

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at 6:00pm at the Town of Moriah Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, New York.

Present: Thomas Scozzafava Supervisor
Thomas Anderson Councilman
Timothy Garrison Councilman

Absent: Paul Salerno Councilman
Luci Carpenter Councilwoman

Others Present: John Easter; Joe Lashway; Diana Stevenson; Richard LaPier, Building Codes; Elaine Adkins Town Clerk.

The Supervisor opened the meeting at 6:00pm by saluting the flag

ON MOTION by Councilman Garrison, seconded by Councilman Anderson, 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:

Richard LaPier, Building Code Officer, gave the following report. Building Codes issued no building reports for the month of March. Mr. LaPier submitted a trailer application for Sandra Smith on Lakeview Avenue; there was a trailer on the site before. The trailer to go on site is a 1993, 14'x60'; there is water and sewer and power on the lot. Mr. LaPier recommended approving this application.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board approve the trailer application for Sandra Smith on Lakeview Avenue.

The Supervisor stated that the rest of the Department Heads have been excused.

Town Board Committee Reports:

Councilman Garrison reported that the Little League Baseball had their sign up and more kids signed up this year than did last year. They will be in the parade again this year. Mr. Garrison will invite Joan Podres to the parade again.

Councilman Anderson reported that the Youth Commission has been very busy getting things started for the Summer Program. The Director for the program has resigned and they have had only one applicant for the position, Sherry White. However, there is a Town Policy that is hired by the Town must be a resident; Ms. White lives on the Stevenson Cemetery Road on the border of Westport and Moriah. Unfortunately Ms. White is not a resident and is the only applicant, she is a teacher at Moriah Central and is well qualified for the position. Mr. Anderson asked the Board to waive the residency requirement and hire Ms. White.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board waive the residency requirement for the Summer Program Director position this year.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board hire Sherry White as the Summer Youth Program Director for the 2015 season.

Councilman Anderson stated that they will be interviewing for the Assistant Director an Activities Coordinator this week. Hiring for these positions is a complicated process; we have five applicants for the two positions. We will be cutting the Head Counselor position this year due to the minimum wage increase. There was no increase in the budget for the program, but with the wage increase we will hire only 12 Counselors. Mr. Anderson believes there will be enough counselors to youth ratio; we have an average of 100 campers, but rarely have over 100 kids per day.

We've also received notice that the summer lunch program will have to be cut back as the USDA has cut the budget. Mr. Anderson stated that the Summer Youth Program will run five weeks this year from July 6th through August 6th.

YCC will be cut back this year also due to the minimum wage increase; we will only hire 16-18 year olds. The Supervisor stated that we may be assigning the older kids to work sites such as Water & Sewer, Highway etc., then we can eliminate the counselor position.

Supervisor's Report:

- Received a letter from Dennis Tarantino of Kenneally and Tarantino LAW Offices regarding the property where Jeff Antonetti has his storage sheds. Jeff is under contract to sell the property, but there are issues with the Title due to a change in the road years ago. A Quitclaim Deed would cure the Title issues involving the Town as well as Essex County; we would still maintain the right of way. All legal fees will be incurred by Mr. Antonetti as far as drafting and recording the conveyances and the Town and County are giving up no Real Property interest in these transfers. Our Attorney, John Sivestri said we would have to declare the property surplus, which would be subject to permissive referendum then go out to bid. We need more legal opinions as to what to do. The Board has no objection to the Quitclaim Deed; we are waiting to hear on the county end.
- Received a check from Greg Furness in the amount of \$500 to erect a fence at the cemetery in Mineville.. Mike Ashline, Supt. at a company at IP said his outfit is interested in doing a community service and they would put the fence up. We need to decide what kind of fence to get. Mr. Scozzafava appointed the Town Clerk, Deputy Town Clerk and Accountant to decide on the kind of fence to erect.
- Received the Justice report for 2014. The Town Justices collected a total of \$86,634 in fines, of that the Town's share was \$43,159; the State got the rest. We have become collection agents for the State.
- Received more complaints on garbage collecting on properties; there are a couple of places in Grover Hills. We are going to be cracking down; they either clean up or go to court. We spend a lot of time dealing with this.

Resolutions:

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board hire an engineering firm to complete the planning, design, bidding and construction oversight for Mountain Springs Road Community Development Block Grant; and

WHEREAS, this Town Board after advertising for Requests for Qualifications for engineering firms the following firms submitted the RFQ's: AES Northeast, PLLC, MJ Engineering and Land Surveying, PC, Engineering Ventures, PC, Thomas J. Bombard, PE, and C.T. Male Associates Engineering, Surveying, Architecture & Landscaping Architecture, PC. The Town Board has determined AES Northeast, PLLC was the most qualified engineering firm in response to the Request for Qualifications score card .;and

WHEREAS, this Town Board is offering this award to AES Northeast, PLLC for a not to exceed amount of \$57,700 for the planning, design, bidding and construction oversight of the Mountain Springs Road Water Infrastructure Project.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorize to contract with Government Payment Service, Inc. (“GPS”), in Indianapolis, Indiana, for supplying credit/debit card payment services to the Town at no cost to the Town.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorize the final payment for the Shoreline Erosion Project to Kubricky Construction in the amount of \$22,685.37

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board accept and place on file the Chamber of Commerce Financial Report for 2014.

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

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

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

Floor Open to the Public: No one spoke

The meeting adjourned at 6:27 PM.

Abstract Distributions:

Claim Nos.:

3/23/2015

General	\$3,539.40
Highway	233.32
Water #1	65.51
Water #2	45.27
Water #4	6.76
Sewer	235.41

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General	\$30,020.59
Highway	27,613.18
Water #1	5,250.74
Water #2	3,644.20
Water #4	351.98
Sewer	43,338.78

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Capital Projects:

Claim Nos.:

Shoreline Erosion	\$23,884.37
Waste Water Engineering Study	\$3,990.00

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