

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Moriah was held at the Town Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, NY on Thursday, February 13, 2014.

Present:	Thomas Scozzafava	Supervisor
	Paul Salerno	Councilman
	Timothy Garrison	Councilman
	Thomas Anderson	Councilman
	Lucille Carpenter	Councilwoman

Others Present: John Easter; Elaine Adkins, Town Clerk

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

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

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

Floor Open to the Public: No public here due to snowstorm.

Department Head Reports: No Department Heads present; all out plowing.

Town Board Committee Reports:

Councilman Andersons gave the following police report for January. The Police Department received 162 calls for service of which two were violation arrests, five misdemeanor arrests, issued 11 traffic tickets and handled nine traffic accidents.

Mr. Anderson stated that the order for the soccer equipment came that was discussed and approved months ago; the Youth Commission paid \$500 and the Town will get reimbursed by the County for the other \$500 through a grant. Tim Garrison and Julie Anderson worked on this to get the money. At the Youth Commission meeting they decided on a new member and the Chair of the Youth Commission to be the County liaison and the new Director of the summer program; Megan Smith has decided not to return this year.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board appoint Jessica Bosarge as a new member to the Town of Moriah Youth Commission.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board appoint Jack Armstrong Chair of the Youth Commission and as liaison to the County.

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 hire Brianna McKiernan as Director of the 2014 Youth Summer Program at the same salary as last year, \$3,200.00.

Councilman Anderson stated that the ad for the Assistant Director and Activities Coordinator for the summer program has been sent to the paper. The Supervisor discussed the application to the State for the program and stated he and Becky can help Brianna with it; the application needs to be in by May 15th. Mr. Anderson stated the program will run for five weeks this summer. There has been debate as to if the program will go to the beach this year due to the cost of the busing. The Supervisor stated that he has spoken with Mr. Larrow, Supt.

at the school, and they have been discussing a shared service for the busing so hopefully we can still bus the kids to the beach.

Councilwoman Carpenter reported that she met with Chris Lobdell to discuss the audio equipment; they discussed going digital. Mr. Lobdell is concerned that Televue doesn't send techs out they do everything over the phone; he also feels he needs training. They talked about the different options and Mrs. Carpenter will contact Ticonderoga school to talk to them about how they are doing their tapings and televising. It is hard because Mr. Lobdell is the only one working on this at the school; Mrs. Carpenter thinks there should be more involvement from the school. The Board discussed the system and how it is antiquated. We need to address the summer months and how the meetings will get televised; discussed paying Mr. Lobdell for his time to get things on the air during summer months.

Councilman Garrison stated that there will be a MCEdGe meeting on the 26th at 6:00pm at the Courthouse to review the past year and outline the coming year.

Mr. Garrison asked if Moriah Youth Baseball could buy uniforms from the Johnny Podres Fund. They need to purchase 140 uniforms at a cost of about \$5,000. The uniforms will be turned in, cleaned, and stored at the end of each season; the uniforms should last about 15-20 years. The Youth Baseball will send letters to businesses asking for donations and the money will go back into the fund. Mr. Scozzafava stated that if the Board decides to authorize the purchase we will have to go through Joan Podres; she makes the final decision.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorize to spend up to \$5,000 for uniforms for the Youth Baseball from the Johnny Podres Fund contingent upon Joan Podres' agreement.

Councilman Salerno reported that Building & Grounds has been cutting brush on the south end of town with the prisoners. The brush is all cut, but not chipped. We will ask for an extension to the end of April to finish this project. They talked of cutting brush from the campsite north, but will need to get permission and possibly someone from CP Rail. Building & Grounds has also been busy putting digital thermostats on the fans at the highway garage which has been a help with fuel savings.

Mr. Salerno reported that the letters will be going out for the 2014 season. May 9th will be the opening day and will close on Sunday October 12th this year. April 21st the campsite workers will start work for the season.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorize the seasonal workers to begin work on Monday, April 21st for the season.

The Supervisor stated the campground rules have been narrowed down to ten rules. This covers everything that needs to be addressed.

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 authorize "at the discretion of the Campsite Managers "be added to rule number eight of the Bulwagga Bay RV Park Rules. Rule number 8 will now read as follows: The maximum number of people allowed on site is (at the managers discretion) six (6); two (2) adults and four (4) children under the age of 18. (ALL OVERNIGHT VISITORS "OVER THE AGE OF 18" MUST REGISTER AND PAY \$15.00 PER NIGHT)

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 has authorized to raise the rates for all seasonal sites \$50.00 for the season.

Mr. Garrison stated that we need to start thinking of additional things to do at the campsite; at the meeting on the 26th putting together the top 10 business ideas and one of those is renting

canoes and kayaks. The Board had discussion on rental business opportunity and decided it would be better for a business to run and not the Town. We can do RFP's if a private business doesn't pick up on this.

Mrs. Carpenter gave the following Building Codes Report. Building Codes issued one building permit in January and started scheduling annual fire/safety property maintenance inspections. One unsafe building notice was issued.

Supervisor's Report:

- In 2013 we spent about \$69,000 for salt; this included the storms in December. Since January 1st this year we've spent about \$59,000.
- Report from the County: in 2013 we received \$22,472.19 in mortgage tax and \$98,476.48 in sales tax. Village received \$4,318.03 mortgage tax and \$29,668.92 sales tax. The only place we can use the sales tax is Town Outside Village Account because they take their portion of the tax.
- 2013 Highway received from the County for snow and ice \$150,372, for maintaining county highways \$18,071.61 and special projects \$3,991.60 for a total of \$172,435.34. We utilize money for payments on trucks. The County is doing a lot more of their own work than they did in previous years.
- Received notification from Mt. Lake Services that they are looking into purchasing the Sagan building on main street. If they get this they are hoping to sell other buildings and get them put back on the tax roll (Maple Knoll heading out of the village). If they purchase the Sagan building we can consider billing them in lieu of taxes (we do that now on property that is not on the tax roll). Mr. Nephew is asking for the Board's support.

ON MOTION by Supervisor Scozzafava, seconded by Councilman Garrison, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board gives their support to Mt. Lake Services should they decide to purchase the Sagan Building.

- Have had a lot of calls on the power bills. The rates have gone up all over New York State and for now the rates have been frozen. The Public Service Commission is looking into this. The power suppliers were de-regulated years ago; the distribution costs are regulated. National Grid buys their power and then distributes it; who you buy it from shows on your bill.
- Received a thank you from North Country Life Flight for our donation (\$200.00).
- Called in regards to Air Gas and the propane bills regarding the hazmat charge. Some suppliers are charging this, others are not; it is not required.
- Requested a 60 day extension on the annual report so that our accountant can get the single audits done.
- The County Housing Assistance has received money for low interest loans for first time buyers. If anyone is a first time buyer and interested in a loan contact the Supervisor for more information.
- The campsite revenues for 2013 were \$297,102.08; expenses totaled \$157,147.13 leaving us with a profit of \$139,954.95.

Resolutions:

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

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

WHEREAS, 6NYCRR Section 617.5 (Title 6 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations) under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) provides that certain actions identified in subdivision © of that section are not subject to environmental review under the Environmental Conservation Law;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Moriah hereby determines that the proposed Moriah Wastewater Treatment Upgrades Engineering Study is a Type II action in accordance with 6NYCRR Section 617.5(c)(21) which constitutes "conducting concurrent environmental, engineering, economic, feasibility and other

studies and preliminary planning and budgetary processes necessary to the formulation of a proposal for action”, provide those activities do not commit the agency to commence, engage in or approve such action” and the development of an engineering study for the Town’s wastewater treatment system and is therefore not subject to review under 6NYCRR Part 617.

2. **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 approve payment of the Warrants.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55pm

Abstract Distributions:

Claim Nos.:

January 23, 2014

General	\$13,219.53	3109-3134
Water #1	388.09	
Water #2	277.05	
Water #4	37.01	
Sewer	345.43	

February 13, 2014

General	\$107,483.64	3140-3246
Highway	49,217.42	
Water #1	111,398.76	
Water #2	50,929.98	
Water #4	3,679.50	
Sewer	2,148.79	

Town Clerk