

The Town of Moriah Town Board held a 2018 Budget Workshop on Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 6:00pm at the Town of Moriah Town Hall, 38 Park Place, Port Henry, New York.

**Present:** Thomas Scozzafava Supervisor  
Paul Salerno Councilman  
Lucille Carpenter Councilwoman  
Thomas Anderson Councilman

**Absent:** Timothy Garrison Councilman

**Others Present:** Rebecca Gilbo-Senior Account Clerk and Rose French-Town Clerk.

Supervisor Scozzafava opened the workshop at 6:00pm by saluting the flag.

The Supervisor reported that we still do not know what the tax cap is; we are still waiting on the Comptroller's. He doesn't feel that there will be an issue meeting it. Councilman Salerno asked if our taxes will be going up. The Supervisor stated that water & sewer and the general fund are good, waiting on the comptroller for the Highway and Fire Districts. Ms. Gilbo stated she can't get an end result without the tax cap. The Supervisor stated he and Ms. Gilbo have been on the phone with the Comptroller's.

Salaries:

Richard Lapier-Code Enforcement Officer will be going from \$15,000 to \$10,000 and Frank Slycord-Code Enforcement Officer will be going from \$5,000 to \$10,000, they will be splitting the pay due to the fact that they are sharing the position. Mr. Lapier does Building Codes and Mr. Slycord does Property maintenance.

There is a 3% raise in the budget for the Supervisor, Highway Superintendent and the Town Clerk, not for the Town Board, Justices or the Assessors. Councilman Anderson stated the Town Board was not going to get an increase again this year. Councilman Salerno stated the Assessor's got a significant raise a few years ago. Councilman Anderson asked if the Justices were getting an increase. The Board was in agreement the Assessor's should not receive the 3% increase this year. The Board was in agreement that the Town Board should get a 3% increase this year. The Board was in agreement that the Justices should not receive the 3% increase this year.

The Supervisor asked if the Board was in agreement with the Town Clerk receiving the 3% increase this year and they were all in agreement.

The Supervisor asked if the Board was in agreement with the Supervisor receiving the 3% increase this year. Councilman Salerno feels the money the Supervisor receives to be the Budget Officer should go to Rebecca Gilbo. The Supervisor stated that by law because he is the Supervisor, he is automatically the Budget Officer. Councilman Salerno stated he feels the Supervisor should be raised to \$36,000 per year, the Board was in agreement.

The Supervisor would like to raise Rebecca Gilbo's annual salary to \$56,000, which includes the Budget Officer salary, the Board was in agreement with this increase.

The Supervisor stated Denise Daly will stay at 30 hours a week. If she takes and passes the Account Clerk Exam she will get a promotion and will make \$15.56 per hour. The Board was in agreement with this.

The Supervisor stated the Julie Ida will remain Clerk and will receive the 3% increase, bringing her to \$13.13 per hour.

During union negotiations, Steve Stahl stated he would work a 40 hour week with no overtime for \$55,000 a year. The Board was in agreement with this if there was adequate coverage. The Supervisor will meet with Steve Stahl to get the wording of the contract correct. Councilman Salerno would like to see the Court utilize the Sheriff's Department on Court Days instead of Officer Brassard. The Supervisor stated that Officer Brassard is in the budget to receive HEO pay, \$19.88/hr and \$20.58/hr with the shift differential, the Board was in agreement with this.

During union negotiations it was decided to drop the Teamsters and stay with the current health insurance, the Town will pick up the employee \$2,600 deductible.

The Supervisor stated that Leigh Dunning receives a stipend for being a mechanic; he will not be getting the 3% increase.

He also stated that the Deputy Supervisor will not be receiving the 3% increase.

The Supervisor would like to bring Pete Town to \$21.19/hr due to the fact that he has 2 licenses, one for water and one for wastewater. The Board was in agreement with this.

The Supervisor stated that John Hickey from Building & Grounds has a CDL and he would like to receive CDL pay. He was offered a job in the Highway Department and turned it down. The Supervisor does not feel he should be getting CDL pay unless he is driving a truck/plowing. The Board was in agreement with this.

The Supervisor stated that Ed Roberts-Building & Grounds Superintendent is in the budget for a 5% increase. He has taken on more responsibility with the dissolution of the Village and he has done a good job. The Board was in agreement with this.

Councilman Anderson asked why the orange cone has been on the front steps of the Town Hall for months and the Supervisor stated it needs to be fixed.

The Supervisor stated there is a 3% increase for the Highway employees. The Town will be taking out a BAN for a truck in November in the amount of \$224,000.00. The Town may be able to reduce that amount once we know what the tax cap is.

The Supervisor stated that the water districts look good. The first billing was a nightmare. To simplify things, Water District 1, Water District 2, Water District 3 and Water District 4 will all be charged \$290.00 a year for usage. He explained that Water District 1, Water District 2 and Water District 4 will see their debt fee in their Town & County Taxes, but Water District 3 will be billed for debt service on their water and sewer bill because they are a benefit district. Sewer District 1 and Sewer District 2 will both be charged \$420.00 a year for Sewer; \$236.00 for usage and \$184.00 for debt.

The Supervisor explained that the Wastewater Treatment Plant needs a pump replaced and that will cost roughly \$20,000 and they also need a new pickup. There are funds leftover in the Joint Sewer Account with the Village and once we know what the tax cap is, hopefully we will be able to use that money to pay for these 2 items.

Councilman Salerno stated he did not want the 3% increase if the Assessors and the Justices were not going to get one and the rest of the Board was in agreement with this. No 3% increase for the Town Board.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

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Town Clerk