

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Board Meeting Thursday, March 8, 2012 at 6:00pm at the Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, NY.

Present:

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

Others

Present: John Easter; Diana Stevenson; Dwayne Maye, Water & Sewer Supt.; Elaine Adkins, Town Clerk.

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

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

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

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

Floor Open to the Public: No one spoke.

Department Head Reports:

Dwayne Maye, Water & Sewer Supt., reported that they met with FEMA a few times regarding the Bartlett Pond Dam. They are talking of help with fixing the spillway. We spoke with CT Male to see if they come in with the allotted money from FEMA, \$11,800. Mr. Scozzafava stated that they want the spillway where one person can open it from the top with a crank.

Mr. Maye stated that he would like to purchase a blower for the tanks at the filtration plant; they are using the air compressor now, but this is an important piece of equipment for them and they really need it for other things. The blower would run about \$2,000; they would use it in the water tanks to keep the tanks from oxidizing.

Mr. Scozzafava stated that we had spent \$10,000 to remove a fuel storage tank on Wasson Street when we did that water project. He contacted the DEC to see about reimbursement and found that we are eligible for some money for that from the Spill Fund; we can use some of that money for the blower and put the rest back in the Water District #2 Account. Dwayne will get three quotes for the blower.

Officer Stahl, Jamie Wilson, Richard LaPier and Ed Roberts have been excused.

Councilman Salerno reported that Building & Grounds have done some work at the campsite removing stumps to accommodate another campsite. Mr. Roberts will work with CP Rail to clean out along Route 9. In two weeks two crews from Moriah Shock will be working at the campsite cleaning up concentrating on a good overall clean up before opening day on April 28th.

Councilman Carpenter reported that the Police Committee held a meeting earlier tonight and the next meeting will be May 10th.

Mr. Scozzafava stated that he has had a lot of calls regarding the condition of the roads, there is only so much we can do and he knows Grover Hills is really bad; the only thing we can afford to do there is one road a year unless we take out a Bond.

Town Board General Discussion:

Councilman Salerno stated that they need to get signage on the Cheney Mountain trail before the opening in June. He asked for ideas on who to see for this. The Supervisor told him one facility for the Department of Corrections makes the rustic signs for the

State. Talked with the property owners next to the trail and as long as people stay on the trail there won't be any problems.

Town board Committee Reports:

Councilman Salerno stated that the letters went out to the campers and the season this year will run from April 28th through September 30th. Mark Scozzafava, Kenny Bobbie and Pete Trombley will be starting about two weeks before the season opens (4/16). The Board discussed the clean up at the campsite and where they could move things out of the entrance way to the campsite. They decided that a lot of things could be moved over the Building & Grounds building.

Mr. Salerno stated that the money made on the scrap metal since it went out to bid in September was \$23,192.00.

Councilman Garrison had nothing to report.

Councilman Carpenter reported that he has been working with Mike Brenish on the Town's new website. TownofMoriahNY.net

Mr. Garrison was under the impression we already had a website with the Village and the Chamber. Discussion ensued on the matter; the Supervisor will check into it and see if we are able to share a website with the Village and Chamber.

Councilman Anderson reported that the Youth Commission had hoped to do interviews in March, but had to move them to April; the Assistant Director, Activities Leader and Senior Leader. He stated that it's looking good for having the program at MCS this summer, but we won't be able to use the pool. Mr. Scozzafava stated that going to the beach worked out well last year.

Supervisor's Report:

- Received a letter from Frank Erwin regarding the Person's property on Joyce Road near the tailings pile; he wants to know if the Town would be interested in purchasing it for \$15,000. The town sewer main runs through the property, we probably don't have an easement (we would have one by use) as the property belonged to Republic Steel when it was put in. He asked the Board if they were interested and after discussion the consensus was they did not want to purchase the property.
- Talked with Pat Salerno; they did a great job raising money for the Johnny Podres signs. One sign will be placed coming into town from the south where the basketball championship signs are. He asked Mr. Anderson into getting those signs moved to the school. On Johnny Podres day they are trying to get Don Zimmer here to sign autographs.
- Have had calls expressing frustration regarding property maintenance code violations. (Some of the laws are on the web.) If we ask Rich to enforce these codes (junk yard), the Board needs to back him. He would have to enforce across the Board, not pick and choose; if they don't cleanup then we would go to the next step. The Supervisor stated that the State laws are more clearly defined than the Town Law. This is a difficult situation; some people collect them. There was discussion on how to handle this and drafting something for channel 17, the website and the newspaper. Councilmen Salerno and Garrison will speak with Mr. LaPier regarding this,
- The 2012 spring rabies clinics are set; we will have ours at the Highway Garage on May 1st from 6-7pm.
- We paid \$3.06 last month for gas; the state contract price was \$3.30.
- Last year we talked of condensing the rules for the campers. Mr. Salerno stated that when Wayne & Ruth come, the campground managers, they will review the rules. There was discussion on the rules applying to some and not to others.

Resolutions:

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board accept the resignation filed with the Town Clerk for Judge Farnsworth effective February 29, 2012.

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

APPROVED Ayes Anderson, Salerno, Scozzafava, Carpenter
Opposed Garrison

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board, due to the resignation of Judge Farnsworth, approve the salary increase of Judge Venne from \$14,265 to \$20,000 for the remainder of the year, March 1, 2012 though December 31, 2012 in accordance with New York State Town Law Sec 27 (1).

Discussion – The Supervisor’s concern was that if the salary was increased they couldn’t go back to what his salary was before the increase, but this section allows for a vacancy. Councilman Garrison stated that if we didn’t do this the court of Administration would appoint someone to pick ups some of the case load.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorize the Supervisor to sign the Agreement with RCR&R for recycling electronic equipment at the transfer station.

4. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Carpenter, seconded by Councilman Salerno, the following resolution to authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement with Mike Brenish to serve as webmaster for the Town website in the amount of \$25.00 per hour was TABLED by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Carpenter

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board will hold off on hiring a web master until we check into the possibility of a shared website with the Village and Chamber.

Discussion – Mr. Garrison was under the impression we had a website with the Village and Chamber of Commerce. Supervisor Scozzafava stated we need to check into this further as he is not sure that a town can be on a shared website.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorize the payment in the amount of \$500.00 to Adirondack Life for an advertisement in their magazine for the Bulwagga Bay Campground.

6. **ON MOTION** by Councilman 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 authorize the Supervisor to sign the Release and Subrogation Receipt for the Wasson Street settlement of Damage Claim #546 in the amount of \$5,051.33.

7. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Carpenter, the following resolution was
 APPROVED Ayes Salerno, Carpenter, Scozzafava, Anderson, Garrison
 Nays 0
RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorize the supervisor to sign the contract with Adirondack Landfill Service for 2012 for the Landfill Post Closure Monitoring in the amount of \$3,990.00.

8. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Garrison, seconded by Councilman Salerno, the following resolution was
 APPROVED Ayes Salerno, Garrison, Scozzafava, Anderson, Carpenter
 Nays 0
RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board accept and place on file the Chamber of Commerce 2011 Fiscal Year Report.

9. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Carpenter, the following resolution was
 APPROVED Ayes Salerno, Carpenter, Scozzafava, Anderson, Garrison
 Nays 0
RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board approve payment of the warrants.

10. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Garrison, seconded by Councilman Salerno, the following resolution was
 APPROVED Ayes Garrison, Salerno, Scozzafava, Anderson, Carpenter
 Nays 0
RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorize to declare surplus and put out to bid the Okidata Printer 591 with the bid opening at the next board meeting, April 10, 2012.

11. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Salerno, the following resolution was
 APPROVED Ayes Anderson, Salerno, Scozzafava, Garrison, Carpenter
 Nays 0
RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorize the Water & Sewer Superintendent to purchase a blower not to exceed \$2,000 after getting three proposals.

Floor Open to the Public: No one spoke

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Abstract Distribution:			Voucher Nos.:
2/13/12	General	\$4,919.97	211 – 229
	Highway	3,284.38	
	Water #2	146.61	
	Sewer	468.48	
3/8/12	General	\$64,629.23	237 – 332
	Highway	32,667.41	
	Water #1	6,195.07	
	Water #2	3,850.85	
	Sewer	37,960.12	
3/8/12	Johnny Podres Sign Fund	\$2,300.00	1
Capital Projects:			
3/8/12	Court House	\$521.19	3 & 4

Town Clerk