

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Board Meeting Thursday, November 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; Richard LaPier, Building & Codes; John Viestenz; Jamie Wilson, Highway Supt.; Steve Stahl, OIC; Luci & Tom Carpenter; Elaine Adkins, Town Clerk.

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

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Anderson, Garrison, Scozzafava
	Nays	0
	Absent	Salerno

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:

Richard LaPier, Building Codes reported that he issued four building permits and served four violation notices along with one stop work order in the month of October.

Jamie Wilson, Highway Supt., reported that his department has completed all of their road projects and they came in under budget on the Federal Street project so they used the leftover funds on Teft Lane and Silver Hill.

Mr. Wilson stated that the contractor came back to the Bartlett Pond Dam; a gasket was leaking and they replaced that. Hopefully we can close out the project soon. Mr. Scozzafava stated that we took out \$120,000 Bond Anticipation Note (BAN); we will repay this as soon as we are reimbursed by FEMA.

Mr. Wilson stated the sand stock has been mixed with the salt for the winter supply. The Town bought a used light plant (2006) for \$4,000.00 which the cost will be split between the departments.

Met with John LaForest on the water issue at the library. There is no sump pump in the basement and it doesn't appear to be wet anywhere. Mr. Scozzafava stated that the water was coming in through the bathroom down there. They will check into this further, but Mr. Wilson didn't seem to think there was much room in the back to do much.

Mr. Scozzafava and Mr. Wilson discussed the salt and how the DEC is trying to cut salt use down with treated salt. Mr. Wilson stated that it costs more and he is checking prices to see if it is feasible to try.

Steve Stahl, OIC, gave the following Police Report for October. The Police Department handled 177 calls for service in October of which 13 were violation arrests, six misdemeanor arrest, one felony arrest, issued 14 traffic tickets and handled four traffic accidents.

Officer Stahl reported that the live fingerprinting scan is up and running for criminal arrests. Hopefully we can use it for pistol permits and criminal background checks. Mr. Provoncha stated that the charge for pistol permit is \$13.00 and \$110 for finger printing.

The Supervisor stated that now that the election is over we have a new Council Member, Lucille (Luci) Carpenter. The voters made the decision so the Board decided they would like to have her take office now until her term starts in January. The County Clerk, Joseph Provoncha swore her in as her husband Tom held the bible. The Board congratulated Mrs. Carpenter.

Town Board General Discussion: No one had anything to bring up.

Town Board Committee Reports:

Councilman Salerno reported that Building & Grounds has been cleaning furnaces and has red tagged two heaters at the highway. We will need two more fans there to help bring the heat back down. Or highway crew will install the fans. They discussed having to run more electrical circuits. Hope to be done the first of the year. Mr. Salerno stated the boiler at the Town Hall is in need of new parts and they will be working on that.

Sometime around the first week in December, Mr. Roberts and the inmates will be cleaning the brush along CP Rail along Route 9N heading north from the south end of Port Henry. They will be chipping as they go along.

We are ready for the Holiday Train; the lights are all up on the train and the train station.

Mr. Salerno stated he will have financial reports at the December meeting for the campsite and the scrap metal pile.

Councilman Garrison reported that the McEDGe Group will have their Organizational Meeting on January 15th to set goals for 2014. Mr. Scozzafava congratulated Mr. Garrison on his re-election.

Councilwoman Carpenter didn't have anything to report. Mr. Scozzafava asked her how the Angel of Hope Project was coming. She stated that there are some pillars from the old high school and an old brake system from one of the iron ore trains on the property that will have to be moved. Mr. Wilson will get some equipment there to do this.

Councilman Anderson reported the Youth Commission will have a meeting to see if there is enough interest for a ski club.

Supervisor's Report:

- Received letter from Jim Michener on Moriah Road; he is concerned with the speed limit since the County repaved. Mr. Michener would like the Town to reduce the speed limit. The Town requested a reduction on that road to Edgemont Road in 2006; they lowered it as far as the Zelinsky farm. Officer Stahl stated that he has sat there during the day and there's not a lot of traffic there. The Sheriff Department has equipment to set up and track the speed so we can get an idea. The Board decided to wait until we get a report back on that.
- Received a letter from Congressman Owens to congratulate the Board on keeping the budget under the tax cap.
- Received thank you from residents on Silver Hill Road for the improvements their road.
- The gas price for the state contract is \$3.13/gal. and Citgo is \$3.00/gal.
- We have been requested by the senior citizens to raise the aged exemption from \$25,000 to \$28,000. Because of cost of living raises some of the seniors will lose their exemptions. This exemption provides a 50 percent tax break on their taxes with the exception of special districts. The Board has time to decide if they want to do this by 3/1/14. We are also checking on the Cold War Exemption which the Board has discussed before. Mr. Garrison suggested they wait on the Cold War Exemption for a year after raising the senior exemption. The Board will think about what they want to do.
- The Holiday Train will arrive Thanksgiving night at 5 PM. People have been complaining, but the Town has nothing to do with the schedule, CP Rail sets the schedule. Every year someone has to host the train on Thanksgiving, it is our turn this year. We will be collecting food at the Town Hall and Mac's for the food pantry as we know a lot of people won't make the train due to the time.

Resolutions:

1. **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 appoint Lucille Carpenter to the Town Council beginning November 14, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

2. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Garrison, the following resolution was
APPROVED Ayes Salerno, Garrison, Scozzafava, Anderson, Carpenter
Nays 0
RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board reduce the appropriation for the blacktop out of Highway Part Town (Acct. No. DB5112.2) by \$5, 000; from \$95,000 to \$90,000.

3. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Garrison, the following resolution was
APPROVED Ayes Anderson, Garrison, Scozzafava, Salerno, Carpenter
Nays 0
RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board adopt the 2014 Budget as amended..

4. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Garrison, the following resolution was
APPROVED Ayes Salerno, Garrison, Scozzafava, Anderson, Carpenter
Nays 0
RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorize the payment to Kubricky Construction for the completion of the Bartlett Pond Dam in the amount of \$87,164.23. This will be reimbursed by FEMA.

5. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Garrison, the following resolution was
APPROVED Ayes Anderson, Garrison, Scozzafava, Salerno, Carpenter
Nays 0
RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorize the payment to CT Male in the amount of \$7,538.70 for engineering services for the Bartlett Pond Project.

6. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Garrison, the following resolution was
APPROVED Ayes Salerno, Garrison, Scozzafava, Anderson, Carpenter
Nays 0
RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorizes the Town Justices to fill the Court Clerk position as per Civil Service rules for 35 hours per week at \$11.87 per hour.

Discussion: A clerk is retiring and the Judges decided needed the 35 hours/week for the clerk. Because it is full-time civil service testing is required. Fifteen signed up to take the tests; they must be Town of Moriah residents. The appointment is up to the Town Justices; the top three will be interviewed and the Judges asked that a member of the Board sit in on the interviews. Mr. Scozzafava asked for a volunteer from the Board to be in on the interview process and Mr. Anderson stated he would do it.

7. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Garrison, the following resolution was
APPROVED Ayes Salerno, Garrison, Scozzafava, Anderson, Carpenter
Nays 0
RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board sponsor the “Distinguished Young Women of Moriah” pageant for insurance coverage.

8. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was
APPROVED Ayes Salerno, Anderson, Scozzafava, Garrison, Carpenter
Nays 0
RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorize to refund Tom Stevens for storage at Bulwagga Bay Campsite as they sold their camper on September 6, 2013 and had paid their storage fee.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board rescind Resolution No.145 from the October 2013 meeting to move a light to Mineville Road and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board authorizes the installation of a 70 Watt street light on Pole #5 on Mineville Road in Mineville, New York as requested by the residents of said road.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorize to go to bid for Sodium Hypochlorite Solution for the period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 with the bid opening at the December meeting on December 12, 2014.

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

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

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

Floor Open to the Public:

John Easter stated that the Verizon cell tower is up and running with good service as of today.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Town Clerk

Abstract Distributions:

October 23, 2013

General	\$3,242.88
Water #1	68.44
Water #2	47.24
Water #4	7.06
Sewer	151.48

Claim Nos.:

2708-2719

November 14, 2013

General	\$39,934.46
Highway	50,417.36
Water #1	5,606.73
Water #2	4,048.43
Water #3	2,392.62
Water #4	526.76
Sewer	3,871.12

2729-2833

Capital Projects:

Bartlett Pond Dam	\$94,757.57
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Claim Nos.:

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