

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their REGULAR BOARD MEETING on March 12, 2015 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
	Luci Carpenter	Councilwoman
	Timothy Garrison	Councilman
	Paul Salerno	Councilman

Others Present: John Easter, Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent, John and Jackie Viestenz, Dianna Stevenson, Bill Trybendis, Sandra Lovell, Joe Lashway, Ed Roberts-Building & Grounds Superintendent, Art Morgan-Water & Sewer Superintendent, Linda Smythe, Meg Parker-Essex County Public Health and Rose French-Deputy Town Clerk.

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

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

Meg Parker from Essex County Public Health spoke about the paddling program at Bulwagga Bay Campground which will include 2 kayaks, 2 canoes and 2 paddle boards. and the Complete Streets program. This program would make sidewalks/paths walkable and bikable.

Floor Open to the Public:

N/A

Department Head Reports:

Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent: Jamie would like to thank Meg Parker for all of the hard work she has done for the Town of Moriah at Linney Field, the Court in Moriah Corners and she also got playground equipment for the beach.

The highway department has been busy plowing, sanding, working on trucks and patching holes. They have also been working with the Water & Sewer Department and Village with all the freeze ups and frozen culverts. Salt and Sand are about gone. Jamie also mentioned that he has not widened streets in certain areas so the ground will stay snow covered, to help with freeze ups.

Jamie reminded everyone that no one is to be in the metal pile unless they have written permission from the Transfer Station Attendant.

Jamie also mentioned that there will be a Rabies Clinic on March 24, 2015 from 6:00pm-7:00pm at the Highway Garage. Please register your animals before you bring them in.

Tom mentioned that we will borrow a set of scales from Schroon Lake for the Transfer Station to weigh bags of garbage to see what the average weight is, to see how to move forward with drive on scales or something else.

Paul mentioned the Town Board nor the Highway Department has any control over the frost heaves, it is a bad time of year, just need to slow down.

Ed Roberts-Building & Grounds Superintendent: Ed and the inmates have been shoveling sidewalks. They have also been picking up road side garbage. Ed asked that when you see "Road Work" signs to please slow down so no one gets hurt. The Court House basement was flooded because the perimeter drain was frozen, that has been taken care of. Ed reminded residents that all dogs are to be tied or leashed.

Luci handed out a proposed Animal Control Law. She would like to have an informational meeting on it to make any necessary changes.

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

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

RESOLVED to approve an Informational Meeting for Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 6:00pm at the Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry.

It will be announced on Channel 17 and the Times of Ti.

Police Report: (read by Tom Anderson, Steve Stahl-Officer in Charge-absent)

Handled 136 calls for service.

(6) violation arrests: (2) disorderly conduct
(1) failing to license a dog
(2) harassment 2nd degree
(1) failing to provide shelter to a dog

(4) misdemeanor arrests: (2) issuing bad checks
(1) endangering the welfare of a child
(1) criminal mischief 4th degree

(0) felony arrests

Issued 14 traffic tickets

Handled 8 traffic accidents

Town Board Committee Reports:

Luci Carpenter: The February Town Board meeting will be aired starting today, sorry for the delay. Still working out the kinks with the new camera.

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

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

RESOLVED to donate the old camera to Moriah Central School.

Thomas Anderson: There is some confusion between the State and County regarding the qualifications for the Youth Commission Director, 21 and a degree or 21 and/or a degree. The Youth Commission will meet with both to firm up an answer, probably sometime in May. Linda Smythe asked what the age limit was on a lifeguard. They can be a lifeguard at 16 years of age if they work with a lifeguard who is 18 years or older.

Tim Garrison: Brought up the possibility of going from 3 elected assessors to 1 appointed assessor. Tim handed out an information packet on the subject. He said that 90% of Municipalities in NYS have 1 sole assessor.

Tim also mentioned that now is a good time for Town planning, with the complete streets program in the works, now is a good time. Tom agreed we definitely need a plan on infrastructure-we need to pin point critical areas in the Town.

Paul Salerno: Paul asked that everyone keep their fingers crossed for the Hydro Project to go through, it would be very beneficial to the Town.

Campsite letters have gone out. Opening date is May 8, 2015 and closing date is October 12, 2015. Campsite workers will start April 13, 2015. Paul is hoping that Ed will be able to get the inmates to help with clean up again at the Campsite this year.

Supervisor's Report:

Tom said the Hydro Plant is moving forward. Permits have been submitted. There will be an informational meeting on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 7:00pm at Moriah Central School in the auditorium. All residents are encouraged to attend. There will be roughly a half hour presentation and then there will be time for questions and answers. They are required to invest in recreational facilities as well, so they would possibly be doing a new baseball field at Linney Field. The power from this hydro project would be going to Canada.

The Town Board is accepting RFP's for the Mountain Spring Road Water System Upgrade until March 26, 2015. Tom will meet with the Essex County Planning Office and will choose an Engineer. Bid openings for construction will be in May.

Tom received a letter from Gregory Furness regarding the fence at the Cemetery next to the Raymond Wright Park. He is willing to donate \$500.00 towards the construction of a new fence if the Town would provide the additional funds to replace the old fence (roughly \$200-\$300 more) and the man power to put it up. Tom spoke to Becky, Senior Account Clerk, she said it is feasible, could be taken out of contingency. Ed Roberts said he could probably get the prisoners to help out also.

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

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

RESOLVED to purchase the materials and help in the construction of a new fence at the Mineville Cemetery.

On February 26, 2015, we received a letter from Time Warner Cable regarding the franchise fee due to the Town; it is \$\$8,742.15 for the first quarter. Our contract with Time Warner Cable is up, but we will hold off on renewing until Comcast has taken over and we will renew contract with them.

We received a letter from the Department of State regarding a feasibility study to consolidate fire departments, we were denied. Moriah Fire Department and Port Henry Fire Department are willing to sit down and discuss it. Tom wants to reiterate that the Town Board has no say in this; it would be up to the Fire Departments. It would take a referendum to dissolve a district. There should be an outside 3rd party to do the study.

Tom received a letter from North Country Life Flight thanking the Town for their donation.

Resolutions:

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board renew the contract with New York State Department of Corrections for Wastewater Treatment for the period of October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2019 in the amount of \$104,000.00 per year.

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

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

RESOLVED to increase the hourly rate for Lifeguards to \$12.00 per hour and Head Lifeguards to \$13.00 per hour for the 2015 Season.

Discussion: The Village of Port Henry and NYS also raised their rates.

3. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Carpenter, the following resolution was
APPROVED Ayes Carpenter, Garrison, Scozzafava, Anderson, Salerno
Nays 0
RESOLVED to allow the Supervisor to sign contract with Mountain Lake Services for 2 employees at \$8.75 per hour, 6 hours a week for cleaning the Town Hall and work at the Transfer Station.

4. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Garrison, seconded by Councilman Salerno, the following resolution was
APPROVED Ayes Carpenter, Garrison, Scozzafava, Anderson, Salerno
Nays 0
RESOLVED to renew contract with Adirondack Landfill Services for Sampling as required by NYS at a total cost for 2015 of \$4,230.00.

Discussion: This is the last year we are required to do this, and then it will go to every 5 years.

5. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Carpenter, seconded by Councilman Garrison, the following resolution was
APPROVED Ayes Carpenter, Garrison, Scozzafava, Anderson, Salerno
Nays 0
RESOLVED to approve payment of the warrants and end of month warrant for February.

6. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was
APPROVED Ayes Carpenter, Garrison, Scozzafava, Anderson, Salerno
Nays 0
RESOLVED to remove the water relevy interest in the amount of \$29.00 from Tara & Wyatt Ploof 2015 Town & County Tax Bill #2847.

Discussion: The original water bill mistakenly went to the prior owner in 2014.

Floor Open to the Public:

Sandra Lovell asked when the Board Meeting is played on Channel 17. Luci stated that they run 5am, 9am, 1pm, 5pm and 9pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Abstract Distributions for 2/24/15

Claim #'s:

General: \$4,927.10
Highway: \$3,066.30
Water #1: \$1,320.68
Water #2: \$955.60
Water #4: \$121.70
Sewer: \$179.76

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Abstract Distributions for 3/12/15

Claim #'s:

General: \$27,730.70
Highway: \$23,361.32
Water #1: \$8,340.51
Water #2: \$6,059.67
Water #4: \$763.08
Sewer: \$1,097.45

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Capital Projects:		Claim #'s:
Waste Water Engineering Study:	\$4,470.00	2
Mountain Spring Rd. Water Upgrade:	\$29.15	1
Shoreline Erosion:	\$1,131.70	1

Deputy Town Clerk