

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, September 8, 2016 at 6:00PM at the Town of Moriah Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, New York.

<b>Present:</b>	Thomas Scozzafava	Supervisor
	Paul Salerno	Councilman
	Thomas Anderson	Councilman
	Lucille Carpenter	Councilwoman
	Timothy Garrison	Councilman

**Others Present:** William Trybendis, Tim & Catherine Sprague, Linda Smythe, Sandra Lovell, Rich Lapier-Building Codes, Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent, Erik Wilhelmson, Sharon O'Connor, Lohrer McKinstry, and Rose French-Town Clerk.

Supervisor Scozzafava opened the meeting at 6:00pm.

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

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

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

### **Bid Opening's:**

Supervisor Scozzafava read the legal notice of bid for Fuel Oil, Kerosene & Diesel.

No bids were received. The Supervisor stated we can go out to bid again or we can go state contract price.

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

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

**RESOLVED** to go out to bid again for fuel oil, kerosene and diesel. Bids will be opened at the October 13, 2016 Town of Moriah Town Board Meeting at 6:00pm at the Court House.

### **Floor Open to the Public:**

Tim Sprague asked if Avery Energy was notified about the fuel bid. The Supervisor said yes, as was Griffith Energy, and it was put in the paper.

### **Department Head Reports:**

Richard LaPier- Building Codes: Issued 6 building permits for the month of August and issued 1 violation notice for rubbish.

Supervisor Scozzafava mentioned that the NYS Department of Motor Vehicles is now involved with the "junk yard" across from the golf course. We should be hearing something shortly. Linda Smythe asked if the Fire Department could do anything about it and the Supervisor said no, it would have to be a Fire Marshall and we don't have a Fire Marshall in any of the Fire Departments.

Steve Stahl-Officer in Charge: Absent, report read by Councilwoman Carpenter. Handled 154 calls for service. 6 Violations-2 disorderly conduct, 1 permitting dog to run at large, 3 harassment in the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree. 9 Misdemeanors: 2 issuing bad checks, 1 animal cruelty, 1 DWI, 3 assaults in the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree, 1 leaving the scene of a personal injury accident and 1 criminal contempt in the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree. Issued 14 traffic tickets. Handled 9 traffic accidents. Conducted 7 background investigations for pistol permits.

Ed Roberts-Building & Grounds Superintendent: excused.

Art Morgan-Water & Sewer Superintendent: absent.

Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent: Grover Hills is on the schedule, that work will begin in a few weeks. The Highway crew has been in there working-getting it ready. The County is working on Windy Hill and then they will be on Tarbell Hill.

### **Town Board Reports:**

Councilwoman Carpenter asked about Bridge Point Communication and what they were doing in Town. The Supervisor stated they are running broad band. Catherine Sprague from the Town of Moriah Chamber of Commerce stated Bridge Point would be at the Chamber on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 4:00pm to answer any questions. Bridge Point will have no effect on our franchise agreement with Time Warner Cable. The Supervisor has spoken to the Public Service Commission regarding Time Warner and some funds have been released but we still don't know when it will affect our area. Councilwoman Carpenter will try to attend the meeting at the Chamber to get more information.

Councilman Anderson reported that the County would reimburse the Town \$250 for soccer balls, but the Town would have to pay for them first.

2. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Garrison, seconded by Councilwoman Carpenter, the following resolution was
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| APPROVED | Ayes | Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Garrison, Carpenter |
|          | Nays | 0  |
- RESOLVED** to approve purchasing soccer balls for \$250 and then getting reimbursed from the County for the same amount.

Councilman Anderson also reported that the Youth Commission is wrapping up for the season.

Councilman Garrison would like to thank the Chamber for the Labor Day Celebration.

Councilman Salerno reported that the Town of Moriah will hold the "Free Clean-up Day", for Moriah residents only, at the Transfer Station on Friday, September 23, 2016 and Saturday, September 24, 2016 for Witherbee, Mineville and Grover Hills and on Friday, September 30, 2016 and Saturday, October 1, 2016 for Moriah and Port Henry. The hours will be from 8:30am – Noon and 1:00pm – 4:30pm, (ending at 7:30pm on Friday).

Free items **per** household will be one couch, one chair, one box spring, one mattress, one bed, one dresser one buffet, two tires (up to 18 inches) and miscellaneous junk which will be at the discretion of the transfer station attendant. Only the above items will be taken free; **no free garbage or C&D.**

**These days are for residents of the Town of Moriah only!** If you have any questions you can contact the Town Hall at 546-3341 or 546-8631 or the Transfer Station at 942-3072.

The Campsite was full for Labor Day weekend and everything went really well. There was a slight plumbing issue, but Rich Lapier was able to come down and fix it. Councilman Salerno would like Rich Lapier to do a little training with the other workers and managers so they are able to do some repairs in case they are unable to reach someone to fix the problem.

Supervisor Scozzafava would like to reiterate that now that the Village is dissolving, the Town WILL NOT be selling the Village of Port Henry Campsite. Several people have asked him about this and it is simply not true.

Councilman Salerno would like to see the Champ Beach being used to its full potential.

Councilman Anderson reported that Petro's Campsite is starting to pick up.

Linda Smythe just wanted to state that she would never approve of the campers staying at the campsite through the winter; residents utilize the campsite throughout the winter for walking and etc. The Supervisor stated that would never happen, and the gate will not be locked.

### **Supervisor's Report:**

Supervisor Scozzafava reported that the NYS DOH did an inspection at the campsite and we were only cited for the lack of a few back flow preventers on a few campers. Councilman Salerno would like to see a \$10 deposit paid on all back flow preventers at the beginning of the season, which might help with the yearly replacement costs.

The Supervisor received a letter from Lyme Adirondack Forest Company, they wanted to express their gratitude towards Ed Roberts and the inmates for the cleanup job on Mountain Spring Road. The Supervisor is not sure what the answer is to keep people out of there to prevent this in the future. The Town of Westport would have to abandon the road and we would have to put a gate up on our end. Tim Sprague reminded everyone that the garbage in the spring flows directly into Bartlett Pond which ultimately affects our drinking water.

The Supervisor reported that the Village employees and the Town employees have been working together to make this as easy a transition as possible. The Town has met with the comptroller; both the Town and the Village have Attorney's on board. The Supervisor reported that the biggest hurdle will be the time frame with the budget, but we will get there.

**Resolution's:**

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

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

**RESOLVED** to set date for Public Hearing for the Proposed Alteration of the Fire Protection District Boundaries currently contracted to the Village of Port Henry Fire Department. The current protection would become part of the new proposed Fire District #3 due to the dissolution of the Village of Port Henry. The Public Hearing will be on September 19, 2016 at the Town of Moriah Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, NY at 6:30pm.

Discussion: The Supervisor reported that this is the first step in the process.

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

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

**RESOLVED** to set date for joint meeting with the Village of Port Henry Board of Trustees for September 19, 2016 for the formation of a joint Fire District #3 at the Town of Moriah Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, NY at 7:00pm.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated that this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> step in the process and it has to be done while the Village of Port Henry is still in place.

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

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

**RESOLVED** to introduce proposed Local Law #1 of 2016 entitled "A Local Law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law 3-C. Set Date for Public Hearing for October 3, 2016 for the Tax Cap Override for 2017 at 6:00pm at the Town of Moriah Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, NY.

Discussion: With the dissolution of the Village, the Town budget will have to change, the Comptroller has no clue what our tax cap will be.

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

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

**RESOLVED** to set date for Special Meeting for October 3, 2016 for the Tentative Budget for 2017 at 6:15pm at the Town of Moriah Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, NY.

Discussion: Per the Supervisor this will be a **very** tentative budget.

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

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

**RESOLVED** to reappoint Rory Rotella to the Board of Assessment and Review for 10/1/2016-9/30/2021.

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

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

**RESOLVED** to award RFP for Economic Plan for revitalization to Crane Associates in the amount of \$37,736.00 to be paid from Department of State Grant Funds.

Discussion: This is the Shoreline Erosion Project.

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

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

**RESOLVED** to authorize the Town of Moriah Supervisor Thomas Scozzafava, to submit an application to the Department of State 2016 Local Government Citizens Re-organization empowerment grant (CREG) expedited assistance program for grant funds to support costs associated with the dissolution of the Village of Port Henry.

\* See attachment

10. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Garrison, unanimous second, the following resolution was

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

**RESOLVED** Town of Moriah Chamber of Commerce has successfully completed the 127<sup>th</sup> Annual Labor Day Celebration and the week of September 12, 2016-September 16, 2016 is National Chamber of Commerce Week.

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

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

**RESOLVED** to approve payment of the warrant.

**Floor open to the public:**

Highway Superintendent Wilson has been in contact with Art Morgan-Water & Sewer Superintendent, he apologizes he couldn't make the meeting, but if anyone has any questions for him he will be glad to get back to them.

Sandra Lovell voiced her concerns over leaving the gate unlocked at the Port Henry Champ Beach during the winter because of vandalism; she stated that it has been an ongoing problem. The Supervisor stated we are going to try and leave it unlocked and see how it goes.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

**Abstract Distributions:**

**Claim Numbers:**

August 26, 2016

General	\$4,860.19	2016/5482-5496
Highway	\$771.23	
Water #1	\$76.54	
Water #2	\$52.75	
Water #4	\$7.93	
Sewer	\$106.93	

September 8, 2016

General	\$23,468.64	2016/5500-5586
Highway	\$11,487.85	
Water #1	\$3,758.88	
Water #2	\$2,748.39	
Water #4	\$344.21	
Sewer	\$44,855.42	

**Capital Projects:**

AES Northeast	CDBG Sewer 2016 Witherbee	\$950.00	#2
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Town Clerk