

VILLAGE OF PORT HENRY JOINT BOARD MEETING WITH TOWN OF MORIAH

LOCATION: TOWN OF MORIAH COURTHOUSE
PARK PLACE, PORT HENRY, NY 12974

DATE: SEPTEMBER 19, 2016

TIME: 7:00PM

PRESENT: Village of Port Henry Deputy Mayor and Trustee; Matt Brassard, Trustees; Jim Curran, Mark Davenport, Linda Smyth and Village Clerk; Denise Daly.

ABSENT: Mayor Guerin

OTHERS PRESENT: Town of Moriah Supervisor; Tom Scozzafava, Town Council Members; Lucy Carpenter, Paul Salerno and Town Clerk; Rose French.

ATTENDANCE: George Harrington, Sharon O'Connor, John Viestenz, Jackie Viestenz, Buck Beebe, Essex County Real Property; Charli Lewis, NYS Department of State; Robert Roeckle and Kevin Schwenzfeier, Lohr McKinstry, Port Henry Fire Chief; Jim Hughes, Village Attorney; Robert Hafner, Ron Van Slooten, Town Attorney; John Silvestri, Laberge Group Consultants; Nicole Allen and John Rodat, Moriah Fire Chief; Brian Glebus, Charlie Bryant, Ron Nesbit, Jr., Essex County Emergency Services; Don Jaquish; Sandra Lovell, Ann Tesar, Dorothy Wilbur, Tom Edwards and Bill Trybendis.

Supervisor Scozzafava called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and indicated that the Town and Village are proposing the establishment of a joint Port Henry Fire District.

Trustee Brassard indicated that that a Joint Board Meeting will be held on Thursday October 27, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Town Courthouse to officially establish the joint Port Henry Fire District. Trustee Brassard then turned the floor over to Village Attorney; Bob Hafner.

Mr. Hafner explained that the Dissolution Plan was approved via a public referendum and in accordance with the plan there are three steps that need to be taken in order to establish a joint fire district:

- 1.) The Town will need to alter the fire protection areas north and south of the Village to include those areas in the joint fire district.
- 2.) The Village and Town will need to hold a Joint Public Hearing to form the joint Fire District. The Public Hearing is tentatively scheduled for November 15, 2016 at 6:00 pm, at the Knights of Columbus.
- 3.) Incorporation of Fire District; requires joint approval.

Councilman Salerno asked if the fire district will be considered a fire company and Mr. Hafner indicated that it will become a fire corporation once the 501-3C is obtained.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Don Jaquish asked if the boundaries of the proposed fire district match those that Essex County has on file and Supervisor Scozzafava indicated that they do.

Supervisor Scozzafava commented that the new fire district can not infringe upon or take away, any land from an existing fire district.

Supervisor Scozzafava called for further public comment; there was none.

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.

Denise C. Daly, Village Clerk