

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Town Board Meeting on Thursday, May 11, 2017 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
Timothy Garrison Councilman

Absent: Lucille Carpenter Councilwoman

Others Present: Ed Roberts-Building & Grounds Superintendent, Sandra Lovell, Lohrer McKinstry, Sharon O'Connor, Rich Lapier-Building Codes, Julie Ida-Deputy Town Clerk, Art Morgan-Water & Sewer Superintendent, Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent, Diana Stevenson, Cathy Sprague, Representative from Henderson Equipment, Paul Reese, 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

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

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

Floor open to the public:

Cathy Sprague-Moriah Chamber of Commerce reported that there will be an NYS Eagle Conference in town in September, there will around 170-180 people here for it. She would like to thank Ed Roberts and Linda Smyth for all their help getting the banners up. Linda has been working on the Street Sign adding businesses to it and it is looking good. Debbie Henry also wanted Cathy to mention that there will be a beautification day on May 20, 2017, they will be planting flowers around Town, and they will be meeting around 9:00am. Linda Smyth will be working on the mural in the park, Cathy would like to get a no smoking sign for the park, because the cigarette butts are getting really bad. The Supervisor believes the Town Board has the authority to put up such a sign by resolution, but if it needs to be a local law, we will have to do that. He feels the Board will be in agreement with this. Councilman Anderson said he is all for it. Cathy Sprague said it is becoming a problem and they get a lot of young children in the park. Sandra Lovell feels the pride for the park has diminished since it was first done.

Bid Opening:

Bids were read for a Cab and Chassis and a Tandem Box, Plow & Sander

Charlebois	Cab & Chassis	\$128,200
Henderson	Tandem Box, Plow & Sander Optional Add Ons	\$90,420 \$1,456 & \$591
Clark	Cab & Chassis Options for Warranties	\$110,508
Tracey Rd. Equipment	Cab & Chassis	\$120,996
Viking Cives	Tandem Box, Plow & Sander	\$80,361.84
Arrowhead Equipment	Tandem Box, Plow & Sander Optional Add Ons	\$92,117.00 \$950 & \$1,081
NY Truck & Equipment	Cab & Chassis	\$120,738

The Supervisor stated that at the end of the meeting there will be a resolution to award the bid after approval of the Highway Superintendent.

Department Head Reports:

Art Morgan-Water & Sewer Superintendent: They flushed hydrants last week. They will be putting in the water line for Whistle Pig next week. They have been doing a lot of sewer maintenance. AES helped with their GPS system locating manholes. Waiting on funding for Water District #3, it will be a four (4) inch line-will give those residents more volume in their water line. The Supervisor stated there are 13 houses in Water District #3. The Town Employees will be doing this project themselves, will be renting an excavator, this will save the Town some money. It is 2,600 feet of water line. Councilman Salerno asked if it would be bypass and Mr. Morgan said yes.

Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent: They have been sweeping, have done about 50 miles of road so far. They have also been patching spots as needed. The Town employees have been doing a lot of training through the Town's Insurance carrier. The Supervisor reported that because the Town employees have been doing this training, the Town has a substantial reduction in our insurance premium. The Supervisor also reported that he went over the Rice Lane project with Mr. Wilson. Mr. Wilson reported that there will be a free brush day at the Town of Moriah Transfer Station on Saturday, June 3, 2017 from 8:00am – Noon and 1:00pm – 4:30pm AND Saturday, June 10, 2017 from 8:00am – Noon and 1:00pm – 4:30pm. He also reported that all the metal is now gone. He also stated that Timothy Breeyear and Lucas Cutting both passed their CDL.

Supervisor Scozzafava reported that he walked the Rice Lane Project with the Contractor and Engineer. There is an overrun on this project by about \$30,000; the money leftover in the Village Coffers will be used to pay for this.

Mr. Wilson stated he will meet with Linda Wolfe from Essex County Purchasing on Monday to go over the truck bids. The Supervisor will try to meet with them after the County Board meeting.

The Supervisor asked Mr. Wilson which roads will be paved this year; there are several side streets in the Village that need it. Mr. Wilson was unsure, but will use CHIPS money for Town roads.

The Supervisor reported that the Town received a grant to replace sidewalk in Port Henry. Local DOT will oversee the project. Concrete will be used. The Supervisor also reported that DOT had a request to change parking to the other side of Main Street. This might cause more problems than it solves. Parking will continue as is.

Ed Roberts, Building & Grounds Superintendent: Reported they have been busy getting the parks cleaned up. They have been picking up roadside garbage. Pepper Field was mowed, it was very wet. He continues to use the inmates.

Richard Lapier, Code Enforcement Officer: Issued 4 building permits for the month of April. Inspected 1 for Certificate of Occupancy.

Mr. Lapier stated both campsites are up and running. There were a few issues, but they have been resolved. The Supervisor stated he heard a rumor going around that Mr. Lapier makes \$42,000 a year and that is simply not true. Rich Lapier takes care of Building Codes and Bill Ball was supposed to do property maintenance, however, the Supervisor received a letter of resignation from Mr. Ball explaining that he does not have time to do the job. The Supervisor explained that we need to fill this position and the person will need to be certified, so if anybody knows anyone who is certified and might be interested, have them contact the Supervisor's Office.

Chip Perry-WWTP: Excused.

Town Board Report's:

Councilman Salerno stated that Building & Grounds will have the Parks and Cemeteries ready for Memorial Day Weekend. They are looking at purchasing security cameras for Champ RV Park. For the past 4-5 weeks, the campsite crews, Building & Grounds, Highway Department and Water & Sewer Departments have been helping out getting both beaches ready for the Summer. Managers from both campsites met with Councilman Salerno and Councilwoman Carpenter, they tried to simplify everything. At this time, Bulwagga Bay Campsite has 138 Seasonals and Champ RV Park has 55 Seasonals. Trees were cut down and 2 more seasonal sites were made at Champ RV Park. They will be relocating the signs that state where the public portion of the Champ RV Park is.

The Supervisor stated that the Town will no longer offer pump out services at either campsite due to health issues per the Town's Insurance. There will be a resolution later on in the agenda. Because the Village of Port Henry sold the Champ RV golf cart the Town will need to replace that as soon as possible. There is a resolution for that also at the end of the meeting.

Councilman Garrison: Councilman Garrison read the police report. Handled 144 calls for service. 6 Violations: 2 failure to license a dog, 2 letting dogs run at large, 1 disorderly conduct, 1 harassment 2nd degree. 4 Misdemeanors: 2 Operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license 3rd degree, 2 issuing bad checks. 1 Felony: Criminal Contempt in the 1st degree. Issued 16 traffic tickets. Handled 5 traffic accidents, conducted 12 pistol permit background investigations for the NYSP.

Councilman Anderson: Summer Program had 20 applicants. They will begin interviewing on Monday, May 15, 2017. Steve Pelkey and Jack Armstrong met with the County regarding RTE training, it is early this year. Two lifeguard applicants will be going to the Town for the beaches.

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Scozzafava mentioned again that he received a letter of resignation from Bill Ball.

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

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

RESOLVED to accept Bill Ball's letter of resignation and authorize the Supervisor to fill this vacant position.

The Supervisor reported that he had a conference call with NYS EFC regarding the financing for the boring and slip line for Manhole 13. Due to the fact that it was "Village" bonding, EFC wanted to the Town to go through the whole process again, eventually they concurred that it would be "a waste of time" to do this.

The Supervisor spoke to Jim Beshaw regarding the hydro project. Still no permit, any day now. Mr. Beshaw met with Solvay regarding the mineral rights issue, this has been resolved. Mr. Beshaw said the shaft will probably have to go where the Transfer Station is now and they may also want the area that the Highway Garage is on also. The Supervisor stated that Solvay owns property behind Decker's Flats Greenhouse, this would be a perfect spot for the Highway Garage, it would be centrally located. This is just a discussion, nothing definite yet. Councilman Anderson asked what permit they were waiting for and the Supervisor explained it is the FERC permit.

The Supervisor reported that there was an issue with lifeguards at Champ RV Park. Both Campsites will be open 7 days a week, there will be 6 lifeguards at each beach, 2 on duty at the same time. Beaches will be opening Graduation weekend.

The Supervisor received a letter from Rose & Kiernan, the Town's Insurance regarding pump outs at the campsites, their recommendation is to discontinue current pumping of individual systems by Town employees. We did put this out to bid last month and we didn't get one bid.

There will be a meeting Thursday, May 18, 2017 at 6:00pm at the Town of Moriah Court House so Fred Keil, Architect, can go over his investigation of the Iron Center Museum and progress

report.

The Supervisor met with Sharon Reynolds from Pride of Ticonderoga regarding revitalization in the Town of Moriah.

The Supervisor met with Kevin Egan from Charter Communications regarding areas in the Town of Moriah that still do not have cable and also about the Franchise agreement. This has not been renewed since 2014.

The Supervisor received an email from Tom Edwards, Fire Commissioner, Fire District #3 regarding the retraining wall at the old Port Henry Fire House, it is falling down and is falling into the neighbor's yard. The Town will repair this and it will come out of money leftover in the Village Coffey money.

The Supervisor has showed the old Port Henry Fire House twice and there is a 3rd party that is interested. Just showing at this time. It has been inspected by the Town's Insurance and it is insured. If this building was put on the historic register it would be a good thing if an individual owned it.

The Annual Roe Pond fishing tournament for kids will be Saturday, May 27, 2017 from 8:00am 10:00am.

The Supervisor received an email from Councilwoman Carpenter. She and Councilman Garrison would like to keep moving forward with the Revitalization plan.

The Supervisor received a letter from the Association of Towns regarding Shared Services between Towns and Schools. The Town of Moriah has been doing this for years.

The Supervisor met with Bill Ball regarding revisions to Local Law NO. 3 of 2006. The Supervisor had a call from a Resident regarding the "Right to farm law". They want to raise chickens.

Resolutions:

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

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

RESOLVED to accept bids for Tandem Truck Plow/Sander and award after review by Highway Superintendent.

Discussion: There will be a future resolution for bonding.

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

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

RESOLVED to stop providing pump out service as of June 1, 2017.

Discussion: June 1, 2017 is a Thursday.

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

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

RESOLVED to surplus two canoes at Bulwagga Bay Campsite and offer for sale. Bid opening at June meeting.

Discussion: Put them for sale on the County website. They were never rented.

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

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

RESOLVED to authorize Supervisor to refund \$580.00 to Linda Delorme, \$200.00 to Fred Blanchard and \$1,580.00 to Mark Lown from Bulwagga Bay Campsite.

Discussion: They are moving because we will no longer be doing pump outs. Councilman Garrison asked if they would be leaving the campsite and the Supervisor said yes.

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

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

RESOLVED to authorize payment of \$39,070.81 to Manfred Construction, Manhole 13 Project (partial retainage).

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

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

RESOLVED to purchase a 2 person kayak for rental at Bulwagga Bay Campsite, cost approximately \$800.00.

Discussion: Kayaks are in big demand at the Campsite.

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

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

RESOLVED to award Engineer firm for Witherbee Sewer Line Project.

Discussion: We had 7 Request for Proposals. Cedarwood was lowest at \$68,900.00.

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

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

RESOLVED to adjust Water & Sewer bill for Old Nu Way Laundry building for debt service only, 11/1/16-3/31/17.

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

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

RESOLVED to set up petty cash fund in the amount of \$100.00 for Champ RV Park.

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

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

RESOLVED to authorize Supervisor to get three (3) proposals for a golf cart for Champ RV Park.

Discussion: This falls within the procurement policy, should be @ \$2,500.00.

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

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

RESOLVED to authorize the Supervisor to purchase one golf cart for Champ RV Park.

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

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

RESOLVED to authorize the Supervisor to enter into and execute a Master Grant Contract with the Department of Environmental Conservation in an amount not to exceed \$9,902.30 for financial assistance to this Town of Moriah for implementing a Port Henry Blueprint.

Discussion: Planning and zoning grant.

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

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

RESOLVED to authorize Burnham Benefit Advisors to use the Town of Moriah Court House on October 18, 2017 at 10:00AM for a Medicare Seminar.

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

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

RESOLVED to approve vendor permit for Mr. Ding A Ling Ice Cream for the Champ RV Park from May 2017 to September 2017.

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

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

RESOLVED to extend Local Law #3 of the former Village of Port Henry, extending the Moratorium on Street Level Residential Development for a one year period, which will become Local Law No. 2 of 2017 for the Town of Moriah.

Discussion: This is for the main street, commercial retail business.

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

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

RESOLVED to ban all smoking and tobacco use on all Town owned parks and beaches.

Discussion: This will be effective immediately.

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Garrison, Anderson
	Nays	0

Absent Carpenter

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board will adopt the Moriah Waterfront Economic Development Plan as presented by Michael Crane of Crane Associates.

Discussion: Councilman Salerno thinks this is a great idea; the whole board was in agreement.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board will form the Moriah Development Corporation and requests the Moriah Chamber of Commerce to contact business members and advise any interested persons who have an interest to be on the Moriah Development Corporation Board of Directors to send a letter of interest to the Town Hall attention Tim Garrison or Luci Carpenter. Also, the Town of Moriah will advertise information of the Moriah Development Corporation and any interested person to send a letter of interest to the Town Hall. The Moriah Development Corporation Board members will be appointed by the Town Board to a term to be determined by the Town Board.

Discussion: Sandra Lovell asked how this Committee will be different from the Moriah Chamber of Commerce. Councilman Garrison stated this body of people will need to stay focused on the project.

The Supervisor stated that the storage of campers at Bulwagga Bay Campsite has always been an issue. They don't just store their campers, its refrigerators, cars, etc.. Councilman Garrison stated he feels this stuff should be stored off site. Councilman Salerno stated campers that have a 5th wheel had somebody else bring the camper in and drop it; they don't necessarily have the vehicle to move the camper now. Councilman Salerno feels if you make them move their campers, the Town is going to lose them as campers. The Supervisor reported the Board has one month to think about it until the next meeting. Councilman Salerno thinks there should be a designated area for campers.

Floor open to the public:

Sandra Lovell suggested Frank Slycord to fill Bill Ball's position. The Supervisor stated he is #1 on his list to contact. She also asked if Manhole 13 was finished, The Supervisor said yes, she said she wasn't sure because of the cars that are parked down by the marina entrance. The Supervisor stated that is private property. Ms. Lovell also asked about the orange cone at the end of St. Patrick's road, it's been there for a very long time and it makes it very hard to see when you have to go around it. The Supervisor stated the State is aware of it, it is a storm drain that is broke and they had to order parts to fix it. Ms. Lovell also stated she feels the parking would be better on the other side of the road because it is so hard to see when you are backing out now. The Supervisor reported they will be looking into it again.

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

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

RESOLVED to approve payment of the warrant.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Abstract Distributions:

Claim Numbers:

April 24, 2017

General \$3,089.40
Highway \$55.39

2017/6554-6572

Water #1	\$829.42
Water #2	\$600.53
Water #4	\$76.30
Sewer	\$362.01

April 25, 2017

General	\$164.90	2017/6573-6575
Water #1	\$20.99	
Water #2	\$14.24	
Water #4	\$2.25	
Sewer	\$37.47	

May 11, 2017

General	\$43,511.03	2017/6580-6705
Highway	\$6,984.71	
Water #1	\$3,918.71	
Water #2	\$2,551.99	
Water #3	\$565.87	
Water #4	\$659.31	
Sewer	\$16,917.19	

Capital Projects:

Manhole 13	Manfred Construction	#1	\$39,070.81
Waterfront Economic Strategic Plan	Crane Associates	#4	\$11,320.83
	Denton Publications	#5	\$16.08

Town Clerk