

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Town Board Meeting on Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 6:00pm at the Town of Moriah Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, NY.

Present:	Paul Salerno	Councilman
	Tom Anderson	Councilman
	James Curran	Councilman
Absent:	Matthew Brassard	Supervisor
	Nate Gilbo	Councilman

Others Present: Bill Trybendis, Paul & Nancy Tromblee, Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent, George Clark, Cecelia Wojciukiewicz, Ned Phinney and Rose French-Town Clerk

Deputy Supervisor Salerno opened the meeting at 6:00pm by saluting the flag. He stated the Supervisor is not here; he is on a cruise.

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Salerno, Anderson, Curran
	Nays	0
	Absent	Brassard, 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:

Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent reported they have started sweeping; Port Henry is done; will do Broad Street tomorrow. They assisted the campsite with site work for the new cabin. Breaking trucks down from winter getting ready to haul materials. Councilman Salerno asked Mr. Wilson if he knew anything about the project on North Main Street. Mr. Wilson stated New York State will be working from the bottom of Convent Hill to Bezon’s bait shop; they will be milling sidewalks. Mr. Wilson wanted to thank all volunteers who have been helping clean up the road sides; they have done a great job. Councilman Curran asked about the sidewalk on Mainstreet from the old shake shop to the liquor store; was it sealed or can it be sealed and Mr. Wilson stated it was supposed to be sealed when it was finished and never was. Mr. Wilson stated the sealer is a spray.

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Salerno, Anderson, Curran
	Nays	0
	Absent	Brassard, Gilbo

RESOLVED to hire Jessica McKiernan as Director, Christopher Thompson as Assistant Director and Cecelia Briggs as Activities Coordinator for the 2025 Summer Youth Program.

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Salerno, Anderson, Curran
	Nays	0
	Absent	Brassard, Gilbo

RESOLVED to advertise for Counselor’s for the 2025 Summer Youth Program; 4 week program; \$15.50 per/hr; 32.5 hrs per week; applications are due by May 12, 2025.

Councilman Curran reported he has been busy with the campsites.

Councilman Salerno read the police report: Assisted fire departments 3 times, assisted ambulance 5 times, issued ticket for dog running at large with ACO Roberts, handled 2 car accidents,

handled 3 check on welfare, handled 4 domestics, assisted state police 2 times, assisted Sheriff’s Dept. 4 times, handled 34 calls of service and issued 7 traffic tickets.

Councilman Salerno stated he does not have a codes report.

Councilman Salerno reported the campsites are going well. Next week Chet & Sandy Woods will be here; Bill Cook is at Champ RV Park. Deposits are supposed to be done by now. He stated there are some lake front seasonal sites open; a few people are not coming back. Councilman Curran asked if there was a waiting list on both campsites and Councilman Salerno said yes.

Councilman Salerno reported on the Water & Sewer Department; sewer issue on North Main Street; 3 or 4 water breaks.

Councilman Salerno reported the cabin at Bulwagga Bay Campsite is in. He thanked Jamie Wilson for all the help. He would like Councilman Curran and the Chamber to announce something about the cabin. Councilman Salerno stated the cabins at Bulwagga Bay brought in \$8,800 last year; he would like to get a couple cabins each year. Lake Champlain has 13-15 fishing tournaments each year; he feels the cabins would get rented. Councilman Salerno reported we allocated COVID money for the renovations of the beach house at Champ RV Park; however; the sill is gone and the structure is not up to code. We had an engineer look at it and he feels the \$100,000 is not going to cover what needs to be done. Councilman Salerno feels the \$100,000 we set aside for the beach house renovations should be put towards 2 new cabins.

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Salerno, Anderson, Curran
	Nays	0
	Absent	Brassard, Gilbo

RESOLVED to amend resolution #209 of 2024 and #214 of 2024 and put the whole \$100,000 that was allocated to renovate the beach house and purchase 2 cabins for Champ RV Park.

Discussion: Councilman Anderson asked what will happen to the beach house building now and Councilman Salerno stated for this year it will be used as the Manager’s office and also for Maintenance.

Resolutions:

93. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Curran, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was

APPROVED	Ayes	Salerno, Anderson, Curran
	Nays	0
	Absent	Brassard, Gilbo

RESOLVED to approve additional \$521.06 for Champ RV Park office supplies.

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Salerno, Anderson, Curran
	Nays	0
	Absent	Brassard, Gilbo

RESOLVED to have Atlantic Testing test for unknown mold substance in the Iron Center Museum; \$1,513.00.

Discussion: Historian Betty Lamoria brought to the Supervisor’s attention they had what she thought was some mold growing in one of the rooms; nobody will be allowed in the building until it is tested.

95. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Curran, the following resolution was

APPROVED	Ayes	Salerno, Anderson, Curran
	Nays	0
	Absent	Brassard, Gilbo

RESOLVED to approve hiring of Sergio Camacho as Part Time Transfer Station Attendant; 24 hrs per week; \$19.17 per hour.

Discussion: Mr. Camacho has already started, Brett Thompson retired.

96. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Curran, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was

APPROVED	Ayes	Salerno, Anderson, Curran
	Nays	0
	Absent	Brassard, Gilbo

RESOLVED to amend resolution #77 of 2025 to hire William Cook to be the 2025 Champ RV Park manager; Town will ***Contract*** with Bill Cook as Champ RV Park Manager and ***Contract*** with Chet & Sandy Woods as Bulwagga Bay Campsite Managers for the 2025 Season.

97. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Curran, the following resolution was

APPROVED	Ayes	Salerno, Anderson, Curran
	Nays	0
	Absent	Brassard, Gilbo

RESOLVED for Matt Carr to attend Activated Sludge Course at SUNY Morrisville the week of May 27, 2025; \$600.

98. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Curran, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was

APPROVED	Ayes	Salerno, Anderson, Curran
	Nays	0
	Absent	Brassard, Gilbo

RESOLVED to approve cell phone stipend for Colin Mangan-Property Maintenance-\$20.00 per month.

Discussion: Councilman Salerno stated this is the new code officer; he is part time; replaces Frank Slycord; saves Town money to give stipend instead of purchasing another phone.

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Salerno, Anderson, Curran
	Nays	0
	Absent	Brassard, Gilbo

RESOLVED to change May Board Meeting to Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 6pm at the Town of Moriah Court House; Supervisor and Deputy Supervisor will be at a training from May 14, 2025-May 16, 2025.

100. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Curran, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was

APPROVED	Ayes	Salerno, Anderson, Curran
	Nays	0
	Absent	Brassard, Gilbo

RESOLVED a resolution of congratulations to Cliff Woodard on is retirement from the Town of Moriah Highway Department after 9 years of service.

101. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Curran, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was

APPROVED	Ayes	Salerno, Anderson, Curran
	Nays	0
	Absent	Brassard, Gilbo

RESOLVED approval to do transfers in budget as needed.

102. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Curran, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was

APPROVED	Ayes	Salerno, Anderson, Curran
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Nays 0
Absent Brassard, Gilbo
RESOLVED to do adjustments in water and sewer as needed.

103. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Curran, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was

APPROVED Ayes Salerno, Anderson, Curran
Nays 0
Absent Brassard, Gilbo
RESOLVED approval to pay end of month and monthly warrants.

The Town Clerk asked Councilman Salerno if he wanted to approve the \$20,000 payment to the Town of Moriah Ambulance Squad.

104. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Curran, the following resolution was

APPROVED Ayes Salerno, Anderson, Curran
Nays 0
Absent Brassard, Gilbo
RESOLVED to amend Resolution #45 of 2025 authorizing to pay Town of Moriah Ambulance Squad \$62,500 in January and \$62,500 in May 2025.

Discussion: Councilman Anderson asked why we are paying them \$20,000 and Councilman Salerno stated the ambulance squad is in financial trouble; investigation is ongoing; they can't meet payroll. They are accepting bids on the trailer/property across the road. Nancy Tromblee asked what their budget is and Councilman Salerno stated he is unsure going forward. The Town is only able to ask for expenditures on the money we appropriate them. Paul Tromblee stated there needs to be a committee so the Town knows what is going on. Councilman Salerno stated they need volunteers. Councilman Curran would like to invite them to a Board meeting to explain. Councilman Salerno stated he thinks the \$62,500 will only buy them about 14 weeks. He also stated that if a district is formed that will be up to the taxpayer. Councilman Salerno stated Town Attorney Bill Tansey feels a district could be formed by August or September.

105. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Curran, the following resolution was

APPROVED Ayes Salerno, Anderson, Curran
Nays 0
Absent Brassard, Gilbo
RESOLVED to pay the Town of Moriah Ambulance Squad \$20,000 in April 2025 and the remaining \$42,500 in May 2025; the balance on their 2025 appropriation.

Floor Open to the Public:

Cecelia Wojciukiewicz asked how much the cabin was at Bulwagga Bay Campsite and Councilman Salerno stated \$25,000.

Paul Tromblee stated he is confident the Town Board is capable to run the EMS; he asked Councilman Salerno if there was any grant money out there to establish an ambulance district and Councilman Salerno stated there is no mandate on an ambulance squad.

Councilman Curran would like to see BOCES offer an EMT class.

The meeting adjourned at 6:39pm.

Abstract Distributions:

March 26, 2025

General	\$155.10
Highway	\$263.13
Water District #1	\$233.59
Water District #2	\$168.25
Water District #4	\$21.77

Claim Numbers:

2025/404-426

Sewer District #1 \$60.00

April 3, 2025 2025/487

General \$10,900.00

April 17, 2025 2025/409-573

General \$41,541.99

Highway \$15,357.94

Water District #1 \$5,226.37

Water District #2 \$3,726.27

Water District #3 \$3,249.89

Water District #4 \$235.32

Sewer District #1 \$5,293.90

Sewer District #2 \$2,967.16

Sewer District #1 Improvements J Hutchins \$56,433.80 #2

Beach House Renovations (COVID \$) JP Waste Mngt. \$959.26 #2

Skid Steer/Loader-Highway (COVID \$) Doosan Bob Cat \$39,805.00 #1

Excavator/Trailer-Water & Sewer Abele Tractor \$97,665.53 #1

Cabin-Bulwagga Bay (County COVID \$) Backyard Outfitters \$13,775.00 #1

Town Clerk