

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Board Meeting Thursday, February 14, 2013 at 6:00pm at the Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, NY.

Present:

Thomas Scozzafava	Supervisor
Paul Salerno	Councilman
Timothy Garrison	Councilman
Thomas Anderson	Councilman

Others

Present: John Easter; Diana Stevenson; Jamie Wilson, Highway Supt; William Trybendis; Jamie Wilson, Highway Supt.; Richard LaPier, Code Enforcement Officer; Elaine Adkins, Town Clerk.

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 6:00pm by saluting the flag.

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Garrison, Anderson, Scozzafava, Salerno
	Nays	0

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

Floor Open to the Public: No one spoke.

Department Head Reports: Dwayne Maye, Ed Roberts and Steve Stahl have been excused.

Richard LaPier, Building Code Enforcement Officer gave the following report for the month of January. He issued three building permits in January and received a sub-division application from Allison Snyder. This is a 35 acre lot which she will give five acres to her son; The APA does not have jurisdiction on this property. Mr. LaPier recommends approval.

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

APPROVED Ayes Salerno, Garrison, Scozzafava, Anderson

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board approve the subdivision for Allison Snyder on Fisher Hill on the approval of Richard LaPier, Code Enforcement Officer.

Jamie Wilson, Highway Supt., reported that his department has been patching holes, cleaning fallen trees from the storms, working on equipment and working on the campsite tractor when they are not busy cleaning up from storms.

There will be a rabies clinic at the Highway garage on March 19th from 6-7 PM.

We were informed we will be getting the same amount of CHIPs money as we have in the past 10 years. The price for fuel has increased over 100percent and asphalt by 200percent, but the money remains the same. March 6th Mr. Wilson and Councilman Garrison will be going to Albany to lobby for more money.

Town Board Committee Reports:

Councilman Anderson reported that the Youth Commission met and the summer program will run from July 8th though August 9th (for campers it ends August 8th) and it will be at Moriah Central School. They will be hiring from March through April and Megan Smith will be the Director again this year. Applications for Counselors will be available at the school and the Town Hall the end of March.

Mr. Anderson and Krissy Allen are working a ski program for next year. They are need parents to be involved as chaperones. Whiteface will be offering them a substantial discount in rentals, lessons and lift tickets.

Mr. Garrison gave the following Police Report: The Police handled 177 calls of service in January of which they made five violation arrests, 16 misdemeanor arrests, issued 16 traffic tickets and handled eight traffic accidents.

Mr. Garrison stated that the Industrial Development, Mr. Scozzafava, the Mayor, Matt Brassard, Barbara Brassard, Carol Calabrese, and Jim McKenna, Tim Bryant, Linda Smythe, Jody Olcott, Bill Bryant and himself met for the first time on Tuesday and will meet the second

Tuesday of each month. We are seeing what needs to be done to revitalize the Town; bringing businesses into Town with a focus on the business park.

Councilman Salerno reported that the campsite letters are going out this month. The campsite will open on April 26th and close on Sunday, September 29th. No one will be allowed to come in early and set up their campers, no exceptions. Councilman Garrison asked that when they come in or when they fill out the form we have a place on there for e-mail addresses.

Mr. Salerno stated that they installed two industrial fans at the highway garage and they want to get four more to put in; they are making a big difference keeping the heat down where needed. We had two modine heaters that were red tagged and we are hoping to be able to repair them in order to pass inspection so we can get a couple more years out of them. Spoke with Richard LaPier about the roof and he will take a look to see if there is something we can do about the water that is coming in.

Supervisor's Report:

- Received notification received grant for Courthouse from the Justice Court Assistance Program in the amount of \$5,705.69. The money will have to be used for construction (new windows), furniture and other.
- We are required to file our Annual Report by the end of February, but with Chris Ida being ill the Supervisor called the Comptroller for an extension of 60 days so Chris can do it.
- There will be lifeguard training at MCS beginning February 25th; you must register and all classes must be attended. Any questions contact Councilman Anderson.
- Had an audit done on the phone lines to see if we were over charged; they found nothing, no money is owed us. We are checking into Time Warner Cable for phone service. When we first started with Cornerstone we had a substantial savings, but now the bill is quite high. The problem with the cable phone system is we can't get it for Ed's office and the campsite.
- Had meetings at the different post offices and they will be changing their hours beginning in August. Mineville Post Office hours will be Mon. – Fri. 8:15 AM to 4:45 PM with lunch from 12:15 PM to 2:45 PM, Sat. from 9:30 AM 0- 11:00 AM. Moriah and Moriah Center Post Office's hours will be Mon. – Fri. 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM, Sat. 8:00 AM to 11:30PM. Access to delivery receptacles will not be reduced from current hours.
- Had a call from North Country Community College (NCCC), they want to set up a public informational meeting for the community and school to recruit more students and others out of school. Students can take classes while in high school and go into college as a sophomore with all the credits they earned.
- The Waste Water Treatment Plant had an inspection and received a good report.

Resolutions:

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

APPROVED Ayes Salerno, Garrison, Scozzafava, Anderson

Nays 0

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board approved the renewal of the liquor license for the Moriah Country Club. (Not owned by the Town)

2. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Garrison, with a Unanimous second the following resolution was

APPROVED Ayes Garrison, Scozzafava, Anderson, Salerno

Nays 0

WHEREAS, Pre-Tech Precision Machining is a small manufacturing company established in 1985, headquartered in Williston, Vermont, with a production plant located in the Moriah Industrial Park in Mineville with 22 employees in the Mineville location; and

WHEREAS, Pre-Tech manufactures precision machined metal and plastic components mostly related to the aerospace industry with some parts produced for the biomedical industry, a large amount of the work done is for government and commercial industries; and

WHEREAS, Pre-Tech has recently received a coveted AS9100C Certification which is the quality management standard specifically written for the aerospace industry awarded by the Online Aerospace Supplier Information System and places Pre-Tech among the best in the Aerospace and Defense Quality Management System International Standard; and

WHEREAS, being AS9100C certified will allow Pre-Tech to branch out to new customers and be key to future expansion.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board hereby extends their congratulations to Pre-Tech Precision Machining on receiving their AS9100C Certification and wishes them continued success in the future.

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

APPROVED Ayes Garrison, Anderson, Scozzafava, Salerno
Nays 0

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board appoint Barbara Brassard to the Board of Assessment Review for the term of October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2017.

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

APPROVED Ayes Anderson, Garrison, Scozzafava, Salerno
Nays 0

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board accepts the Proposal from GPI for engineering services to breach North Pond Dam as required by DEC, not to exceed \$7,400.00.

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

APPROVED Ayes Salerno, Garrison, Scozzafava, Anderson
Nays 0

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board support New York State regarding the proposed laws concerning contact information for vacant structures.

WHEREAS, vacant, abandoned and foreclosed homes and structures have proliferated throughout New York State over the last five years; and

WHEREAS, vacant structures that are not maintained for months at a time degrade and depreciate the value of the vacant structure as well as the value of surrounding properties; and

WHEREAS, lending institutions that hold mortgages on said vacant structures do not always provide the contact information of a responsible party; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill A.88 and Assembly Bill A.824, currently pending, would make it mandatory for lending institutions to provide contact information of responsible parties regarding vacant structures; and require good faith in obtaining a foreclosure; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Moriah Town Board supports the passage of said Bills.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah hereby supports the passage of said Bills and respectfully requests that the State Representatives who represents the constituents in the Town of Moriah support the passage of said Bills.

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

APPROVED Ayes Garrison, Salerno, Scozzafava, Anderson
Nays 0

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board accepts and will place on file the Town of Moriah Chamber of Commerce fiscal report for 2012.

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

APPROVED Ayes Salerno, Garrison, Scozzafava, Anderson
Nays 0

WHEREAS, the Town of Moriah has again decided to run a youth service program, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Moriah has approved the appointment of its Youth Commission members, and

WHEREAS, the Youth Commission has been authorized to expend at least \$2,990.00 to cover the 50/50 match required by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, therefore

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Moriah approved the 2013 application and authorizes the Youth Commission to expend \$32,000 for the 2013 youth services program and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerk sends a copy of this resolution to the Essex County Community Resources office, 7533 Court Street, Elizabethtown, NY 12932.

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

APPROVED Ayes Salerno, Garrison, Scozzafava, Anderson
Nays 0

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board approve the payment of the warrant.

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

APPROVED Ayes Salerno, Garrison, Scozzafava, Anderson
Nays 0

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board approve the removal of the water and sewer charges at the Delores Burhart residence, 20 Liberty Street and charge only for the sewer debt service due to her recent death. If the residence becomes occupied her son will inform us.

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

APPROVED Ayes Salerno, Garrison, Scozzafava, Anderson
Nays 0

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board approve the removal of the water charges for the Mary Colburn residence at 133 Bartlett Pond Road due to her recent death.

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

APPROVED Ayes Salerno, Garrison, Scozzafava, Anderson
Nays 0

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board approve the removal of the water charges from the Charles McCaughin property at 34 Switchback Road; he has a well and never hooked up to the Town water.

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

APPROVED Ayes Salerno, Garrison, Scozzafava, Anderson
Nays 0

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorize the use of the Bulwagga Bay campsite for the moonlight/walk run to benefit Dusti and Natasha Pratt's trip to Honduras on a Medical Mission scheduled for March.

Floor Open to the Public:

Mr. Wilson stated that the DEC has been inspecting the fuel drums at the garage and ours are in need for an upgrade. They need to have some kind of containment set up. In order to be compliant we may have to spend about \$1,000.00. There was a discussion on the different kinds of containment systems and decided they will spend between \$900 and \$1,200 to bring it into compliance. Mr. Wilson stated that the drain is not in compliance either and we will have to spend another three to four hundred dollars to become compliant. They are working on things now. The DEC does come back and check and if you aren't compliant the fines are hefty.

Mr. Scozzafava stated that we did get the extension on the Bartlett Pond Dam.

The meeting adjourned at 6:47pm.

Abstract Distributions:

Claim Nos.:

January 24, 2013 (End of Month)

General \$2,031.66

Highway 678.37

Water #1 78.73

Water #2 52.43

Sewer 255.37

1580 – 1594

January 30, 2013

General \$100.00

1596

February 14, 2013

Water #1 \$105,772.81

General 50,476.03

Highway 45,894.16

Water #2 41,292.65

Water #3 3,916.70

Sewer 2,426.51

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Town Clerk