

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, November 12, 2015 at 6:00pm at the Town of Moriah Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, New York.

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

**Absent:** Lucille Carpenter Councilwoman

**Others Present:** William Trybendis; Diana Stevenson; Sandra Lovell; Rose French; Richard LaPier, Building Code Enforcement; Jamie Wilson, Highway Supt.; Steve Stahl, OIC; Elaine Adkins Town Clerk

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 6:00pm by saluting the flag.

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

**APPROVED**

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

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

**Floor Open to the Public:**

Officer Stahl told the Board that the Moriah Police Department should be brought up to scale with other police departments such as Ticonderoga. He compared our department's salaries to Ti's stating an officer in Moriah takes 33 years to make what an officer in Ti makes in eight years and that Art makes \$7,500 less than an officer that has been in Ti for one year. The Supervisor stated that the Police Department is part of a bargaining unit and they had already met with him. The police are part of the Union which is included in the budget; this is the end of it, the budget is being voted on tonight. He also said that you cannot compare Moriah to Ticonderoga or any other town. Officer Stahl was unhappy with the police salaries using expletive language as he exited the meeting.

Jamie Wilson, Highway Supt., reported that this year his department has put in approximately 600 feet of concrete sidewalks, tore out about 2,500 feet of sidewalk and paved with blacktop. They paved two miles on Switchback, milled and paved Joyce Road and paved Barton Hill. They were reimbursed \$14,119.33 from Extreme Winter Recovery and received \$95,510.16 in CHIPS money.

Richard LaPier, Building Codes Officer reported that he issued six building permits and issued one notice of complaint in October.

There was no police report.

The Supervisor reported that Art Morgan was excused, but he can give a report. There were issues at the pump station on Titus Road; the pumps kept kicking out. We took the pump to Manion's to be repaired and found that it was an electrical issue with one phase of power they believe was caused by bumps in the power. We filed notice with National Grid and should be able to get reimbursed; Manion is working on the pump. DEC declared the pump station an emergency in August. Mr. Salerno asked if the insurance would cover it and was told they would not.

**Town Board Reports:**

Councilman Anderson reported that Jack Armstrong reminded him that the minimum wage is going up \$1.00/hour by end of year. This will raise the Counselors wages up \$200 each for the summer program. The Supervisor thinks they will be okay; they have had money left in the

budget at the end of the year. They discussed the possibility of charging a fee for each student and Mr. Anderson said he preferred not to charge if they didn't have to.

Councilman Garrison had nothing to report.

Councilman Salerno reported that he will have the final report for the campsite next month; we are waiting for the final numbers. As far as Building and Grounds, they have been busy cleaning up and utilizing the inmates.

**Supervisor's Report:**

- Have met with Matt Brassard regarding the Village dissolution to discuss the next steps involved. They are looking for someone from the Town and someone from the Village that has no opinion one way or another to sit on a Committee to come up with a plan that will work in a timely manner. In the Supervisor's opinion the plan shouldn't take more than six months to put together; the timeline is in the plan; then it is up to the Village Board to implement the plan.
- Have spoken with the Murray Law Firm (the County used this firm because of their knowledge regarding laws on cell tower sites) regarding the cell tower site because of the company we've been approached by to lease our site. Before we can transfer a lease it would be subject to permissive referendum. We need to get someone in here that knows more about the leasing than we do. Ms. Lovell asked if there is a time frame on the leasing and was told there wasn't.
- The Christmas Train will be here on the 29<sup>th</sup> around 4:45pm. Canned foods and donations go to the Food Pantry.
- Received a letter from Time Warner Cable to let us know the roads they will be submitting in conjunction with the NYS Broadband Funding Initiative. The roads they will be submitting are Cheney Road (7homes), Route 9 North/Route 22 (24 homes) and Mullen Bay (27 homes).
- Contract for police services: we provide the police for football games and in return they provide us bus services for the summer program.

**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 Supervisor to sign the shared contract between the Town and Moriah Central School for Police Services.

- The Court House is in need of a copy machine; their machine is six years old and has a lot of problems. The Court Clerk received a proposal from Office Systems for a copier through State Contract in the amount of \$1,302.40.

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

<b>APPROVED</b>	Ayes	Anderson, Garrison, Scozzafava, Salerno
	Absent	Carpenter
	Nays	0

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorize the purchase of a Ricoh MP 301SPF copy machine through state contract from Office Systems in the amount of \$1,302.40 for the Court House.

**Resolutions:**

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

<b>APPROVED</b>	Ayes	Salerno, Garrison, Scozzafava, Anderson
	Absent	Carpenter
	Nays	0

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board adopt the 2016 Preliminary Budget.

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

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

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorize the payment of all bills for the Mountain Spring Road Project for AES Northeast and Manfred Construction.

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

APPROVED

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Moriah does hereby elect to provide the benefits of Section 384-d of the Retirement and Social Security Law, as presently or hereafter amended, for any member who duly elects to enroll in this plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the effective date of such shall be the first day of December, 2015.

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

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

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board approve the agreement with Teamsters Local 294 for the contract period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018.

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 authorize the donation of bottles and cans to the Back Pack Program for the month of November at the Transfer Station.

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

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

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board approve the Change Order No. GC-WCD.01 for the Mountain Spring Road Project at no change in cost of the project.

7. **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 authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract with Standard Medical Services for the drug testing for the Town. Yearly Consortium Fee: \$100; Urine Screen: \$60; Alcohol Breath Test: \$35; DOT/CDL Physicals: \$100.

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

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

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorize to go to bid for two  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton heavy duty pick-up trucks with a plow to be paid from the Water & Sewer Fund Balance.

Discussion: At the budget workshop the Board found that Highway is in need of another truck and the Building and Grounds SUV had issues with it passing inspection; to fix the SUV would not be cost effective. When the new trucks come in Highway will get the two old trucks from Water & Sewer and Building & Grounds will get the old Highway truck. Water & Sewer is able to transfer the old trucks to highway because of the work highway has done for them during water breaks then W&S is charged (but never paid).

9. **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 Town of Moriah Town Board approve the payment of the warrants

**Floor Open to the Public:**

Jamie Wilson, Highway Supt., wanted to let the Board know that the County is re-measuring all Town Roads so we have the correct miles for the CHIPs funding. The Tow of Moriah has 42 ½ miles of highways.

The meeting adjourned at 6:44 PM.

**Abstract Distributions:**

**Claim Nos.:**

10/21/2015

2015-1092 – 2015-1109

General Fund A	\$6,473.28
General Fund B	43.61
Highway DA	320.62
Water Dist. #1	205.01
Water Dist. #2	145.54
Water Dist. #4	19.82
Sewer	<u>200.78</u>
Total	7,408.66

11/12/2015

2015-1113 – 2015-1216

General Fund A	\$33,962.37
General Fund B	50.60
Highway DA	17,235.59
Highway DB	122,164.18
Water Dist. #1	4,997.85
Water Dist. #2	3,622.31
Water Dist. #3	18.51
Water Dist. #4	465.91
Sewer	<u>45,955.58</u>
Total	228,472.90

**Capital Projects:**

**Claim Nos.:**

Shoreline Erosion	\$941.25
Mt. Spring Road	\$412,525.54

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