

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Town Board Meeting on Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 6:00pm at the Knights of Columbus, 4253 Main Street, Port Henry, NY.

Present: Thomas Scozzafava Supervisor  
Paul Salerno Councilman  
Tom Anderson Councilman  
Matt Brassard Councilman

Excused: Nathan Gilbo Councilman

Others Present: Bill Trybendis, Ed Roberts, Jamie Wilson, Ann Tesar, Robert Stevenson and Rose French-Town Clerk

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 6:00pm by saluting the flag. He stated this is the first open meeting since September 2020.

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard
	Nays	0
	Excused	Gilbo

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

**Floor open to the public:**

N/A

**Department Head/Town Board Reports:**

Ed Roberts-Building & Grounds: Banners will be going up next week starting on Tuesday. There is close to 300 this year. We have not had the inmates since COVID started. Road side garbage pickup is going slow. The Supervisor reminded everyone that we do have an adopt a highway program, the Town has bags and gloves if you are willing to help out and pick up road side garbage. He stated we have certainly missed the help from the inmates. He is hoping they will be able to come back in small groups.

Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent: Information for the Board on a new Tandem Truck. Mr. Wilson stated we don't usually order until Fall but with COVID everything is backed up and even if we order now we will be lucky to have a truck by Fall. The Supervisor stated we will take out a BAN for the Truck out of next year's budget. Mr. Wilson stated the numbers are really good. All in price with 84-month warranty, plow and truck is @ \$210,000. Last year it cost \$240,000. The Supervisor asked if this was state contract price and Mr. Wilson said yes. The Supervisor asked if the Board approved it tonight we wouldn't get it until 2022 and Mr. Wilson said yes. Mr. Wilson stated that this new truck would be replacing a 2005; still running and he would like to hold on to it for a spare. The Supervisor asked about the old loader and Mr. Wilson stated we should put it on an auction site. The Supervisor asked if we could piggyback on the County auction and Mr. Wilson said he didn't think so. Mr. Wilson would like approval to go forward with the new truck.

Mr. Wilson reported they have been out sweeping; 6:00am to 2:00pm. County roads are almost done will start Town roads next week. He feels within 2 weeks they should be done.

Mr. Wilson stated there are a lot of banners to put up this year which they will be helping out with.

The Highway Department has started to pick up some road side garbage. He wanted to thank the few people that have already helped out. The Supervisor stated that he sees a lot of road side garbage that could be taken to the Transfer Station for free. He asked that you please do not throw garbage alongside the road for somebody else to pick up.

Mr. Wilson brought up Friday evenings at the Transfer Station for the Summer. He said we had a horrible turn out last year; it's not profitable. He also stated that the Transfer Station is open

during lunch now. The Supervisor stated that the few people that use it on Friday nights need it. He suggested maybe being open 9:00am – 6:00pm. Councilman Anderson feels we should be open on Friday evenings during the Summer. The Supervisor asked the Board what they wanted to do. Mr. Wilson stated the way it is right now; one worker gets 3 hours of comp time. The Board was in agreement with 9:00am – 6:00pm; the Supervisor stated 10:00am – 6:00pm would give them an 8-hour day. Mr. Wilson stated the Transfer Station is not that busy during lunch.

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard
	Nays	0
	Excused	Gilbo

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Transfer Station Summer Hours are as follows: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 8:30am – 4:30pm and Friday 10:00am – 6:00pm beginning Friday, May 21, 2021.

Mr. Wilson stated that he met with Essex County Soil and Water; the Town received \$100,000 grant money which will be used to fix the culvert on Fisk Road. He is hoping to get additional money. Councilman Anderson asked if this was through the County and the Supervisor stated it is County Soil & Water. The Supervisor stated he also spoke to Alice from Essex County Soil & Water; they want to plant some more trees alongside the shoreline at Bulwagga Bay Beach to help with the erosion. The Town recently cut some trees down at the Town Hall that were dead and the Supervisor has also asked Alice to look at planting some red maple trees to replace them. The Town is also looking at planting some trees by the fence between the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the campsite.

The Supervisor asked Mr. Wilson about repairing sidewalks. He stated we have 20 miles of sidewalk in the Town and there are sections that need to be addressed. He feels we should concentrate on high volume areas. Councilman Salerno asked if we still budget for sidewalks and the Supervisor said no but is hoping if and when we get the Federal COVID stimulus money we can use some of that. Councilman Anderson asked if we would do the work ourselves and Mr. Wilson said yes. The only sections that would be an issue were the ones on Main Street where they are tied to any buildings.

The Supervisor also reported on the traffic circle. New York State DOT will take the lead on this regarding design. It will not look like it does now. It might be V shaped not round and much lower to the ground. The Supervisor stated we need to take out what is there now; it is a hazard. Councilman Anderson asked if the Board was deciding to take it out now. The Supervisor said yes, NYS DOT will take the lead but that space will still need to be designated somehow because the intersection is so big. Mr. Wilson stated we need to take it out and put dividers with reflectors up for now. Ann Tesar asked about the parking by the old Fashion Corner. The Supervisor stated those parking spots would be eliminated and we need to look at making the parking spots in front of the Lee House parallel parking. The Supervisor is hoping the process will be quicker if the Town comes up with a design and presents it to DOT.

82. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Brassard, the following resolution was

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard
	Nays	0
	Excused	Gilbo

**RESOLVED** to allow the Highway Superintendent to remove what is left of the existing traffic circle.

Councilman Anderson addressed the Summer Program. The School will begin construction this summer; he is waiting to hear from Bill Larrow if we will be able to use the school or not for the summer program. The Supervisor still wants to do the application with the Department of Health in case we can still have the program so we are ready; Councilman Anderson will follow up with this. The Supervisor is not sure what is going to happen with the food program this year; maybe do it at BOCES, they are willing to do it.

Councilman Brassard has contacted Essex Industries regarding picnic tables for the campsites. Councilman Brassard stated that Bill Cook did a lot of work over the winter and he is not currently being compensated for it. Councilman Brassard would like him to receive free electric at his campsite. The Supervisor stated this is a good idea.

83. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Brassard, seconded by Councilman Salerno, the following resolution was

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard
	Nays	0
	Excused	Gilbo

**RESOLVED** to amend Bulwagga Bay Campsite Manager contract; remove “The Managers will be responsible for electricity”; the Town will pay for electricity for Campground Managers site.

The Supervisor asked Council Brassard if he had heard back from Bill Tansey regarding the Cleaner Contract for the cabins at Bulwagga Bay Campsite. Councilman Brassard stated he is still waiting to hear back.

84. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Brassard, seconded by Councilman Salerno, the following resolution was

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard
	Nays	0
	Excused	Gilbo

**RESOLVED** authorization for Supervisor to sign Cleaner contract once we get it back from Bill Tansey, Town Attorney.

Councilman Salerno stated we should contact Avery Energy regarding the propane tanks for the cabins; they should be filled. He will follow up on this. Councilman Salerno asked when the power gets turned on and the Town Clerk stated Rich Lapier usually tells us when they are ready for it to be turned on. Councilman Salerno reported that a couple of the Building & Grounds trucks need some touching up; remove rust in spots. Ed Roberts stated the rust needs to be addressed; he thought one truck would be @ \$500 and the other would be @ \$200. Councilman Salerno would like to get some local quotes; the Supervisor stated we need 3 quotes. Jamie Wilson stated he also has a truck the campsite can have if they want it.

### **Supervisor’s Report:**

The Supervisor stated we are still waiting on the stimulus money, @ \$480,000; waiting to hear what we can spend it on.

The Supervisor speaks to Jim Besha weekly regarding the Hydro Project. They are in negotiations with NYS DEC; he is sure there will be further testing on the discharge water.

The Supervisor has been in negotiations with the State Police regarding a sub-station in the Town of Moriah. Talks are ongoing. The location would be at the Building & Grounds Shop and Building & Grounds would move to the old Village Shop. The Supervisor stated we need a strong police presence in the Town of Moriah.

The Supervisor addressed the drug problem in the Town of Moriah; he is sick of it. He has been on the phone continuously with the District Attorney and the State Police. He stated he and the Town Board are doing everything they can possibly do.

The Town received \$1,000 from Stewart’s from their Holiday Match program. This will get put towards the YCC program.

The Supervisor had a conference call with NYS Taxation and Finance and Paul Mazzotte, Assessor Chairman. Mr. Mazzotte has had a health issue and is in Burlington Hospital; hopefully he will be home tomorrow. House sales have gone through the roof. If a house is assessed for \$100,000 and sells for \$170,000 the equalization rate goes through the roof; impacts all exemptions.

There will be life guard training in May at Moriah Central School. For more information, please contact Holly Mitchell at 518-546-8255.

The Supervisor stated there was a pre-construction meeting for Phase II Port Henry water and sewer main replacement. Hopefully this project will start in May or June.

The Town Hall bids were opened; 2 bids were received. Way apart in price; one bidder was in budget, there is a resolution later on awarding the bid.

**Resolutions:**

85. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Brassard, the following resolution was

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard
	Nays	0
	Excused	Gilbo

**RESOLVED** to award low bid for Town Hall Project in the amount of \$215,448.00; CDBG Grant #758PF150-19; \$299,850.00 to A J Catalfamo Construction, Hudson Falls, NY.

Discussion: Councilman Salerno asked the Supervisor if he could do the plumbing on the Town Hall Project as a sub-contractor and the Supervisor said no!

86. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Brassard, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard
	Nays	0
	Excused	Gilbo

**RESOLVED** to approve contract with Chet and sandy Woods as Assistant Managers for Bulwagga Bay Campsite for 2021 Season; \$1,200.

Discussion: Also includes campsite. Councilman Brassard knows them and they will make great Assistants.

87. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Brassard, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard
	Nays	0
	Excused	Gilbo

**RESOLVED** to approve contract with Bill Cook as Manager for Bulwagga Bay Campsite for 2021 Season; \$17,510.00.

88. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Brassard, the following resolution was

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard
	Nays	0
	Excused	Gilbo

**RESOLVED** to approve contract with Tammy & Norman Wright as Managers for Champ RV Park for 2021; \$16,995.00.

Discussion: Includes campsite.

89. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Brassard, seconded by Councilman Salerno, the following resolution was

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard
	Nays	0
	Excused	Gilbo

**RESOLVED** to approve contract with Sharon Heath and Shannon Shipman as Assistant Managers for Champ RV Park 2021 Season; \$1,200.00.

90. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Brassard, the following resolution was

APPROVED Ayes Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard  
Nays 0  
Excused Gilbo

**RESOLVED** authorization for Supervisor to sign agreement with Essex County Department of Social Services for worksite sponsor agency.

Discussion: This is to work hours off.

91. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Brassard, seconded by Councilman Salerno, the following resolution was

APPROVED Ayes Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard  
Nays 0  
Excused Gilbo

**RESOLVED** to allow coin drops by “not for profits” on 9N & 22; Main Street by Stewarts and Glens Falls National Bank and appoint Rose French as coordinator.

92. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Brassard, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was

APPROVED Ayes Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard  
Nays 0  
Excused Gilbo

**RESOLVED** to renew contract with Elizabethtown Community Hospital; Physical Service Contract for 2021; Drug Screen: \$49.00; Alcohol: \$25.00; Pre-employment Physical: \$70.00; Hepatitis Shot Series: \$68.25.

93. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Brassard, the following resolution was

APPROVED Ayes Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard  
Nays 0  
Excused Gilbo

**RESOLVED** to hire as seasonal employees for campsites; 40 hours per week; \$15.00 per hour the following: Matthew Ball, Robert Clark and Zack Gonyea.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated interviews were conducted and these are the 3 people that were chosen.

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

APPROVED Ayes Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard  
Nays 0  
Excused Gilbo

**RESOLVED** to purchase a new tandem dump truck, plow and sander for Highway Department through state contract; to be paid for with Bond Anticipation Note.

95. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Brassard, the following resolution was

APPROVED Ayes Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard  
Nays 0  
Excused Gilbo

**RESOLVED** to go to bid for a **USED** dump truck for Water & Sewer Department.

Discussion: Jamie Wilson stated this will be a single axle dump truck. Councilman Brassard stated let’s see what comes in for bids.

96. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Brassard, seconded by Councilman Salerno, the following resolution was

APPROVED Ayes Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard  
Nays 0  
Excused Gilbo

**RESOLVED** approval to do transfers in budget as needed.

97. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Brassard, the following resolution was

APPROVED Ayes Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard  
Nays 0  
Excused Gilbo

**RESOLVED** approval to do adjustments in water and sewer as needed.

98. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Brassard, the following resolution was

APPROVED Ayes Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard  
Nays 0  
Excused Gilbo

**RESOLVED** approval of payment of End of Month and Monthly Warrants.

99. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Brassard, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was

APPROVED Ayes Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard  
Nays 0  
Excused Gilbo

**RESOLVED**

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
TOWN OF MORIAH  
COUNTY OF ESSEX  
STATE OF NEW YORK**

Notice is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of Moriah, Essex County, New York at a Regular Board Meeting thereof held on April 8, 2021, duly adopted, subject to **permissive referendum**, a Resolution as set forth below:

Resolution No. 99

April 8, 2021

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER/SALE OF PROPERTY  
LOCATED ON 33 TOM PHELPS LANE, MINNEVILLE, NEW YORK  
12956, BEARING TAX MAP NO. 96.2-4-7.000 COMPROMISING ±2.69  
ACRES TO HUDSON HEADWATER HEALTH NETWORK IN  
EXCHANGE FOR THE BUYER TO PAY ALL RECORDING AND  
CLOSING EXPENSES AND TO SUBSEQUENTLY CONTINUE USE  
THE BUILDING AS A HEALTH CENTER AND PROVIDE MEDICAL  
TREATMENT TO THE COMMUNITY FOR THE NEXT TEN (10) YEARS**

**Motioned by:** Councilman Brassard  
**Seconded by:** Councilman Anderson

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah hereby declares hereinabove Tax Map parcel No. 96.2-4-7.000, recorded in a deed recorded in the Essex County Clerk’s Office in Book 1523 of Deeds at page 91, and commonly known as 33 Tom Phelps Lane, Mineville, New York 12956 as surplus and is no longer of any use to the Town of Moriah and, as such, can be conveyed.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that it would save the Town of Moriah significant money to no longer pay for heat, power, electricity, snow and trash removal, exterior maintenance, landscaping, and interior janitorial and housekeeping services for 33 Tom Phelps Lane and it would be a benefit, both in terms of financial savings and access to medical treatment, for the taxpayers of the Town of Moriah to convey 33 Tom Phelps Lane to Hudson Headwaters Health Network.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Hudson Headwaters Health Network is a non-profit organization which provides medical treatment to the Town of Moriah local community and has been providing medical treatment to the Town of Moriah and surrounding community at the 33 Tom Phelps Lane location since 2004.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this Board authorizes the transfer and sale of 33 Tom Phelps Lane, Mineville, New York to Hudson Headwaters Health Network for no monetary consideration, but subject to the following conditions which will be the consideration for the transfer:

- That Hudson Headwaters Health Network will continue to provide local medical treatment to the Town of Moriah and surrounding community as the 33 Tom Phelps Lane location for ten (10) years from conveyance and if it should 1) close the health center at 33 Tom Phelps Lane within ten (10) years from the date of conveyance and not open a replacement health center in the Town of Moriah or 2) convey this property to a third party purchaser within ten (10) years from the date of conveyance and not open a replacement health center in the Town of Moriah, all right title and interest in and to the real property and to any improvements thereon, together with the immediate possession thereof, will revert to and revest in the Town of Moriah, as fully and completely as if this instrument had not been executed.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Supervisor is authorized to execute all contracts, deeds and other documents necessary to effectuate the sale/transfer.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah will publish this resolution through our official newspaper as required by Town Law.

**THIS RESOLUTION IS SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF TOWN LAW SECTION 91.**

Discussion: Public Hearing will be May 13, 2021 at 5:30pm before regular town board meeting at the K of C.

100. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Brassard, seconded by Councilman Salerno, the following resolution was

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard
	Nays	0
	Excused	Gilbo

**RESOLVED** authorization for Supervisor to sign the Health Officer Agreement with Hudson Headwaters Health Network for 2021 in the amount of \$775.00.

**Floor open to the public:**

Robert Stevenson asked for help from the Town Board and also the School Board; afraid to say why, the Supervisor told him to call the office or stop down and they can discuss what is going on.

Ed Roberts reminded everyone of the rabies clinic on April 14<sup>th</sup> at the Moriah Fire House from 6:00pm – 8:00pm.

The Supervisor stated COVID 19 vaccines will be available at the K of C on April 29<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am – 3:00pm. You can register with the health department. Councilman Brassard will put a link on the Town Facebook page. They will be taking walk-ins. If you need help registering, you can contact the Office of the Aging or call the Town Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 7:01pm.

**Abstract Distributions:**

**Claim Numbers:**

March 24, 2021

General	\$2,053.06
Highway	\$287.38
Water #1	\$226.26
Water #2	\$163.22
Water #3	\$232.15
Water #4	\$10.01
Sewer #1	\$280.25
Sewer #2	\$178.25

2021/413-436

March 26, 2021

General	\$484.90	2021/437-441
Water #1	\$8.07	
Water #2	\$5.48	
Water #4	\$0.86	
Sewer #1	\$33.17	
Sewer #2	\$38.94	

April 8, 2021

General	\$71,584.70	2021/443-588
Highway	\$30,300.46	
Water #1	\$5,545.30	
Water #2	\$3,448.00	
Water #3	\$7,208.38	
Water #4	\$181.32	
Sewer #1	\$11,955.30	
Sewer #2	\$5,928.37	

Capital Projects:

CDBG Town Hall Project	Press Republican	\$166.90	#4
	Fred Keil, Architect	\$2,823.00	#5

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Town Clerk