

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, November 10, 2016 at 6:13PM 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
	Timothy Garrison	Councilman

Others Present: William Trybendis, Diane Stevenson, Art Morgan-Water & Sewer Superintendent, Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent, Rich Lapier-Building Codes, Lohrer McKinstry, Linda Smyth and Rose French-Town Clerk.

Supervisor Scozzafava opened the meeting at 6:13pm.

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.

Floor Open to the Public:

N/A

Department Head Reports:

Rich Lapier-Building Codes: Issued 6 building permits for the month of October. The Supervisor stated again that Rich Lapier will be doing new construction permits and Bill Ball will be doing property maintenance issues next year.

Art Morgan-Water & Sewer Superintendent: They are getting ready for winter with plant maintenance. Having trouble with the air compressor that runs the whole plant. The Engineer met with Ed Roberts about rebuilding the circulator-replace the heads. One has already been replaced. Art reminded everyone that the plant is getting older and equipment is going to have to start being replaced or repaired. He reported that the Titus Road pumps are still working great. The Supervisor said he was going to look into why the electric bill has not gone down substantially.

Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent: They are getting ready for winter. Had to rebuild a loading ramp. He also mentioned that the CP Rail Christmas Train will be here Sunday, November 27, 2016 at 4:45. The Supervisor asked about salt storage in the Village? The current sheds are going to have to come down. He also asked about equipment and storage in the Village. We might have to put up another garage? Jamie stated they have a 1995 single axle dump truck they would like to surplus, it doesn't run.

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

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

RESOLVED to go to bid for one 1995 Single Axle Dump Truck as is.

The Supervisor reported that the County has a 2007 Chevy Van for the Senior Citizens and for meals on wheels.

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

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

RESOLVED to purchase one 2007 Chevy Van from Essex County to be used by the Senior Citizens and Meals on Wheels.

Discussion: The Green van that is currently being used will go to the Highway Garage for the Steam Gennie.

Town Board Reports:

Councilman Salerno will give complete report on the campground at the December meeting. He reported that Building & Grounds have been busy cleaning furnaces. Moriah Shock has done a tremendous job helping out the Town. Ed Roberts makes the arrangements with the prison in order to get the inmates. Jamie Wilson reported that they have been busy helping the Eagles Club in Moriah Center also.

Councilman Garrison had nothing to report.

Councilwoman Carpenter reported the Chamber will hold a small business Saturday on November 26, 2016. They will also have a lighting of the Christmas Tree at the Bandstand on Saturday, December 3, 2016 at 4:30pm. There will be wagon rides, refreshments and activities. The Chamber now has Belfry Mountain Patches designed by Linda Smyth available at the Chamber Office on Main Street.

Councilwoman Carpenter read the Police Report:

Steve Stahl-Officer in Charge: Absent: Handled 152 calls for service. 4 Violations-2 disorderly conduct, 1 failure to control a dog, 1 failure to license a dog. 7 Misdemeanors: 1 criminal contempt in the 2nd degree, 1 endangering the welfare of a child in the 3rd degree, 2 assault in the 3rd degree, 2 issuing a bad check, 1 operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license in the 2nd degree. 0 Felonies. Issued 18 traffic tickets. Handled 5 traffic accidents. Conducted 9 background investigations for pistol permits.

Councilman Anderson reported he is trying to get a ski program going for students. It would be Six Sundays at Whiteface Mountain for \$130.00. He is waiting to firm up the details and the Supervisor said he would check with the County to see if transportation is available.

Supervisor's Report:

In order to save money on our insurance premium, employees are being asked to fill out a form regarding their driver's license so we can enroll in the LENS program which will notify the Town if an employee has had any infractions on their driving record.

Architect Fred Keil, met with Tom and they toured the Iron Ore Museum to see what work needed to be done. Mr. Keil would like to attend the December Board meeting to go over his findings. The Supervisor is hoping the Town can get a grant to do the work. The water drainage is a big issue. There are timbers in the attic that are rotted and need to be replaced and the windows need to be replaced.

The Supervisor reported that the CP Rail Holiday Train will be in Port Henry on Sunday, November 27, 2016 at 4:45.

The Supervisor received a letter from the Adirondack Park Agency regarding Whistlepig Rye Whiskey. They are in the process of moving their operation from Vermont into the Moriah Industrial Park. This will mean a few jobs for the Town. They have started clearing some lots already. Linda Smyth asked if Tom recruited them and he said no, they reached out to the Town because the State of Vermont has a law that states you can only distill a certain number of barrels of whiskey per year. The Supervisor mentioned that Pretech Plastics is out of Vermont also. Linda Smyth asked how many lots were left in the Industrial Park and the Supervisor said there are four left. The Town will have to amend the Highway Law for "Tom Phelps Way" into the Industrial park so Whistlepig can use it.

Resolutions:

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

APPROVED Ayes Scozzafava, Salerno, Carpenter, Anderson, Garrison

Nays 0

RESOLVED to adopt the 2017 budget.

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

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

RESOLVED to contract with Life Flight for 2017 for \$200.00.

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

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

RESOLVED to contract with North Country SPCA for 2017 for \$6,500.

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

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

RESOLVED to contract with Adirondack Landfill Services for post closure monitoring at old landfill for 2017 for \$1,797.

Discussion: Councilman Garrison said he remembers when he first got on the Board, this yearly cost was around \$20,000, has gone down a lot.

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

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

RESOLVED to change date of December Town Board meeting to December 7, 2016 at 6:00pm due to the Hydro Meeting at the School on December 8, 2016.

Discussion: This Hydro meeting is a required Public Hearing, this is the last step and then they get their license.

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

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

RESOLVED to go to bid for Sodium Hypochlorite Solution for 2017, bid opening at the December Town Board Meeting.

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

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

RESOLVED to adopt the American's With Disabilities Act and post in newspapers as required by Federal Government.

Discussion: This is something the Town has to do for HUD grants.

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

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

RESOLVED to authorize the Supervisor to change health insurance plan and amend union agreement-change from Excellus Blue Cross/Blue Shield Simply Blue to Excellus Blue Cross/Blue Shield Simply Blue Gold 6

Discussion:

The Teamsters plan is very costly. It is a very good plan, however the retirees would be very costly to the Town on that plan. The plan has to have active employees so the Town would have to find a different plan for retirees. The Supervisor will meet with them on Tuesday. If the employees do not want this plan they will have to go into negotiations again. Open enrollment will close shortly. The only option is to stay where we are at and go into negotiations again. The Simply Blue Gold 6 has a low deductible.

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

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

RESOLVED to approve payment of the warrant.

Floor open to the public:

N/A

The meeting adjourned at 6:44pm.

Abstract Distributions:

Claim Numbers:

October 26, 2016

General	\$1,472.34	2016/5718-5735
Highway	\$1,075.25	
Water #1	\$1,027.20	
Water #2	\$744.67	
Water #4	\$94.17	
Sewer	\$87.03	

October 31, 2016

General	\$126.04	2016/5736
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November 10, 2016

General	\$34,369.79	2016/5740-5823
Highway	\$9,144.25	
Water #1	\$3,863.82	
Water #2	\$2,820.44	
Water #4	\$355.20	
Sewer	\$1,779.16	

Capital Projects:

Crane Associates	Moriah Waterfront & Economic Strategic Plan	\$5,660.41	#1
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Town Clerk