

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Board Meeting Thursday, May 9, 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: Diana Stevenson; Cory Steigleman; Ed Roberts, Building & Grounds; Jamie Wilson, Highway Supt; Dwayne Maye, Water & Sewer Supt.; William Trybendis; Richard LaPier, Building & Codes; John & Jackie Viestenz; Elaine Adkins, Town Clerk.

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

The Supervisor stated that at the end of the meeting he will call an Executive Session to discuss a Personnel matter that cannot be discussed openly.

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 approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

Floor Open to the Public:

Mrs. Viestenz asked if the Town would pay for flowers for the by the Johnny Podres sign and was told that we would.

Department Head Reports:

Dwayne Maye, Water and Sewer Supt., stated that he hasn't heard back from the contractor that is doing the Bartlett pond spillway. The Supervisor stated that he spoke with Rory Rotella from Kubricky Construction and asked the Highway Supt. if all the materials have been ordered or are in; he will check and get back to the Supervisor.

Mr. Maye stated that he met with Westport regarding a shared service grant to add slip lings to the old sewer lines. This sounds like a cost effective way to go; will probably have to do camera in the areas first to find out where the linings should go. He stated it would be beneficial to do sections and the company carries a 50 year warranty. Mr. Scozzafava stated that he and Mr. Maye met with Steve Grimm from Rural Water and that we have a good shot at getting a grant if it shared services. Moriah area is new, but the Mineville/Witherbee area has major issues. This will save money by not having to dig up old lines and the reconstruction costs.

Richard LaPier, Building Codes Inspector gave the following report. He issued three building permits in April, did three fire/safety inspections along with regular building inspections. He stated that we have a tow lot sub-division from Larry Putnam. He's viewed the parcel, it is not under APA jurisdiction and there are no wet lands on the property. Mr. LaPier recommends approval.

Jamie Wilson, Highway Supt. reported that cleanup day went well although he thought it was a low turnout. The Supervisor stated that residents can do roadside cleanup throughout the year. He said to be on the lookout for the blue bags on the side of the road. It works well letting people come and get the bags anytime.

Mr. Wilson stated that he has been approached about if and when we are having a free dump day. The Board discussed this and they will probably have one sometime in September or October. Mr. Scozzafava stated that the County will be having another Hazardous Waste Day, but does not know yet when it will be. It will be held in North Hudson so it will be closer for the southern part of Essex County.

Mr. Wilson reported that his department will be done sweeping the end of next week; they've had problems with the sweeper. They have been working with the Water & Sewer Department on breaching North Pond Dam. The work is completed and everything went well.

The Supervisor stated this was emergency work and by the Town doing the work they saved a lot of money. They did a great job. The DEC engineer inspector discovered the structure of the dam is very safe. We put in a spillway and stopped the breach. He said that there will still be water there; the shore line receded about eight feet. Mr. Wilson stated that they also install a four foot culvert pipe on the road; the equipment put stress on what was there.

Worked at the transfer station cleaning up the metal pile. People aren't backing up to it because they are worried about nails and things from the metal. We are going to pour a cement pad so backing up there won't be an issue.

As far as the equipment we rented, we are taking the hammer back which will save \$40.00/day; we don't need it. We will keep the track hoe longer to do Federal Street. The Supervisor suggested the finish Champlain Drive and then start Federal. Not sure how much they will be able to do on Federal, but will try to do both.

Officer Stahl was excused; Councilman Garrison gave the following Police Report: The Police Department handled 164 calls for service in the month of April of which two were violation arrests, seven misdemeanor arrests, issued 17 traffic tickets and handled six traffic accidents.

Ed Roberts, Building & Grounds reported that they have been busy mowing. As far as animal control, if anyone has any have a heart traps that belong to the Town please get hold of him to return them. They were set up last year for different people having problems and they never returned. After discussion by the Board it was decided to have a \$20.00 deposit paid at the Town Hall before they could get a trap.

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 authorize a \$20.00 deposit made by anyone getting a have a heart trap from the Town to be paid at the Town Clerk's Office and refunded only upon return of said trap.

Councilman Anderson stated that the summer program workers will be down to his building getting things out of there by mid-June. They have been down to get the baseball equipment already. The Supervisor asked Mr. Garrison to get Ed a schedule of the games so he can make sure the field is mowed before games. Mr. Scozzafava reminded everyone that the Town doesn't own Pepper Field, we lease it. This field is for baseball and softball, no other sport; if you need to use the field get in touch with the Town Hall to reserve it for a special request (i.e. tournaments, fund raisers).

Town Board Committee Reports:

Councilman Salerno reported that about 75-80 bags were picked up from the clean-up day; some areas had more than roadside trash. Road side clean-up can be done anytime; if interested come to the Town Hall to get the bags and vests and let them know what area you are cleaning up. He reminded everyone that electronics are free to get rid of.

The campsite is open and Mark, Justin, Kenny and Richard are back to work. We have 161 seasonal campers with 27 on the waiting list. We are permitted for 175 units. The transient sites are all booked for Memorial Weekend. We've had 115 pump-outs so far. Mr. Salerno stated that the shoreline eroded more this spring, caving in some of the meters. Mr. Scozzafava stated the Army Corps of Engineers permit allows us to claim off to the point. We can put in gabion baskets. The project will begin in the fall; trees will go in, in the spring. The Board discussed and decided that the end of the year all campers needed to be moved.

Mr. Scozzafava stated that the lean-to is done and Mr. Beebe will bring it to the campsite and we will install it. This will get a lot of use by the town's people.

Mr. Salerno stated that all cemeteries will be cleaned up for Memorial Day Weekend. Mr. Salerno will speak to the Village about their crew cleaning up the terminal dock; we are short this year on the Building and Grounds crew. The dock is in the Village and we need to work together.

The Board discussed the pump outs at the campsite; some campers are getting two holding tanks for the same price as a person with one tank. After discussion the following resolution was made:

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 authorize to charge for a pump out in the amount \$10.00 each time the hose is dropped into a tank.

Mr. Salerno stated that there is a problem with the new campers that are brought in; they are longer in size and when they are set up they don't leave much room for the camper next door. Each campsite is 175 sq. ft. and the Board discussed if they should go in and mark the sites; nothing was decided.

Councilman Garrison reported that the Economic Development Group is working on gathering information to make a video to promote economic development, hi-lite areas to draw interest and business to the Town.

Working on a kid's only tournament on Lake Champlain. The Chamber Office is open on Main Street; they are setting up tools for businesses, tax help, seminars etc. With the assets we have, the mountains, lake and access to the Northway this should help for the economic growth of the Town. Mr. Scozzafava stated that with the internet we can market the area without spending a lot.

Councilman Anderson reported that the Youth Commission has been busy interviewing for the top three adults and they are now starting the interviews for the Counselors. They had 24 applications turned in for the Counselor positions and will hire 14-15; it is mandated by the state to have one counselor for every 12 campers. They had a lot of good applicants. He spoke with Mary Supernault and she is getting ready for hiring the kitchen help. The pool is questionable, they had a problem after it was redone and the contractor will be into fix it; they are not sure if it will be ready in time for the summer program. We will use the lake once a week so we will have to hire Holly Mitchell as the Water Safety Instructor again this year.

Mr. Scozzafava stated that Mr. Anderson has done a great job on the Youth Commission; the budget hasn't increased in 3-4 years. Mr. Anderson stated that Meagan Smith is doing a great job as Director of the program.

Supervisor's Report:

- We pay #3.11/gal. for gas through Citgo; State Contract price is \$3.20/gal.
- Time Warner sent a rep to the school to look at our equipment; it appears that a piece of the equipment needs to be replaced. Talked with Mr. Lobdell about the contract we have with Televue; they are working on the problem to get things straightened out.
- The library is having a sale June 8th and are in need of donations. Call the library for further information.
- Everyone will have to reapply for the Star program next year. The state is finding that some people are claiming the exemption on more than one property.
- Received letter from APA regarding the Verizon cell tower and the dispute with Terra Mountain, LLC. The Agency decided they are good with the survey provided and decided that project can continue.
- The Mineville Iron Ore Event at Cheney Mountain will be held on June 1st, registration is from 8:00am-8:45 and the race will begin at 9:00am.

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 authorize the approval of the Subdivision for Larry Putnam as per Richard LaPier's recommendation.

2. **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 gives authorization to the Supervisor to look into the possible Grant Application with the Town of Westport, Village of Port

Henry and the Town of Moriah Sewer District #1 to install slip lines in the old sewer mains.

3. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Garrison, the following resolution to authorize the Highway Superintendent to lease a Track Hoe in the amount of \$6,375.00.

AMENDED by Supervisor Scozzafava, seconded by Councilman Salerno and was
APPROVED Ayes Salerno, Garrison, Scozzafava, Anderson
Nays 0

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board give authorization to the Highway Superintendent to lease a track hoe from Abele Tractor Equipment in an amount up to \$6,375.00 for the removal of North Pond Dam retroactively.

4. **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 authorizes the Supervisor to set up Account #3989.4, Other Public Safety, and to transfer from Account #1990.4, Contingency, for North Pond Dam.

5. **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 give authorization to the Supervisor to sign the Renewal Agreement with Twinstare Technologies for the period of June 2013 through June 2014 in the amount of \$690.00.

6. **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 authorizes the replacement of the sign for the Witherbee entrance into the Town of Moriah as per William Grant's quote of \$1,175.00.

7. **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 approves the payment of the warrant.

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

APPROVED Ayes Anderson, Garrison, Scozzafava, Salerno

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Moriah and the Lake Champlain – Lake George Regional Planning Board for the Town to administer the Grant. (Memorandum attached)

9. **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 gives permission to Heather Schultz and John Cole to hold their wedding ceremony at the Bandstand on June 13th at 3:30pm.

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

APPROVED Ayes Anderson, Salerno, Scozzafava, Garrison
Nays 0

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorizes the Youth Commission to hire Celia Briggs as Sr. Counselor, Julie Wykes as Activities Coordinator and Brianna McKiernan as Assistant Director.

11. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Scozzafava, the following resolution was

APPROVED Ayes Anderson, Garrison, Scozzafava, Salerno
Nays 0

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board hire Constance and William Stoddard (Connie & Jay) as Assistant Campground Managers at the same salary as last year.

Floor Open to the Public:

At 6:51pm Mr. Scozzafava stated that after a five minute break the Board will go into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel matter that cannot be discussed in open session; this shouldn't take long.

At 6:57pm the Board meeting reconvened.

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 adjourn the meeting temporarily to go into Executive Session to discuss the Hippa Law this cannot be discussed in open session.

At 7:15pm the Board came out of Executive Session.

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 reconvene the Board meeting.

After discussion the Board offered the following resolutions:

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 approved granting a Temporary Leave of Absence of up to six months to Dwayne Maye, Water & Sewer Superintendent.

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 authorizes to appoint Ethan Snyder Temporary Assistant Water and Wastewater Superintendent.

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 authorizes an additional \$1.00 per hour for the Temporary Assistant Water and Wastewater Superintendent position.

ON MOTION by Councilman Garrison, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the meeting adjourned at 7:19pm.

Abstract Distributions:

April 17, 2013

Claim Nos.:

Water #1	\$12.60	1988
Water #2	8.55	
Water #4	1.35	
Sewer	22.50	

April 23, 2013

General	\$2,711.29	1989-2004
Highway	840.42	
Water #1	72.07	
Water #2	49.76	
Water #4	7.45	
Sewer	113.07	

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General	\$30,190.89	2010-2094
Highway	14,643.55	
Water #1	5,168.93	
Water #2	3,756.73	
Water #4	478.20	
Sewer	46,785.16	