

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Town Board Meeting on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 6:00pm at the Town of Moriah Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, New York.

**Present:** Thomas Scozzafava Supervisor  
Tom Anderson Councilman  
Matt Brassard Councilman

**Absent:** Paul Salerno Councilman  
Luci Carpenter Councilwoman

**Others Present:** Bill Trybendis, Sharon O'Connor, Diana Stevenson, Ann Tesar, and Rose French-Town Clerk.

Supervisor Scozzafava called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Anderson, Brassard
	Nays	0
	Absent	Salerno, Carpenter

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

**Bid Opening:**

The Supervisor read the legal notice of bid for Sodium Hypochlorite Solution. Two (2) bids were received:

Surpass Chemical Company: \$1.28/gal-delivered

Slack Chemical Company: \$1.398/gal-delivered

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Anderson, Brassard
	Nays	0
	Absent	Salerno, Carpenter

**RESOLVED** to accept Surpass Chemical Company bid for Sodium Hypochlorite Solution for \$1.28/gal delivered for 2020.

The Supervisor went right in to Resolutions because Councilman Brassard has to leave early.

**Resolutions:**

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Anderson, Brassard
	Nays	0
	Absent	Salerno, Carpenter

**RESOLVED** to audit the Justice Books and Town Clerk/Tax Collector Books at the End of the Year meeting on December 27, 2019 at 10:00am.

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Anderson, Brassard
	Nays	0
	Absent	Salerno, Carpenter

**RESOLVED** to renew contract with Elizabethtown Community Hospital for post-accident urine drug screen testing for employees for 2020.

**208. ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Brassard, the following resolution was  
APPROVED Ayes Scozzafava, Anderson, Brassard  
Nays 0  
Absent Salerno, Carpenter  
**RESOLVED** to pay the Association of Towns \$1,199.00 for 2020 membership dues.

**209. ON MOTION** by Councilman Brassard, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was  
APPROVED Ayes Scozzafava, Anderson, Brassard  
Nays 0  
Absent Salerno, Carpenter  
**RESOLVED** to set date for End of Year meeting for Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at the Town Hall.

**210. ON MOTION** by Councilman Brassard, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was  
APPROVED Ayes Scozzafava, Anderson, Brassard  
Nays 0  
Absent Salerno, Carpenter  
**RESOLVED** to set date for the Organizational meeting for Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00am at the Town Hall.

**211. ON MOTION** by Councilman Brassard, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was  
APPROVED Ayes Scozzafava, Anderson, Brassard  
Nays 0  
Absent Salerno, Carpenter  
**RESOLVED** to set date for Public Hearing on Lamos Lane Performance Hearing on December 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 at the Town Hall prior to the End of Year meeting.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated we had our Performance review on the Lamos Lane project and we did well; we have to have a Performance Hearing after we have spent 65% of the money, this is new.

**212. ON MOTION** by Councilman Brassard, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was  
APPROVED Ayes Scozzafava, Anderson, Brassard  
Nays 0  
Absent Salerno, Carpenter  
**RESOLVED** to go to bid for Tarbell Hill Pump Station. Bid opening February 11, 2020 at 10:00am at the Town Hall.

Discussion: Bid opening only.

**213. ON MOTION** by Councilman Brassard, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was  
APPROVED Ayes Scozzafava, Anderson, Brassard  
Nays 0  
Absent Salerno, Carpenter  
**RESOLVED** to go to bid for the CDBG project in Port Henry;

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Moriah is accepting sealed bids until 10:00 am on January 22, 2020, for the Water and Sewer Upgrades project in accordance with the bid package available at the Town Clerk's Office in the Town of Moriah; and

**WHEREAS**, the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud on or about 10:00 am on January 22, 2020;

**NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that that the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to solicit bids for the Water and Sewer Upgrades project, to be received by 10:00 am on January 22, 2020, publicly opened, and read aloud immediately thereafter.

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Anderson, Brassard
	Nays	0
	Absent	Salerno, Carpenter

**RESOLVED** to request polling places go back to where they used to be: District #1 and District #4-K of C in Port Henry; District #2-Moriah Fire House; and District #3-Mineville/Witherbee Fire House.

Discussion: Councilman Anderson asked if this was a request only and the Supervisor said yes, the Board of Elections makes the final decision.

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Anderson, Brassard
	Nays	0
	Absent	Salerno, Carpenter

**RESOLVED** to renew contract with North Country SPCA in the amount of \$6,500.00 for 2020.

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Anderson, Brassard
	Nays	0
	Absent	Salerno, Carpenter

**RESOLVED** to accept proposal from Willy Grant for sign at new Assessor's Office/Code Enforcement at old Village Hall; amount \$230.00.

Discussion: The Assessors are now at the old Village Hall; they will have regular office hours.

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Anderson, Brassard
	Nays	0
	Absent	Salerno, Carpenter

**RESOLVED** approval for Court Clerk Kim Kolodzey to attend training in Albany on January 9, 2020; one night at a cost of \$115.00.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated this is mandatory training.

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Anderson, Brassard
	Nays	0
	Absent	Salerno, Carpenter

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

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Anderson, Brassard
	Nays	0
	Absent	Salerno, Carpenter

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

**Department Head Reports:**

N/A

**Town Board Report's:**

Councilman Brassard asked if the letters that went out to a few campers regarding money owed was for electric and the Supervisor said yes.

Councilman Anderson read the Police Report:

Handled 131 calls for service. 4 Violations-1 permitting a dog to run at large, 2-harassment 2<sup>nd</sup> degree and 1-failute to control a dog. 4 Misdemeanors-1-aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle 3<sup>rd</sup> degree and 3-bad checks. 0 Felonies. Issued 16 traffic tickets. Handled 7 traffic accidents. Conducted 9 pistol permit background investigation. Conducted 8 background investigations for employment purposes.

**Floor open to public:**

Sharon O'Connor read the Waterfront Committee Report (see attached).

The Supervisor stated he would like to advertise to "lease" the space at the beach house at Champ RV Park. Councilman Anderson stated we could see what kind of interest we get. Councilman Brassard suggested the Waterfront Committee do a Facebook page; he feels this would be a good way to advertise. The Supervisor suggested Ms. O'Connor talk to Councilwoman Carpenter about it, she does the town Facebook page. Councilman Brassard asked what the \$125.00 charge per month for the website was for and Ms. O'Connor stated it is to keep it up and running; fix any bugs or make any changes. The Supervisor stated he will need to check with the comptroller about taking payments through the website.

**Supervisor's Report:**

The Supervisor read a list of repairs that Amtrak is doing to the Train Station. He is still talking to CP Rail about the roof on the Train Station. Councilman Anderson the Supervisor if he has had a response from them and the Supervisor said yes. Councilman Brassard stated that CP Rail is being difficult.

The Supervisor stated during the Organizational meeting he will appoint two (2) Councilman to a Junk Property Maintenance Committee. They will be Councilman Anderson and Councilman Brassard.

The Supervisor received a letter from the Office of Real Property Tax Services. All communication will be electronic beginning January 1, 2020. The Supervisor stated that the Assessors are now at the Village Hall and they will have scheduled hours.

The Supervisor stated that the Town wide clean-up day cost the Town @ \$2,700.00.

The Supervisor stated that he is looking into changing the street lighting over to LED. Councilman Anderson stated he thought we had already decided to do this. The Supervisor stated that the Town will have to pay for it up front and then get reimbursed. Wattage and which street lights to do first needs to be decided. He thought doing a hamlet at a time would be a good idea. Discussion to switch over all town building lighting to LED was also discussed. The cost to the Town would be @ \$9,060.00. The Supervisor stated we can do the work ourselves. The School did their own.

The Supervisor received a letter from the Westport Fair looking for a \$1,000 contribution. Supervisor Scozzafava, Councilman Brassard and Councilman Anderson were against this.

Councilman Brassard asked about Stewarts. The Supervisor stated they are removing the asbestos. Councilman Brassard asked if people could buy any of the shelving, etc. and the Supervisor said no. The Town Clerk asked if they would be hiring more employees because the new store will be bigger and the Supervisor stated he is not sure. This will be their first store that will have groceries.

**Floor open to the public:**

Sharon O'Connor asked about Christmas lights in Minville like there are in Port Henry. The Supervisor stated that Port Henry has had them forever. He said the Town can't afford to do all the hamlets.

Merry Christmas!

The meeting adjourned at 6:26pm.

**Abstract Distributions:**

**Claim Numbers:**

November 25, 2019

General	\$2,329.44
Highway	\$3,172.75
Water #1	\$355.71
Water #2	\$257.00
Water #3	\$135.52
Water #4	\$32.95
Sewer #1	\$99.04
Sewer #2	\$93.74

2019/1772-1789

December 2, 2019

General	\$1,187.50
Highway	\$2,500.00
Water #1	\$210.00
Water #2	\$142.50
Water #3	\$375.00
Water #4	\$22.50
Sewer #1	\$618.75
Sewer #2	\$131.25

2019/1790-1810

December 12, 2019

General	\$48,493.02
Highway	\$45,674.10
Water #1	\$4,677.82
Water #2	\$3,954.26
Water #3	\$3,123.24
Water #4	\$236.12
Sewer #1	\$5,580.97
Sewer #2	\$3,462.79

**Capital Projects:**

Shoreline Stabilization	Press Republican	#2	\$52.94
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Town Clerk