

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Board Meeting on May 8, 2014 at 6:00 PM at the Town of Moriah Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, New York.

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

Absent: Luci Carpenter Councilwoman

Others Present: John Easter; Ed Roberts, Building & Grounds; Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent; John Viestenz; Steve Stahl-Officer in Charge; Dianna Stevenson; Jack Armstrong; Sandra Lovell; 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 Councilman Salerno, all in favor, carried, **RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

Floor Open to the Public: No one spoke

Department Head Reports:

Jamie Wilson, Highway Superintendent, reported that both loaders were broke down so they've been working on them; they also had some issues with the broom. The old steam jenny is out of service because the van we transport it in isn't running and is not worth fixing; have been putting the steam jenny in Ed's truck when needed. The parts for the loaders came to about \$8,500 so far; also, they've worked on the beach tractor and the water and sewer backhoe and have been sweeping roads.

Mr. Wilson stated that the department heads have been helping getting the playground ready at Linney Field. Mr. Scozzafava stated that the playground is being done with a grant from the Department of Health. Part of the grant was we had to use in kind service also. Volunteers from MCS & BOCES will be helping out also. The basketball court is also getting fixed up. J&J Seal Coating has donated their services to seal the court.

The weight limit on the roads has been lifted.

Mr. Wilson and the Board discussed the Water & Sewer backhoe and the truck that they are having issues with.

Councilman Garrison asked Mr. Wilson what roads would be worked on this year. Mr. Wilson stated that Republic Street needs to be done along with Stone Street barring any unforeseen problems. Mr. Wilson asked not to be held to this because if there is to be any infrastructure work on these roads that would have to be done first so the roads wouldn't be dug up after they pave them. Mr. Scozzafava stated that Town roads are always an issue due to budgets. Mr. Wilson reported that as far as sidewalks go there are some on Center Road that need to be addressed as well as in Mineville.

Ed Roberts, Building & Grounds, reported that his department has been working on the playground, the sign for the health center is completed, they have been utilizing the inmates picking up road side garbage (picked up 37 syringes on the side of the roads) and have started with mowing the Town properties. Mr. Scozzafava stated that the Town is not doing an organized town-wide cleanup day this year, but anyone interested in cleaning up the road sides can stop at the Town Hall or the highway garage to pick up the bags and make arrangements to have them picked up.

Mr. Roberts reported that he and Councilwoman Carpenter are working on amendments to the Animal Control Law for domestic animals. He has picked up three raccoons that were possibly rabid. If you fund a raccoon call the DEC first; they may call Ed to have him pick them up; it's not part of his job, but if called he will do it.

Steve Stahl, OIC, gave the following police report. The Police Department handled 153 calls for service of which five were violation arrests, six misdemeanor arrests, issued 13 traffic tickets and handled four traffic accidents.

Councilman Salerno gave the following Building Codes report. Building Codes issued four permits for the month of April and the second annual fire/safety property maintenance inspections. Mr. Scozzafava stated that Mr. LaPierre also issued four violations for unsafe property and one condemnation. It is getting more difficult to handle the violations due to the legal hurdles.

Town Board Reports:

Councilman Salerno reported that the campground opens this weekend; the workers have been back getting the campsite ready. We are down to 148 seasonals from 166 and have gone through the waiting list. The reason for losing the seasonals is mainly due to death not the rates. There are 175 sites total and

there is one lake front open. Wayne and Ruth Plunkett, campground managers, are preparing a list of events that will be put on the website. Twenty three sites are still under water and may be until the first of June. The managers want to attach a lean-to to the pavilion to cover the food tables in case of rain. Mr. Viestenz asked if we had a vacancy sign to put up to advertise when we have daily sites open. Mr. Roberts stated that we do have one and will check into it and see about getting it up.

Councilman Garrison stated that the Board needs to set dates for the hamlet meetings to get feedback from the residents on the future of Moriah. The Supervisor stated that we can have one meeting at the Moriah Firehouse for all the hamlets. The date was set for June 19th at 7 PM at the Moriah Fire House as long as the date is okay with the department. Mr. Roberts will take care of the use of the fire house. Mr. Scozzafava will get something to the paper and website. Mr. Salerno asked if the Town and Village Boards would be seated at a table. The Supervisor stated that it will be the Town Board at the table as this is a Town meeting, not Village. This meeting will be to listen to what the people have to say.

Councilman Anderson reported that the Youth Commission is preparing for the summer program; they will interview for Counselors in the coming weeks. They had 35 applicants for 13 – 14 positions. Pay will be the same as last year; \$1,300 and \$1,400 for returning counselors.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorize to hire Stacey Anderson as Assistant Director with a salary of \$2,400 and Lifeguard and Celia Briggs and Jessica McKiernan as Co-Activities Coordinators with a salary of \$2,000 each for the 2014 Youth Summer Program.

Mr. Anderson stated that the Directors and Co-Directors need to go to RTE Training four nights for a week.

The program will run from July 7th thorough August 7th, swimming hasn't been decided yet; Mr. Scozzafava will talk with Mr. Larrow regarding the busing. One of the problems with swimming is the lifeguard issue; the DOH requires more lifeguards and water safety instructor along with the two lifeguards that we have at the beach. Last year Meagan Smith had gotten a grant for field trips; she applied this year, but hasn't heard if we got it yet.

Supervisor's Report:

- We've been cited by NYS DEC for the tank at the Water Filtration Plant not having a containment area. We got up to code by reducing size of tank to a 500 gallon tank from a 1,000 gallon tank that we had.
- There is lifeguard training if anyone interested get in touch with Holly Mitchell.
- Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages has new brochures out listing all the things to do within 20 miles of the towns listed; Moriah has three and half pages on the list. Hopefully this will bring more people into the area.
- Have had lots of comments on the condition of the road past the rock cuts – in such bad shape; have contacted NYS DOT, hopefully it will be fixed.

Resolutions:

The Supervisor explained that the County had an auction and we put the old health center up for bid. The County had put the Republic Steel building up for auction also. The Supervisor was concerned and contacted the lady that bid on both buildings to see what her intentions are. She owns a number of corporations in New York City. She wants to convert the building into Sr. Housing. This is all the Supervisor knows about her and the businesses. The Board needs to make a decision if we want to sell or not for \$4,000. It's not so much about the money; he'd like to see something done with the building; what do we have to lose.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board accept the bid of \$4,000 from King's Brokerage for old Mineville Health Center on Hospital Road.

Discussion: Ms. Lovell asked if Mt. Lake Services paid taxes on all their buildings. The Supervisor explained that in lieu of taxes they pay us and the Village an agreed upon amount (which they don't have to do); this was something that was set up years ago. In most cases they pay more than if based on property tax rates. If the property was never on the tax roll, such as the Catholic School, they only pay the special district taxes. They have been a tremendous asset to the community and are good stewards of the community.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board give authorization to Paul Huchro to use Roe Pond for the instruction of fishing for Mt. Lake Services.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorizes to contract with AES for Preliminary Engineering for the submission of a HUD Grant for the Mountain Springs Road in the amount of \$2,964.00 for new water lines.

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

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

RESOLVED that Thomas R. Scozzafava as Town Supervisor of the Town of Moriah is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for funds from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in accordance with the provisions of Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993, in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a project agreement with the State for such financial assistance to this Town of Moriah for the Rehabilitation to the town owned and historically designated, Iron Center and Town Hall and if appropriate, a conservation easement/preservation covenant to the deed of the assisted property.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board set the date for the Public Hearing for the CDBG Application for June 12th at 5:45 Pm at the Court House.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign the phone system maintenance agreement for 2014 with Twin State in the amount of \$690.00.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorizes to refund Rine Binette for Vern Knapp's campsite deposit in the amount of \$690.00 due to Vern's death.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board to accept the property by Mill Brook (where the diner used to sit) from Apex Mortgage; the Town will pay any closing costs.

Discussion: The Supervisor thinks it is in the best interest of the Town to own the property; it is by the ambulance building and the new bridge, the old Town Shed used to be there years ago. There have been questions as to whether the County or the mortgage company owned the property, but the county said they signed a lease for the bridge construction.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorize the payment of the warrants.

Councilman Garrison thanked the Town Board, Youth Commission and Mrs. Podres for the baseball uniforms for the Little League.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board appoint William and Connie Stoddard as Assistant Campground Managers for the 2014 camping season at the same salary as last year (\$1,200.00).

Floor Open to the Public: No one spoke

The meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.

Abstract Distributions:

Claim Nos.:

April 14, 2014

3484

Water #1	\$22.00
Water #2	16.00
Water #4	2.00

April 24, 2014

3486-3506

General	\$5,373.82
Water #1	240.61
Water #2	168.09
Water #4	24.18
Sewer	253.26

May 8, 2014

3512-3600

General	\$37,705.15
Highway	16,075.23
Water #1	6,737.94
Water #2	3,096.81
Water #4	386.37
Sewer	2,535.58

Town Clerk