erosion Project. We will put this towards the \$500,000 bond.

The Supervisor, Art Morgan-Water & Sewer Superintendent and the Engineers all met to discuss infrastructure repair that needs to be done. Main Street in Witherbee and also Lamos Lane in Witherbee are a priority. There is still money left over from the Water District #4 project. We are hoping to use that for a booster pump on plank road and replace the pressure reducer on Tarbell Hill.

The Titus Road Pump Station is complete. The Town is taking out the \$80,000 bond because if we don't and use fund balance we won't be eligible for any grant money.

Councilman Salerno asked if the household income for the Witherbee project could be lowered. The Supervisor stated that the medium income has to be below 51%.

The Supervisor said that if the Village dissolves, Water District #3 would be added to the new water district in the Village. The cost to replace the 2 inch main in Water District #3 is probably going to be around \$100,000. If wells were put in, in Water District #3, the town would incur the initial cost and then it would be the responsibility of the homeowner.

Resolutions:

1. **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 surplus a 2009 F-250 ton pickup and plow to the Highway Department from the Water & Sewer Department and surplus one 2013 F-250 ton pickup from the Water & Sewer Department to the Highway Department.

Discussion: Both departments needed trucks and the Water & Sewer Department had the most money in reserves.

2. **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 to approve the Town of Moriah Country Club application for NYS Liquor License Renewal.

3. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Garrison, the following resolution was
APPROVED Ayes Scozzafava, Salerno, Carpenter, Garrison, Anderson
Nays 0
Absent 0

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED that Thomas Scozzafava, Town Supervisor is authorized to execute a Grant Agreement with NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation and any and all other contracts, documents and instruments necessary to bring about the Project and fulfill the Town of Moriah’s obligations under the Engineering Planning Grant Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah authorizes and appropriates a minimum of 20% local match as required by the Engineering Planning Grant Program for the Inflow and Infiltration Study Project. Under the Engineering Planning Grant program, this local match must be at least 20% of the total project cost. The maximum local share appropriated subject to any changes agreed to by the Town Supervisor shall not exceed \$4,800.00- based upon 20% of the total project costs based upon a total estimated maximum project cost of \$24,000.00. The Town Supervisor may increase this local match through the use of in kind services without further approval from the Town of Moriah.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah hereby determines that the proposed Inflow and Infiltration Study Project is a Type II action in accordance with 6 NYCRR Section 617.5 (c) subparagraph(s) 18 and 20 which constitutes the *information collection including basic data collection and research, water quality and pollution studies, traffic counts, engineering studies, surveys, subsurface investigations and soil studies that do not commit the agency to undertake, fund or approve any Type 1 or Unlisted action; routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment* and therefore not subject to review under 6 NYCRR Part 617.

Discussion:

Have to spend the \$4,800 in order to be eligible for the \$24,000 grant.

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

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Moriah, Essex County, New York, has duly caused to be prepared a map, plan and report including an estimate of cost, pursuant to Section 202-b of the Town Law, relating to the proposed increase and improvement of the facilities of Moriah Sewer District, in the Town of Moriah, Essex County, New York, consisting of the replacement of the pump station on Titus Road, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$80,000 and

WHEREAS, at a meeting of said Town Board duly called and held on February 11, 2016, an Order was duly adopted by it and entered in the minutes specifying the said Town Board would meet to consider the increase and improvement of facilities of Moriah Sewer District in said Town at a maximum estimated cost of \$80,000, and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof concerning the same at the Town Hall, in Port Henry, New York, in said Town, on March 10, 2016, at 6:00 o’clock P.M., Prevailing Time; and

WHEREAS, said Order duly certified by the Town Clerk was duly published and posted as required by law; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was duly held at the time and place set forth in said notice, at which all persons desiring to be heard were duly heard; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

ORDERED, by the Town Board of the Town of Moriah, Essex County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. Upon the evidence given at the aforesaid public hearing, it is hereby found and determined that it is in the public interest to make the increase and improvement of the facilities of Moriah Sewer District, in the Town of Moriah, Essex County, New York, consisting of the replacement of the pump station on Titus Road, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$80,000.

Section 2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

5. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, 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 Town Board renew the General Maintenance Agreement with Twinstare Technologies in the amount of \$702.90.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah replace radios in all Town Vehicles at a cost of \$3,800.00.

Discussion: Ed Roberts will do the installation.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Youth Commission hire Valerie Wykes as Director, Deb Brace as Co-Director and Celia Briggs as Activities Coordinator for the 2016 Summer Youth Program.

6. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, 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 get RFP's for a security system at the Campsite, Highway Garage and Water & Sewer Department.

7. **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 Town Board approve payment of the warrant.

Floor open to the public:

Catherine Sprague reported that there will be an Easter Egg Hunt, March 26, 2016 at 11:00AM at the Bandstand by the Town Hall and Train Station. She also reported that

Laura Baker is the new Chamber Administrative Assistant. The Chamber has been open all week, 9:00AM-5:00PM with the help of volunteers. There have been a lot of people coming in. They have new members from Westport and Crown Point. Ms. Sprague brought in a banner to show, the Chamber will be taking orders for two weeks. For Chamber members the cost will be \$150.00 and \$175.00 for non members. The price does not include the brackets. They will try to hang them as close to the businesses as possible. Linda Smythe designed the banners.

Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent reported that one of the big garage doors broke. Will need to get that fixed as soon as possible. Mr. Scozzafava said it needed to be done, regardless of the cost.

The meeting adjourned at 6:43pm.

Abstract Distributions:

Claim Numbers:

February 16, 2016

General	\$307.10
Water #1	\$25.71
Water #2	\$18.70
Water #4	\$2.34

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February 23, 2016

General	\$2,188.31
Highway	\$1,040.40
Water #1	\$468.99
Water #2	\$320.24
Water #4	\$49.55
Sewer	\$763.64

2016/4728-4747

March 10, 2016

General	\$24,354.79
Highway	\$5,719.78
Water #1	\$3,577.95
Water #2	\$2,583.04
Water #4	\$331.61
Sewer	\$1,107.01

2016/4750-4837

Capital Projects:

Denton Publications	\$37.54
Egglefield Ford	\$67,790.00

Titus Rd. Pump Station	#4
W/S Trucks	#1

Town Clerk