

The Town of Moriah Town Board held a Budget Workshop on Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at 6:00pm at the Town Hall, 38 Park Place, Port Henry, New York.

Present:

Thomas Scozzafava	Supervisor
Richard Carpenter	Councilman
Paul Salerno	Councilman
Thomas Anderson	Councilman

Absent: Timothy Garrison Councilman

Others

Present: Becky Gilbo, Sr. Account Clerk; John Viestenz; Larry Wintle, Elaine Adkins, Town Clerk.

The Supervisor called the workshop to order by saluting the flag at 7:00pm.

Mr. Scozzafava explained that when the tentative budget was presented there was a \$228,000 gap to keep the budget under the two percent tax levy gap. With talking with the Union and their representative they have agreed to a two percent pay raise instead of three percent as per their contract; looking at extending their contract through 2014, the Board agreed. We may have to reopen the health insurance next which they have agreed to in the contract.

Worker's Comp is going on the county tax bill; only the people in Moriah will pay ours. Next year, because it is too late to do this year, the fire departments will pay their own comp.

The Assessors, other than the Chairman, will receive what the Councilman make, thereby reducing the amount \$5,000. Saving \$10,000 on insurance for Medicare retirees. There is a \$60,000 increase in revenues in the new figures. The health center costs us \$25,000 per year to operate; we are asking them to pick up the cost of the cleaner plus another \$5,000 in costs to us. When our contract comes up we will be looking for them to pay the whole cost of operating the center.

The transfer station is running in the red. We will raise the additional money by raising stickers \$.50 per sticker. Our charges are based on volume when we pay by weight.

There will be an additional \$5,000 in revenue from sales tax. We will use \$74,214 fund balance (not sure which fund yet) making us come in under the two percent overall; the only exclusions are the fire districts. Water & Sewer charges will remain the same. Department heads will have to run the equipment another year.

We will put the budget together and come up with the tax rates for the workshop on the 25th.

The workshop adjourned at 7:35pm.

Town Clerk