

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Town Board Meeting on Thursday, November 9, 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
	Lucille Carpenter	Councilwoman

Others Present: Bill Trybendis, George Daly, Sharon O'Connor, Cathy Sprague, Diana Stevenson, Lohrer McKinstry, Rich Lapier, Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent, Ann Tesar, Erik Wilhelmson and Rose French-Town Clerk

Supervisor Scozzafava opened the meeting at 6:00pm.

Supervisor Scozzafava read the legal notice for the Public Hearing that was held prior to the Board Meeting.

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

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

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

Floor open to the public:

Cathy Sprague from the Chamber reported that Small Business Saturday will be November 25, 2017, they have 15 businesses participating. They will be offering free coffee and 10%-20% off. This will be in the paper. The Holiday Train will be here Monday, November 27, 2017 at 4:45. The lighting of the Memory Tree will be Friday, December 1, 2017 at the Bandstand between 4:30pm-8:00pm with the Fire Truck parade. The Supervisor thanked Cathy and her crew for decorating the train, and also thanked Cathy for everything that she does. Councilwoman Carpenter reported that on Sunday, December 10, 2017 there will be a candle lighting at 7:00pm at the Angel of Hope.

Department Head Reports:

Rich Lapier-Building Codes: Issued 4 building permits for the month of October. Inspected 2 units for certificates of occupancy. Dollar General is almost complete; a few miscellaneous items are left to be completed. Cathy Sprague reported that Dollar General told her they would be opening the middle of December.

Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent: They have been busy getting the plow trucks ready for snow. Hauled in all the sand. New drivers have been learning the plow routes. Mr. Wilson wanted to remind everyone that broken down vehicles need to be moved out of the way of the plows. There is still discussion on roads in Port Henry that were "maintained"; paved, pot holes fixed, etc., by the Village of Port Henry, the Town will have to continue to plow these. If these roads were just plowed; the Town will not continue to do so. The Town is in the process of determining if they are Town Highways or not. The Supervisor stated it would be illegal to continue maintaining/plowing these roads and it would open up a can of worms. Erik Wilhelmson expressed concern about his road, he said it is better but still needs work and Mr. Wilson stated they are doing the best they can. The Supervisor asked Mr. Wilson what the issue was and he stated where they dug out big rocks, little rocks are working their way to the surface.

Chip Perry-WWTP: Excused.

Ed Roberts-Building & Grounds: Excused.

Art Morgan-Water & Sewer Superintendent: Excused

Town Board Report's:

Councilman Anderson: Nothing to report. Supervisor Scozzafava told him good luck to the boys football team and the girl's soccer team.

Councilwoman Carpenter: Read police report: Handled 141 call for service. 11 Violations: 1 Harassment 2nd degree, 10-permitting chickens to run at large. 2 Misdemeanors: 1-aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle 3rd degree, 1-attempted assault in the 3rd degree. 0 Felonies. Issued 19 Traffic Tickets. Handled 7 traffic accidents. Conducted 14 pistol permit background investigations. Rich Lapier stated he is "gaining" on the chicken problem.

Councilwoman Carpenter reported that the Town cannot go to bid again on the Iron Center doors until we get approval from the State Historic Preservation Office. They have a meeting on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 with Fred Keil, the architect. We need to move forward with the grant. There is a resolution later on regarding Phase 2 of the Waterfront Strategic Plan.

Councilman Garrison: Nothing to report.

Councilman Salerno: Reported that Becky is still working on the campsite numbers, he will have them for the next meeting. It was a good season. There are five campers at Bulwagga Bay Campsite that did not comply with the rules and regulations regarding cleaning off their sites at the end of the season, Councilman Salerno will call Wayne & Ruth regarding this. The Supervisor stated they should not have gotten back their \$50.00 deposit.

Councilman Salerno stated that Moriah Shock and the inmates have been a great help. The boiler at the Train Station is not working very well. The Supervisor stated that Jim Brooks has looked at it, he tried to seal it. Councilman Salerno asked about getting a new boiler, the Supervisor will have the Town Clerk look into the insurance claim on this one. Councilman Salerno thinks there should be a 20 year warranty on this one.

Supervisor's Report:

On November 15, 2017 at the North Country SBDC in Plattsburgh there will be a Small Business Workshop for Veterans.

The Supervisor received an email from Linda Smyth regarding volunteers to raise money for an Iron Ore Miner statue. He thinks this is a great idea. They are meeting again on the 14th. Cathy Sprague stated they have opened a special checking account for the funds raised. They have somebody from every hamlet on the committee. Erik Wilhelmson asked if it would be full size and are they worried about vandalism. The Supervisor stated it will be full size and he doesn't feel we have to worry about vandalism.

The Supervisor received an email from Jim Besha regarding the Hydro Project. FERK is requesting more information regarding any marble quarry near the old green change house, as far as the Supervisor knows there isn't one and he has forwarded all the information he has to them.

The Supervisor and Chip Perry met with the engineers regarding Manhole 13 and the slope failure on this project. CP Rail wants it more stabilized. The Town inherited this project when the Village of Port Henry dissolved and now everyone is saying that the town is responsible. The Supervisor has spoken to retired New York State workers who will sign affidavits regarding the slope failure problem and that it has been like that for years.

The Town still has an opening on the Board of Assessment and Review. If you are interested, please submit a letter to the Town of Moriah Supervisor, 38 Park Place, Port Henry, NY 12974.

Resolutions:

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

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

RESOLVED to authorize the Supervisor to open a new checking account to deposit levy charge for Village Dissolution “Legacy” costs.

Discussion: This is for retirees health benefits from Village prior to dissolution. This is a levy on tax bill for properties in former Village only. The Comptroller stated we had to keep this money separate.

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

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

RESOLVED to increase appropriations in the amount of \$5,000.00 in Building & Grounds, account #A1620.1 in the 2018 Budget to fund maintenance position @ 297 hours, 25 hours per week for 12 weeks.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated we have a lot of projects going on. He asked the Board if they had any problem with this and they did not.

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

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

RESOLVED to appropriate \$160,000.00 fund balance in Highway and \$60,000.00 Town General in the 2018 Budget.

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

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

RESOLVED to adopt the 2018 Town of Moriah Preliminary Budget as amended.

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

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

RESOLVED to award contract to Crane Associates for Phase 2 of the Waterfront and Economic Strategic Plan based on their request for proposal.

Discussion: This is for \$75,000-Phase 2. The Town was required to get RFP’s and Crane Associates were the only ones to bid.

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

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

RESOLVED a set water usage rates, per unit charge @\$290.00 per year for Water District #3 and Debt Service charge of \$103.00 per year.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated this is the new district the Town had to form due to the dissolution of the Village of Port Henry.

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

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

RESOLVED to set rates for Sewer District #2 at \$236.00 per year for operation and maintenance and \$184.00 per year for debt service as per point system. All vacant properties will also be billed for debt costs.

Discussion: All the former Village of Port Henry residents are now in sync with the Town billing.

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

RESOLVED to reduce the number of units billed for water for Collins Bar & Motel from 3 to 2 due to the closing of the Bar and Apartment.

Discussion: Terry Collins came in to see Tom and Tom told him he needed to do a letter to the Board requesting this.

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

RESOLVED to go to bid for Sodium Hypochlorite Solution for the 2018 calendar year. Bid opening at the December 14, 2017 Board Meeting.

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

RESOLVED to authorize the Supervisor to submit Grant Application for “Restore NY Communities Initiative” funding for the rehabilitation of the Henry’s Garage Building (Port Henry Fire House).

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

RESOLVED to authorize Carl Perry to attend training in Concord NH for water/wastewater training, November 9, 2017 (overnight stay).

ON MOTION by Supervisor Scozzafava, seconded by Councilwoman Carpenter, the following resolution was

- AMENDED Ayes Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Garrison, Carpenter
 Nays 0

RESOLVED to amend prior resolution, date of training was November 8, 2017, not November 9, 2017.

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

RESOLVED to approve payment of the warrant.

Floor open to the public:

The Supervisor reminded everyone that the Christmas Train will be here Monday, November 27, 2017 at 4:45pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:33pm.

Abstract Distributions:

Claim Numbers:

October 26, 2017

General	\$693.46	2017/7599-7610
Highway	\$532.11	
Water District #1	\$14.56	
Water District #2	\$9.88	
Water District #3	\$35.81	
Water District #4	\$1.56	

Sewer District #1	\$62.39
Sewer District #2	\$55.39

October 31, 2017

General	\$765.10	2017/7615-7619
Water District #1	\$26.12	
Water District #2	\$18.55	
Water District #3	\$73.06	
Water District #4	\$2.53	
Sewer District #1	\$355.06	
Sewer District #2	\$223.90	

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General	\$27,777.98	2017/7620-7732
Highway	\$23,294.61	
Water District #1	\$2,911.50	
Water District #2	\$2,243.75	
Water District #3	\$665.76	
Water District #4	\$228.27	
Sewer District #1	\$3,653.89	
Sewer District #2	\$1,866.81	

Capital Projects:

Waterfront Strategic Plan Phase 2	Press Republican	#4	\$30.56
Manhole 13 Laduc Hookup	Champlain Contracting	#4	\$2,000.00
Lamos Lane Sewer	Cedarwood Engineering	#6	\$10,765.00
Village of Port Henry Dissolution	Laberge Group	#3	\$766.53

Town Clerk