

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Town Board Meeting on Thursday, April 16, 2026 at 6:00pm at the Town of Moriah Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, NY.

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| Present: | Matthew Brassard | Supervisor             |
|          | Paul Salerno     | Councilman             |
|          | Tom Anderson     | Councilman             |
|          | Nate Gilbo       | Councilman             |
|          | James Curran     | Councilman             |
|          | Jamie Wilson     | Highway Superintendent |
|          | Rose French      | Town Clerk             |

Others Present: Bill Trybendis, Mark Lashway, George Clark, Ned Phinney, Cecelia Wojciukiewicz and Peter Gilbo

The Supervisor opened the meeting at 6:00pm by saluting the flag. He thanked everyone for coming.

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

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

**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:**

The Supervisor stated Tom Cowin, Chip Perry and Art Morgan have been excused.

Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent stated they have been sweeping; hoping to break down trucks soon-take the plows off; roads are still posted for weight. Councilman Salerno asked when the County will begin blacktopping and what roads are they doing; Mr. Wilson stated he has a tentative list but nothing is set in stone yet.

Councilman Salerno read the police report for March 2026. Issued 2 dog tickets; running at large and failed to license, assisted fire department 3 times, assisted ambulance 6 times, handled 2 car accidents, issued 5 traffic tickets, 28 calls of service. Councilman Salerno read a brief note from Officer Brassard: "I would like to say thank you to the residents of the Town of Moriah for giving me the opportunity to serve as a police officer for our town from 1996 until 2026. It definitely has been interesting but now its time to move on to a different chapter of my life. Wishing you all the best. Arthur Brassard".

Councilman Salerno reported on all the water breaks; affected @75 families. The boil water order has been lifted. We had a pressure reducer fail on Tarbell Hill. The valves were installed in the 1960's. Councilman Salerno stated the valves are \$4,000-\$6,000 each. A state of emergency was declared for Water District #1 and Water District #4. Councilman Anderson asked why and the Supervisor stated it was in case we couldn't get the valves fixed that night. Councilman Salerno stated Emergency Services helped out with bottled water. Once again, Councilman Salerno would encourage everyone to install pressure reducer valves; he wants to put an article in The Sun regarding the importance of having one. Councilman Anderson asked if the boil water order has been lifted and Councilman Salerno said yes. Councilman Salerno stated a state of emergency was declared in case Ross Valve couldn't get here to fix it. Councilman Salerno thanked Todd Hodgson from Essex County DPW for his help fixing the pressure reducer valve.

Councilman Salerno reported the campsite workers came back on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Opening day is May 1, 2026; you can bring your camper the weekend of April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Bill Cook is coming back

to Champ RV Park. The Cabins have been set. Hoping to have them ready for Memorial Day weekend. Looking in to adding small bathrooms to the cabins at Bulwagga Bay Campsite.

Councilman Salerno reminded everyone that Officer Brassard will be retiring. The Supervisor has asked both the State Police and the Sheriff's Department if they could have someone in Town everyday and they can't guarantee that. Councilman Salerno stated a 2-person force would cost \$300,000. The Supervisor stated we would have additional fees with body cams and fingerprinting equipment.

Councilman Curran stated the Chamber will have a town wide lawn sale on May 30, 2026; 9:00am-4:00pm; please call the Chamber if you want to get on the list. They have 70 members now. The Farmer's Market will start June 19, 2026-September 4, 2026, call the Chamber for a vendor application. Champ Day is August 1, 2026. If you have an event, please call the Chamber to be put on the website.

Councilman Anderson stated we need to advertise for Youth Commission Counselors for the Summer Program; have to be 16 years old; will accept applications until May 29, 2026. Camp Dudley pays more so we may have an issue getting kids to apply. The Supervisor wants to advertise for workers for the YCC program also, applications due May 29, 2026.

Councilman Gilbo asked if we have any more pressure reducer valves any where else that are that old and Councilman Salerno stated they are serviced every year. Councilman Salerno would like to think ahead and replace both this year and have a spare on hand and start replacing one a year. Councilman Salerno stated our infrastructure is old and water grants are scarce. Fire departments need to make sure hydrants are in working condition. Councilman Gilbo asked if we were going to buy new ones this year and the Supervisor said yes, he told Art to order them. Councilman Gilbo asked if the old ones could be rebuilt to use as a spare and Councilman Salerno stated they are looking in to it.

Councilman Gilbo stated he is working on the account information to get the cabins on Air B & B; will sign us up this week. Working with Cloud Splitter on the playground grant. He thanked Slic for the use of their bucket truck to hang the banners; Building & Grounds are hanging them now.

The Supervisor thanked everybody for all their help during the water break; Art Morgan, Dillon Orr, Joe Whalen, Jamie Wilson, Timothy Breeyear and Todd Hodgson. We were able to keep the school open with bottled water.

The Supervisor stated he and Councilman Curran will meet with folks from New York State regarding the NY Forward Grant and will do another walk around of potential projects in Port Henry; Councilman Anderson asked where the target area was and the Supervisor stated it was from the Town Hall on Main Street up to the liquor store, up Broad Street to College Street, down College Street to Church Street, across Church Street and back to Main Street. The Supervisor stated he asked NYS if they ever stretch the target area a little bit and they said yes.

The Supervisor stated he and Jamie Wilson had a meeting with "FEMA", they are still closed.

**Discussion/Supervisor's Report:**

Joan Daby asked the Supervisor if the Town would pay to have the large photos at the Iron Center replaced, they are getting very faded.

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

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

**RESOLVED** to pay for replacement pictures at the Iron Center for \$1,000 or less.

The Supervisor would like to do away with the Bulwagga Bay Campground website, paid for this year but will not renew next year. Both campsites will be on the free Town website that ROOST is creating for the Town.

Serkil wants to charge the Town \$250 additional per trash container because they stated the loads are too light. Jamie Wilson does not think it will happen. The County has asked for a letter stating that and they have not gotten one yet. Mr. Wilson stated the last 2 loads were right on the money.

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

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

**RESOLVED** to give the \$850 Stewart's Holiday Match to the Town of Moriah Food Pantry.

The Supervisor asked the Board if they wanted to advertise for a police officer and Councilman Curran stated he would like to advertise for 2, nobody should be out on patrol at night by themselves. Councilman Salerno suggested a PT Officer for over the summer.

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

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

**RESOLVED** to advertise for a FT/PT Police Officer, applications due May 29, 2026.

The Supervisor asked the Board if they wanted to go out to bid for engineering for the Dock Lane FEMA project. Jamie Wilson stated we only have a 4-year window on FEMA projects; FEMA is closed; not sure they would extend that window. Mr. Wilson stated regardless what we do we need an engineer study; we have had a lot of issues with the brook undermining the road. The Supervisor stated for the engineer study it would cost \$42,920. Councilman Gilbo supports it but he would like to take out a bond to pay for it and use the revenue from the cabins to pay for the bond. Councilman Salerno was in agreement with this.

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

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

**RESOLVED** to approve the Dock Lane Engineering Study in the amount of \$42,920.00; take out a bond to pay for it.

The Supervisor stated we need to discuss the wait list at the campgrounds for lakefront sites for residents. Councilman Salerno stated he feels a Town of Moriah taxpayer should get first dibs. Councilman Curran agrees. The Supervisor stated so if you are a current camper and a resident you would move to the top of the wait list. Councilman Gilbo stated he would have to abstain from this vote. The Supervisor stated what happens if 2 residents want the same site, does it go to who signed up first; and if you are already a lakefront camper you get first dibs at a lakefront.

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

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

**RESOLVED** 1) current camper on lake front and a resident; get first choice at lake front site, 2) resident not on a lake front gets first choice at lake front site, 3) not a current camper and a resident go to top of wait list.

Pete Gilbo asked when the work would begin on the point and the Supervisor stated the draft needs to be finalized then it can get shored up; the Supervisor stated we will go after the money now.

**Resolutions:**

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

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

**RESOLVED** to approve payment to Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the administration fee for Bulwagga Bay Shoreline Stabilization Plan; 9/1/2025-3/31/2026.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated we have a \$50,000 grant to pay for it. Councilman Gilbo asked if this was for the point at Bulwagga Bay Campsite and the Supervisor said yes.

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

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

**RESOLVED** to accept draft map, plan and report for the water districts consolidation and sewer districts consolidation from MJ Engineering.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated this was something the Board wanted done; once it is accepted it will be on file at the Town Clerk's Office for anyone who wants to see it. The Supervisor stated this should be a savings for everyone.

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

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

**RESOLVED** a resolution setting a public hearing pursuant to article 17-a of NYS general municipal law regarding the consolidation of water districts and sewer districts in the town of Moriah

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has determined that consolidation of the Water Districts 1,2, 3 and 4 and Sewer Districts 1 & 2 in the Town of Moriah is in the public interest pursuant to Article 17-A of the Town Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board finds that a Map, Plan, and Report has been prepared and will be filed in the Town Clerk's Office and is available for public inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, The Map, Plan and Report serves as the Consolidation Plan of Water Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4; and

**WHEREAS**, The Map, Plan and Report serves as the Consolidation Plan of Sewer Districts 1 & 2; and

**WHEREAS**, the annual cost for operating and maintaining the new Consolidated Districts will be placed upon the taxable parcels located within the Consolidated Water District and Consolidated Sewer Districts respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing upon the Water District Consolidation Plan and the Sewer District Consolidation Plan is required.

**NOW THEREFORE**, and upon due deliberation, it is hereby resolved as follows: That the Consolidation Plans are available for public inspection at the Town Clerk's Office.

That the Town of Moriah will conduct and hold a public hearing upon notice duly published and posted pursuant to Town Law concerning the consolidation of Water Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4; and Sewer Districts 1 & 2 in the Town of Moriah.

That the said hearing is to be held at the Knights of Columbus, 4253 Main Street, Port Henry, NY, Essex County, New York on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2026 at 5:00PM in the evening of said day when all person's present shall be heard.

That the Town Clerk of the Town of Moriah are hereby authorized and directed to cause a Copy of the Notice of Public Hearing herein after provided to be published once in The Sun, the official newspaper designated for this purpose, and also to cause a copy thereafter to be posted on the sign board of the Town, such publication and posting to be made not less than ten (10) nor more than twenty (20) days before the date designated for the hearing.

That the Supervisor, Town Clerk and other members of the Town Board of Moriah be and are hereby authorized and powered to take all acts necessary and proper to give effect to this Resolution.

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

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

**RESOLVED** to establish the following standard work days for elected Councilman Paul J. Salerno Jr. term of office 1/1/2024-12/31/2027; reporting 10.14 monthly and elected Councilman Thomas Anderson term of office 1/1/2024-12/31/2027; reporting 3.59 monthly and will report the officials to the New York State and Local Retirement based on their record of activities.

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

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

**RESOLVED** to fix Meachem Street FEMA bills from All States; remove from water & sewer 2025 budget \$29,751.76 and put on Highway 2025 budget.

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

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

**RESOLVED** to approve cleaner agreement for Bulwagga Bay Campsite; Colleen Barrett and Larry Traver; free campsite in lieu of payment.

Discussion: Councilman Salerno stated it is critical that the bathrooms are maintained all weekend long not just Saturday mornings. The Town Clerk will add to the agreement that they are to be checked throughout the day; Saturday and Sunday.

104. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Gilbo, the following resolution was

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

**RESOLVED** approved payment to Armory Associates LLC in the amount of \$2,450 for 2025 and 2026 Single Audit.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated this popped up because of the Police Station grant; it was a ding on adverse opinion-liability of retirees.

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

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

**RESOLVED** to approve purchase of a Bizhub copier for the Assessor's Office from Symquest in the amount of \$3,129.98.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated National Business Technologies was twice that.

106. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was
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| APPROVED | Ayes   | Brassard, Salerno, Anderson, Gilbo, Curran |
|          | Nays   | 0  |
|          | Absent | 0  |
- RESOLVED** to approve payment to Ehrlich (pest control) in the amount of \$3,261.83 for yearly service (Orkin \$2,604.00) 2 exterior sprays per year, barcode set up, scan, online portal; 3 tin cats, 8 bait stations, 5 RTU's, 5 bait stations at Transfer Station, corrective bee nests; includes Train Station also.
107. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Curran, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was
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| APPROVED | Ayes   | Brassard, Salerno, Anderson, Gilbo, Curran |
|          | Nays   | 0  |
|          | Absent | 0  |
- RESOLVED** approval to do adjustments in the budget as needed.
108. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Gilbo, the following resolution was
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| APPROVED | Ayes   | Brassard, Salerno, Anderson, Gilbo, Curran |
|          | Nays   | 0  |
|          | Absent | 0  |
- RESOLVED** approval to do adjustments in water and sewer as needed.
109. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Gilbo, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was
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| APPROVED | Ayes   | Brassard, Salerno, Anderson, Gilbo, Curran |
|          | Nays   | 0  |
|          | Absent | 0  |
- RESOLVED** approval to pay end of month and monthly warrants.
110. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Curran, seconded by Councilman Salerno, the following resolution was
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|----------|--------|--|
| APPROVED | Ayes   | Brassard, Salerno, Anderson, Gilbo, Curran |
|          | Nays   | 0  |
|          | Absent | 0  |
- RESOLVED** to approve cleaner agreement for Champ RV Park; Charlie Nedeau; free campsite in lieu of payment; refund \$1,400 already paid for site.

The Supervisor asked the Board which campsite they want the beach at this summer; we have 3 lifeguards. The Supervisor stated Port Henry Beach has a larger swimming area; Councilman Gilbo stated a smaller area is easier for the lifeguards though. No Resolution was moved; TABLED until next month.

111. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Curran, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was
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|----------|--------|--|
| APPROVED | Ayes   | Brassard, Salerno, Anderson, Gilbo, Curran |
|          | Nays   | 0  |
|          | Absent | 0  |
- RESOLVED** approval for Rich Lapier to work 40 hours at the campsites until May 1, 2026.
112. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Curran, the following resolution was
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|----------|--------|--|
| APPROVED | Ayes   | Brassard, Salerno, Anderson, Gilbo, Curran |
|          | Nays   | 0  |
|          | Absent | 0  |
- RESOLVED** to pay Beebe's \$2,100.00 for 6 picnic tables.
113. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was
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| APPROVED | Ayes | Brassard, Salerno, Anderson, Gilbo, Curran |
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Nays 0  
Absent 0

**RESOLVED** to pay Itchy's Auto Repair LLC \$979.92 for repair of back brakes on water and sewer truck.

Discussion: Jamie Wilson stated we already had the brakes and the Water & Sewer Department could not afford to be down a truck right now with all the water breaks; he thanked Itchy for getting it done so quickly.

The Board went in to Executive Session at 7:15pm with Captain Josh Gijanto from the Town of Moriah Ambulance Squad to discuss a personnel issue.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:27pm; no action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 7:28pm.

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Town Clerk

**Abstract Distributions:**

**Claim Numbers:**

March 26, 2026

|          |            |
|----------|------------|
| General  | \$2,549.71 |
| Highway  | \$821.08   |
| Water #1 | \$33.60    |
| Water #2 | \$22.79    |
| Water #4 | \$3.60     |
| Sewer #1 | \$157.02   |

2026/428-440

April 16, 2026

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| General           | \$44,614.54 |
| Highway           | \$52,058.46 |
| Water District #1 | \$9,281.47  |
| Water District #2 | \$6,476.60  |
| Water District #3 | \$7,755.65  |
| Water District #4 | \$490.46    |
| Sewer District #1 | \$15,298.73 |
| Sewer District #2 | \$7,341.03  |

2026/441-587