

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, December 10, 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; Ed Roberts, Building & Grounds; Art Morgan, Water & Sewer Supt.; Richard LaPier, Building Code Enforcement; Linda Smythe; Sandra Lovell; Elaine Adkins Town Clerk

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

The Supervisor and Town Board presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Town Clerk for her years of service; she is retiring the end of the year.

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

APPROVED

Ayes Anderson, Garrison, Scozzafava, Salerno, Carpenter

Nays 0

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

Bid Opening: Two Pick-Up Trucks for W&S

Egglefiled Bros. (Elizabethtown) 2016 Ford F-250 with Plow \$31,845; 2016 Ford F-Series with Plow and Utility Box \$35,945

Carbone Auto Group (Yorkville, NY) 2016 Ford F-250 with Plow \$33,248; 2016 Ford F-250 with Reading Service Body & Plow \$37,578

Goss Dodge 2016 Ram 2500 with Plow \$32,514; 2016 Ram 2500 with Plow and Utility Box \$37,080

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 authorizes the Supervisor after checking State Contract prices to award the truck bids to the lowest bidder or State Contract.

Floor Open to the Public:

Mrs. Carpenter stated that there will be a nationwide lighting of candles at the Angels of Hope on Sunday. We will meet at the Lake Champlain Memorial Garden and Angel of Hope will be this Sunday the 13th at 6:45 PM and the lighting will take place at 7:00 PM.

Linda Smythe thanked Councilman Salerno for getting the sign fixed at the Tracy Road junction. Mr. Salerno stated that Ed Roberts and the Board also worked to get this done; it was a team effort.

Department Head Reports:

Ed Roberts, Building & Grounds reported he was on vacation most of the month of November. Now that nice weather is still here they will be doing some raking and maybe some cleanup at the campsite next week.

Ed wanted to thank Greg Furness for all the work he has done at the Mineville Cemetery cleaning stones and getting some of them fixed. He has done an outstanding job.

Richard LaPier, Building Codes Officer, gave the following report. There were no building permits issued in November; there was one notice of complaint issued.

Mr. LaPier has one subdivision for Fred Pereau on Elk Inn/NYS Route 9; it is non jurisdictional with the APA and he recommends approval.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board approve the subdivision for Fred Pereau's property on Elk Inn Road/NYS Route 9 as per Richard LaPier's recommendation.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board approve the Mobile Home Permit Application for Joseph Hamner on Center Road to replace an old camper/trailer with a newer one as per Richard LaPier's recommendation.

Discussion: Mr. LaPier stated that there is water and sewer hook ups on the property.

Art Morgan, Water & Sewer Supt., reported that they have been working on Water District #3 making sure there are no water leaks; Rural Water has been there helping also. The Supervisor said the District was formed around 1967 and should never have been formed. There are only 13 users in the district so they can't get bonding for repairs because they couldn't afford it. He has spoken with Senator Little and she thinks she can get us about \$100,000; Art Morgan thinks we can do the job for about \$75,000 so we sent a request down to her for \$75,000. Mr. Morgan requested that each house have a meter. The Supervisor said the water is purchased from the Village, we are just the tax collectors for them. It has always been an issue; their bills are now over \$600/year for just water.

The sewer pump for the Titus Road pump station has been rebuilt to hopefully get us through until the new pumps are installed. AES will send it out to bid soon.

Town Board Reports:

Councilman Andersons stated that the Youth Commission nothing new; they will start up again in January. They will have to advertise for a Director for the summer program; Ms. White is not coming back this year.

Councilwoman Carpenter had nothing to discuss.

Councilman Garrison had nothing to discuss.

Councilman Salerno reported that the Campsite Revenues were \$308,677 in 2015 and the expenses were \$155,506 leaving a net profit of \$153,171 which is up slightly over last year. Mr. Scozzafava stated that he met with the insurance agent last week and we need to tighten things up at the campsite; people are coming and going and no one is signing in, we need to have tighter control. We need to make some major changes before next year's opening; the insurance company is obviously concerned.

Linda Smythe asked what we make during the winter months at the campsite. The Supervisor said that we store campers, but he's not sure of the amounts. We leave the campground open year round for walkers, fishermen, hunting etc. She's comparing the Village campsite and is interested in knowing more about income for the winter months. She said she heard the campers at our sites are more like homes with decks hooked on; the Supervisor said they come off and are stored off-site after the season. We have rules regarding the decks at the campsite.

Supervisor's Report:

- Had a couple meetings with Matt Brassard and the LaBerge Group along with the Dept. of State. To fall into the timeline the dissolution would be March 31, 2017 if the Village agrees to it. The first meeting they had was to lay out the plan and discussion on the committee; the Supervisor was there as the Town Supervisor. The group decided to put

the plan together then the public gives their input on the plan. They are trying to do the best they can for their constituents. The second meeting was to discuss the fire department; the Port Henry Fire Department would go away. The Chiefs and Fire Commissioners would form a new fire district. **See Attached Information from Laberge Group.** A lot of the issue was the fire department. The process is not a four year waiting period like the last time. At some point the Village will dissolve, if not now in the future.

- We are under consent order with DEC on the Waste Water System with things we need to do. Sent a letter back to DEC to request modification to the order and to extend certain deadlines in the Schedule of Compliance. Will hear back from them.

Resolutions:

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorized the Supervisor to sign the Amendment for the Bulwagga Bay Erosion Contract with the Department of State due to a discrepancy in the claim.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorizes the revision of the Local Highway Inventory for the following Town roads in which the Town takes ownership for and maintains: Crowfoot Road from distance of 0.00 to 1.91 miles, Lang Road from distance of 0.00 to 1.53 miles and Chipmunk Road from distance of 0.00 to 1.60 miles.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorizes the change of hours for the Clerk position in the Town Clerk Office, effective January 1, 2016 from 30 to 35 hours per week, 8 AM to 4 PM Monday through Friday, with one hour for lunch.

Discussion: The clerk position was a 35 hour per week position and with the upcoming tax season it is a very busy time of year and the incoming Town Clerk will need the extra hours from the Clerk in her office.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board accepts the Agreement with Teamsters Local 294 for period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018. The raises each year are as follows: 2016 – two (2) percent, 2017 – three (3) percent, 2018 – Reopener. Police Retirement Plan 384D: 2016 – four (4) percent, 2017 – three (3) percent. The mechanics pay will receive a \$2,080 stipend; anyone with zero (0) to nine (9) years of service will no longer receive longevity pay of \$200; only those with 10 years or more will receive longevity pay.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorizes to discontinue the Medicare reimbursement for retirees receiving this benefit as follows: 2016 – 100 percent reimbursement, 2017 – 50 percent reimbursement, 2018 – 0 percent reimbursement. Effective January 1, 2016 no new retirees will receive Medicare reimbursement.

6. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilwoman Carpenter, the following resolution was
 APPROVED Ayes Salerno, Carpenter, Scozzafava, Anderson, Garrison
 Nays 0
RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board require the newly elected Town Clerk and any other newly elected officials to keep a three month calendar log of time worked regarding duties of their office beginning January 1, 2016 to set their standard work day. Any re-elected officials have the option of signing a form with the Town Clerk at the beginning of their term keeping saying their hours the same, or if their hours have changed, they can keep a three month calendar to set a new standard work day.

7. **ON MOTION** by Councilwoman Carpenter, seconded by Councilman Garrison, the following resolution was
 APPROVED Ayes Carpenter, Garrison, Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson
 Nays 0
RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board sets the date for the End of the Year Meeting for Wednesday, December 30, 2015 at 10 AM at the Town Hall.

8. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Garrison, seconded by Councilwoman Carpenter, the following resolution was
 APPROVED Ayes Garrison, Carpenter, Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson
 Nays 0
RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board set the date for the Organizational Meeting for Thursday, January 7, 2016 at 6 PM at the Town Hall.

9. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Garrison, seconded by Councilman Salerno, the following resolution was
 APPROVED Ayes Garrison, Salerno, Scozzafava, Carpenter, Anderson
 Nays 0
RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorizes to go to bid for Sodium Hypochlorite Solution with the bid opening at the End of the Year Meeting on December 30th.

10. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Garrison, the following resolution was
 APPROVED Ayes Salerno, Garrison, Scozzafava, Carpenter, Anderson
 Nays 0
RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorizes the reduction in the water bill for Blanche Herrling in Water District #3 to half a year and;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to reduce the water & sewer bill for John McDonough in Water District #1 to half a year.

11. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Garrison, seconded by Councilwoman Carpenter, the following resolution was
 APPROVED Ayes Garrison, Carpenter, Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson
 Nays 0
RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorizes the removal of Elaine Adkins from the Town Clerk and Tax Collector accounts at Glens Falls National Bank and add Rose French to these accounts.

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

Floor Open to the Public:

Sandra Lovell commented on the Christmas lights around Town.

ON MOTION by Supervisor Scozzafava with a Unanimous second, the following resolution was

APPROVED Ayes Scozzafava, Carpenter, Anderson, Garrison, Salerno

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board offer a Resolution of Appreciation for the work Reale Construction, at their own expense cleaned up after a trailer fire where a man lost his life on NYS Route 9 in Cheever.

Councilman Salerno reported that Governor Cuomo released two million to the Lake Placid Olympic Arena and the Plattsburgh Airport.

Merry Christmas!

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 PM.

Abstract Distributions:	Amount Paid	Claim Nos.:
<u>11/24/15</u>		2015-1219 – 2015-1234
General Fund A	\$2,833.64	
General Fund B	44.26	
Highway DA	36.62	
Water #1	103.26	
Water #2	70.88	
Water #4	10.80	
Sewer	3,253.87	
<u>12/8/15</u>		2015-1237 – 2015-1248
General Fund A	\$1,000.00	
Highway DA	2,250.00	
Water #1	210.00	
Water #2	142.50	
Water #4	22.50	
Sewer	375.00	
<u>12/10/15</u>		2015-1254 – 2015-1349
General Fund A	\$36,707.22	
General Fund B	801.28	
General Fund DA	7,031.97	
Water #1	2,342.13	
Water #2	1,711.47	
Water #3	4,109.93	
Water #4	217.70	
Sewer	6,312.96	
Capital Projects:		Claim Nos.:
Mt. Spring Road	\$15,814.59	11 – 12
Shoreline Erosion	2.74	8
Waste Water Study	1,365.00	7

Town Clerk

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