

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Board Meeting on July 10, 2014 at 6:00 PM at the Town of Moriah Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, New York.

**Present:** Thomas Scozzafava Supervisor  
Timothy Garrison Councilman  
Paul Salerno Councilman  
Luci Carpenter Councilwoman

**Absent:** Thomas Anderson Councilman

**Others Present:** William Trybendis; Ed Roberts, Building & Grounds; Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent; Dianna Stevenson; Sandra Lovell; Richard LaPier, Codes Officer; Gail Pilger; Mrs. Parah; Elaine Adkins Town Clerk.

Mr. Scozzafava called the meeting to order at 6:00pm by saluting the flag.

**ON MOTION** by Councilman Garrison, seconded by Councilwoman Carpenter, all in favor, carried, **RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

Mr. Scozzafava stated that Tom Anderson is out of Town.

**Bid Opening:** Surplus Items (As Is) and Scrap

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Item Bid</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
James Mayhood	Stand-by-generator	\$400.00
John Sprague	2002 Chevy w/plow	\$551.00
Robert Blaise	1985 Chevy Van	\$307.00
Robert Blaise	1995 Ford Van	\$307.00
Robert Blaise	2002 Chevy 2500	\$757.00
Robert Blaise	1997 Ford F-250	\$307.00
Robert Blaise	1990 Paver	\$757.00
Robert Blaise	3 Phase generator	\$707.00
Michael Armstrong	1990 Paver	\$121.00
Michael Armstrong	3 Phase generator	\$52.00
Michael Armstrong	2002 Chevy w/plow	\$751.00
Michael Armstrong	1997 Ford F-250	\$151.00
Michael Armstrong	Chevy Van C20	\$151.00
Michael Armstrong	1995 Ford Van	\$225.00

The Board discussed what to do with the scrap at the Water Filtration Plant that no one bid on. We put it in the metal pile as scrap or we can flatten it and throw it in the dumpster when we demolish the house. They decided the best thing would be the dumpster because there is a fiberglass boat on one of the trailers.

**Floor Open to the Public:**

Mrs. Pilger had two questions: 1) what is a non-collusive bid certificate? The Supervisor explained it means the person bidding won't benefit from the bid other than what they bid on. 2) She saw on the agenda a resolution of support for Port Henry post office and wanted to know why Moriah wasn't included in that. Mr. Scozzafava replied that he wasn't aware Moriah was having a meeting; he was under the impression that the hours had already been cut there, but he will go to the meeting.

**Department Head Reports:** (Officer Stahl and Art Morgan were excused)

Richard LaPier, Building Codes Officer, gave the following report. For the month of June Mr. LaPier issued five building permits and did three annual fire/safety property maintenance inspections.

The Supervisor said that they ad for the trash was run in the Times of Ti and he has had no calls on it. Hopefully people are aware that a lot of the things they have in their yards can be disposed of for free.

Councilwoman Carpenter stated that she has had a lot of calls about a free dump day. They discussed having an area set aside for things that people want to get rid of, but are still in good condition. The Board decided that if people take them then we are paying to get rid of other people's things.

The Supervisor said he and Mr. LaPier can't keep up with the violations; if someone calls about a neighbor's garbage piling up we have them come in and sign a paper and make arrangements for them to make payments on the trash bill; unfortunately many don't pay them off. We wanted to add the bills to the taxes, but were advised by our attorney that this is illegal. Mrs. Parah asked why we don't put a lien on the property. The Supervisor explained that we need to have an attorney present to go to court and at \$175.00/hr. we can't afford it; it's not in the best interest of the taxpayers.

Jamie Wilson, Highway Supt., reported that his department has been doing work for the county on the Fisher Hill Road, cleaning up from the storm, helping County get ready to pave the Moriah Road and mowing. Unfortunately working for the County puts us behind on the Town roads. Met with Meg Parker regarding grants; this is a great opportunity for us. She is working on a grant for the tennis/basketball court in Moriah; this will get us free equipment and the court will be done over. Mr. Scozzafava said that we have leased the court for years from Moriah Fire Dept. and we feel we should improve it. We also put in for fencing. We talked to her about a grant to get playground equipment at the beach also. We have had a lot of kids at the new playground and we have swing sets coming for it.

We received the quotes for the excavator rental. The YCC kids have started; that is going well. Regarding work on Republic Street, they have sewer issues on that road and because they will have to dig up the road so we won't do anything until that is fixed. After this road is done we will work on Stone Street depending on how much money is left. They discussed how the sidewalks would be done and if they would be on both sides of the road; the consensus is that they will pave the sides of the road and stripe them. Sidewalks will be repaired from Moriah Center to Moriah Corners.

### **Town Board Committee Reports:**

Councilman Salerno reported that Building & Grounds have been busy with mowing and weed whacking; fixing the sky light at the iron center and on Barton Hill and Belfry Mt. they did a tremendous job.

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July was the busiest weekend ever at the campsite. Seasonals are up from 152 to 159 which is two shy of last year. There were more transients on the 4<sup>th</sup> than previous years and some had to put on camper sites; some stayed a whole week. Everything is going good and very busy.

Councilwoman Carpenter is looking into getting Wi-Fi at the campsite and is meeting with a man from Vermont. She will approach the Village to see if they are interested in meeting with him also when she he can come and meet with them.

Councilman Garrison gave the following Police Report: The Police handled 161 calls for service in June of which seven were violation arrests, seven misdemeanors, issued 19 traffic tickets and handled six traffic accidents.

Councilwoman Carpenter asked when the free dump day was last year and if they planned on having one this year. The Supervisor told her to speak with Mr. Morin about a date to set it up; we don't need to wait for a Board meeting to approve. She and Mr. Garrison interviewed for the transfer station attendant position and they have a candidate.

Will meet with Janet from Ag & Markets, ED and Judge Carpenter sometime in August hopefully regarding animal control laws. Moriah by far deals with more animal issues than any other community. Mr. Scozzafava commended Mr. Roberts for the job he does; he does beyond what his job calls for. Ms. Lovell asked what you do if you get a raccoon. She was told that you are supposed to call the DEC, but they usually call Ed and he sets a live trap and takes them far away from populated areas.

### **Supervisor's Report:**

- Summer Youth Program permit is in place after redoing the applications many times. In a few years we won't be able to afford to have this program due to all the regulations we

have to put up with. We have 120 kids a day with one counselor for every 12 kids. We have three lifeguards at the beach at all times and we have to have two more plus a water safety instructor when they go to the beach (once a week).

- Received the report on our temporary shelter; everything is satisfactory.
- Apex Mortgage offered the old Millbrook Diner property to the Town and we accepted. It is to the Town's advantage to own this as there is a lot of infrastructure that runs through there. There was an issue earlier as to who would pay the back taxes; Apex wanted the Town to pay them and was told we couldn't so they paid them.
- The beach at Bulwagga was inspected by the Department of Health; we passed with three violations. One violation was that the sign stating hours lifeguards are not on duty was two inches too small. The sign should be 24x36 and ours was 22x36; Supervisor called and was told we do not have to have a new sign. Other violation was that lifeguards didn't have their certifications on them or at the beach; they knew they had to have them there. That issue is taken care of.
- Had vacancy at transfer station; 21 hrs./week. Ms. Carpenter and Mr. Garrison conducted interviews and we need to fill this position ASAP with their recommendation.
- Hazardous Waste Day will be August 2<sup>nd</sup> in Lake Placid and Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> in North Hudson. Fliers at Town Hall with information. For County residents only.
- Received notification that Excellus premiums will increase about 16 percent. Will meet with our broker next week. All insurances are asking for significant increases. Employees now contribute to the cost of the insurance since we no longer use the Teamster plan.
- Regarding the law giving newly constructed homes a tax break; if we opt in homeowners will get a five year tax break (so much per year) if they build on a vacant lot. Is a win-win situation, this encourages people to build new homes increasing the tax base.
- Received letter from Linda Smythe thanking Ed Roberts for getting the banners hung; they appreciate the job that was done.

**Resolutions:**

1. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno with a Unanimous second, the following resolution was

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

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board oppose the shorter window hours at the Port Henry and Moriah Corners Post Offices.

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

APPROVED

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

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board go to bid for fuel (separate bids for fuel oil, kerosene and diesel) for the period of September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015 with a bid opening at the next Board Meeting on August 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

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

APPROVED

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

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorizes to pay for the flow meter for the Barton Hill Reservoir in the amount of \$1,126.99 plus shipping.

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

APPROVED

Ayes	Garrison, Scozzafava, Salerno, Carpenter
Absent	Anderson

Nays 0

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board support the Essex County’s application to the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation, Office of Community Renewal, for the Community Development Block Grant Program 2013 REDC CFA Community Renewal Fund, Economic Development Program, for a Microenterprise Grant in the amount of \$200,000 for the Towns of Moriah, Crown Point and Ticonderoga.

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

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

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorize the Town of Moriah pursuant to General Municipal Law Sec 103 (3) and (16) to purchase from state contract and vendors through Essex County.

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

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

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorize the purchase of a 2015 International Dump Truck with plow/wing/sander through State Contract pricing from Navistar, Inc., in Albany, in the amount of \$186,062.00.

Discussion: Mr. Scozzafava said we looked at buying used; most of the trucks were in the same condition as the one we want to replace. This truck from state contract is fully equipped with the plow, wing, sander and box. Checked the interest rate and we can get 2.4 or 2.5 from GFN five year serial bonds that is callable. Mr. Garrison suggested establishing an equipment fund and add to it every year so we can replace equipment when needed. Mr. Scozzafava stated that this year the Town has done a lot of County work so this will be the first time in years that we have revenue from this.

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

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

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board declare the 1999 Ford Sterling Tandem Axle Dump Truck with plow/wing/sander, surplus and put out to bid with a minimum bid of \$14,000 with the bid opening on July 22, 2014 at 10 AM at the Town Hall.

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

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

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorize the lease of a computer and software from General Controls for the operation of the water filtration Plant in the amount of \$210.00 per month for 36 months.

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

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

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board approve to pay \$315.00 to the Essex County Clerk for the filing fees for the deed from Apex Mortgage for the old Millbrook Diner property next to the ambulance building in Moriah Center.

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

WHEREAS “Complete Streets” are defined as streets that are safe, convenient and comfortable for all ages and abilities using any mode of transportation (motor vehicle, public transportation, foot, bicycle, etc.); and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets design features and practices include, but are not limited to, sidewalks, paved shoulders suitable for cycling, designated bike lanes, lane striping, share the road signage, crosswalks, curb ramps, audible pedestrian signals, pedestrian crossing signage, traffic calming measures such as curb bump outs, center islands, and pavement markings, sidewalk snow removal and routine shoulder and bike lane maintenance; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets has been recognized and adopted as policy at federal, state, county, town, village, and city levels in the interest of improving multi-modal transportation options, safety and accessibility for all users; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Moriah recognizes that Complete Streets will increase the capacity and efficiency of the road network, improve traffic calming by improving transportation options, limit greenhouse gas emissions improve rates of physical activity and related health outcomes, improve neighborhood vitality, social interaction and economic development, and improve the general quality of life for people in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Moriah has the ability to work with the Essex County Complete Streets Coalition to explore the maintenance and enhancement of pedestrian, bicycle and trail connections within neighborhoods, hamlets centers and address issues of these amenities as needed; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Moriah has the ability to work with the Essex County Complete Streets Coalition and other community partners to educate the community about the rules of the roads and paths for all users including laws, safety and courtesy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Moriah hereby recognizes the importance of creating Complete Streets through the planning, design and construction of all new streets and street reconstruction undertaken by and in the Town that enables safe travel by all users including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation riders and drivers, and people of all ages and abilities, including children, youth, families, older adults and individuals with disabilities

**Voting Results:**

Timothy Garrison	Aye
Luci Carpenter	Aye
Thomas Scozzafava	Aye
Paul Salerno	Aye
Thomas Anderson	Absent
Nays	0

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

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

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorize Judge Venne and Court Clerk Kimberly Kolodzey to attend mandatory Judicial Training in Potsdam July 29 and 30, 201. Hotel rates are \$83.00 per night per person.

12. **ON MOTION** by Supervisor Scozzafava, with a Unanimous second, the following resolution was

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

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board offer a Resolution of Condolence to the family of Terrie Decker.

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

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

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorize the refund to Linda Haughney for their seasonal campsite in the amount of \$1,050.00 due to her husband's illness.

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

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

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board hire John Zerbe for the Transfer Station Attendant starting immediately after his physical and drug testing is done.

15. **ON MOTION** by Councilwoman Carpenter, seconded by Councilman Salerno, the following resolution was

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

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorizes the payment of the warrants.

### **Floor Open to the Public:**

Mr. Wilson stated that the school speed signs are in; they are waiting for the rest of the parts to come in. Mr. Scozzafava stated this is a sign that tells how fast you are going in the school zone and was paid for with grant money.

The Board discussed doing another brush day and Mr. Wilson will get the date set up for a Saturday.

Mrs. Parah asked what the Micro Enterprise Grant is. Mr. Scozzafava stated that he didn't have a whole lot of information, but that it is for small business grants.

Mrs. Adkins reported that there will be a rabies clinic at the Town Hall on Tuesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 7:00 PM.

Mr. Trapasso asked about getting a grant for the water line from Moriah Center through to Moriah Corners; the Town looked at it a few years ago. Mr. Scozzafava said that they know there is asbestos in the line, but there are two types and the asbestos in this water line doesn't break off. We can submit another application; we haven't done anything on it in a few years because other areas need it more. We did an application this year for Mt. Spring Road.

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM.

### **Abstract Distributions:**

### **Claim Nos.:**

#### June 25, 2014

General	\$5,135.43
Water #1	64.80
Water #2	44.77
Water #4	6.68
Sewer	85.90

3752-3766

#### July 10, 2014

General	\$34,144.39
Highway	3,094.33
Water #1	3,684.67
Water #2	2,677.75
Water #4	343.07
Sewer	47,641.91

3776-3859

**Capital Projects:**

**Claim Nos.:**

Shoreline Erosion  
Courthouse

\$3,530.36  
1,009.90

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