

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, June 11, 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
	Paul Salerno	Councilman
	Luci Carpenter	Councilwoman

Others Present: William Trybendis; Rose French; Diana Stevenson; Jackie and John Viestenz; Sandra Lovell; Jamie Wilson, Highway Supt.; Art Morgan, Water & Sewer Supt.; Richard LaPier, Building Codes; Linda Smythe; Brian Venne, Town Justice; Elaine Adkins Town Clerk.

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

ON MOTION by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilwoman Carpenter, that the Town of Moriah Town Board approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

Floor Open to the Public:

Jackie Viestenz stated that Champ Day will be July 19th at the Pier and Port Henry Marina. She asked if they could use Champ and Mr. Scozzafava said that he would have someone bring it down there for that weekend.

Department Head Reports:

Art Morgan, Water & Sewer Supt., reported that he met with the Supervisor and Todd Hodgson from AES regarding the problems at the pump station; the pumps are submersible and can no longer be fixed. The pumps were put in back in the 1980's and we can't get parts for them anymore. The engineer suggested new pump station with above ground pumps. Because this is an emergency we can go under the County's emergency contract to hire the engineering out fit to design the station and prepare the bid documents; this will save us time of having to go to bid. We will do a BAN for \$200,000 until we find if we can do long term financing if we can't we will turn the bond into a long term note.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board hire AES Northeast, PLLC through the Essex County emergency contract, to design the new above ground pump station and prepare the bid documents for Titus Road due to the emergency of this situation.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board contact our Bond Counsel to start the process to take out a \$200,000 bond to pay for the pump station.

Richard LaPier, Building Codes gave the following report: Building Codes issued three building permits for the month of May, received two complaints and issued one not to be occupied. The Supervisor reported that Social Service is moving families into apartments and motels that have been made into apartments with no Certificate of Occupancy. They can't let us know they are moving them in due to confidentiality; if we find them living in one of these without them having the certificate then we can go in and move them.

The Supervisor stated that we have sent out a couple of violation notices and if they aren't taken care of the DEC may become involved in them; then the solution won't be so easy.

Jamie Wilson, Highway Supt., reported that the department helped as did other departments, the contract at the beach last month to keep the project within the budget. There was \$30,000 worth

- There was discussion at the Village meeting to sue the Town over the highway tax. The Town can tax that portion of the budget by law; it is a legal tax. The Town Board can exempt them if they want, but they have always paid this. From 2008 2015 their taxes increased \$82, yet the Village taxes increased \$290. If we exempted the Village, the tax would go from \$.94/1000 to \$3.40/1000. To sue the Town which the Village is part of is a total insult.

Resolutions:

1. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was
 APPROVED Ayes Salerno, Anderson, Scozzafava, Carpenter, Garrison
 Nays 0
RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board set the date for the public hearing for Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2015 “Animal Control Law” for July 9, 2015 at 5:30pm at the Court House.

2. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was
 APPROVED Ayes Salerno, Anderson, Scozzafava, Carpenter
 Opposed Garrison
RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board give authorization to Judge Venne and Kim Kolodzey to attend mandatory training in Potsdam, NY on July 21st and 22nd; the hotel cost is \$166 each.

Discussion: Councilman Garrison stated that training isn’t mandatory for the Court Clerk and that training is available in Lewis which is closer to home and wouldn’t require overnight expenses. Judge Venne answered that the training in Potsdam is with real people, not a teleconference where you can ask questions and all state entities that we work with are there. This is the only place that has any real training for Court Clerk’s other than New York City.

3. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Garrison, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was
 APPROVED Ayes Garrison, Anderson, Scozzafava, Carpenter, Salerno
 Nays 0
RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board adjust the “Mid-Season” rates for the Bulwagga Bay Campground effective immediately as follows: Starting July 1st Lake Front - \$1,600, Non-Lake Front -\$1,100, Preferred Sites - \$1,150; August 1st Lake Front - \$1,100, Non-Lake Front - \$910, Preferred - \$1,000; September 1st Lake Front - \$700, Non-Lake Front - \$600, Preferred - \$675.

4. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Garrison, the following resolution was
 APPROVED Ayes Anderson, Garrison, Scozzafava, Carpenter, Salerno
 Nays 0

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board give authorization to Moriah Central, Elizabethtown, Westport and Keene Schools to use the “old landfill” for cross country practices for Track and Field teams.

Discussion: The schools are using Camp Dudley now; we have been looking for a good use for this site. The board discussed if the highway could mow the perimeter and if they could roll it. Mr. Wilson said their mower would rough cut it then the school could mow it with their mower, they don’t have a roller.

5. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilwoman Carpenter, the following resolution was
 APPROVED Ayes Anderson, Carpenter, Scozzafava, Garrison, Salerno
 Nays 0

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board gives authorization for the Water & Sewer Department to purchase a riding mower in accordance with the Town Procurement Policy from Broughton’s Farm Supply in the amount of \$2,350.00.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board give authorization to the Supervisor to review the Time Warner Contract and also the merger with Charter Communications.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board to retroactively purchase a storage shed for the Bulwagga Bay Campground from Lowes in the amount of \$549; due to the availability and sales dates.

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

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

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

Floor Open to the Public:

Jackie Viestenz stated that there will be a public meeting on June 22nd at the Village Hall concerning Gary Cook's treatise.

Jamie Wilson said that he has had a lot of calls asking when we will be having another brush day; we have a lot up there now because people keep bringing it in. He asked if we could get a permit to just burn it this one time; Mr. Scozzafava said that DEC won't let us burn at all. He realizes this is a big problem and suggested getting a permit for a brush dump, but then we'd have to find a place to have that. Mr. Wilson said they really need to have someone there on brush day to regulate what is taken in. They discussed dates and decided that they would try having brush day on a Friday and Saturday together. After discussion it was decided to have it on July 10th and 11th during regular hours only, from 8am – noon and 1pm – 4pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:02pm.

Abstract Distributions:

Claim Nos.:

5/27/15

2015-545 – 2015-562

General Fund A	\$20,238.37
General Fund B	6,044.10
Fire Protection	78,000.00
Water #1	101.85
Water #2	69.93
Water #4	10.64
Sewer	151.92

5/31/2015

2015-582

General Fund A	\$549.00
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6/09/2015

2015-566 – 2015-580

General Fund A	\$1,600.00
Highway	3,600.00
Water #1	336.00
Water #2	228.00
Water #4	36.00
Sewer	600.00

6/11/2015

2015-583 – 2015-658

General Fund A	\$18,685.64
General Fund B	79.78
Highway Fund A	2,986.92

6/11/2015 (Continued)

Highway Fund B	\$1,046.17
Water #1	2,907.85
Water #2	2,058.28
Water #3	3,833.84
Water #4	262.72
Sewer	7,591.43

Capital Projects:
Shoreline Erosion

\$120.00

Claim Nos.:

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Town Clerk