

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Town Board Meeting on Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 6:00pm at the Town of Moriah Court House 42 Park Place, Port Henry, NY.

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

Others Present: Bill Trybendis and Rose French-Town Clerk

Supervisor Scozzafava called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. The Supervisor stated that social distancing is in effect, you can remove your masks. He stated all town board meetings will be remote until further notice. We have had a couple of positive COVID cases here in Moriah.

ON MOTION by Councilman Brassard, seconded by Councilman Gilbo, the following resolution was

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

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

Bid Opening: Sodium Hypochlorite Solution

The Supervisor read the legal notice of bid. Three (3) bids were received. Chip Perry would like to review the bids before it is awarded.

Norwood Properties LLC \$5.95 per gallon delivered/\$50.00 refundable tank deposit

Surpass Chemical Co. Inc. \$1.42 per gallon delivered

Slack Chemical Co. Inc. \$1.239 per gallon delivered

Floor open to the public:

N/A

Department Head/Town Board Reports:

Councilman Salerno reported on the modine heaters at the Highway Garage. There are 6 and 2 of them have been red tagged. He got proposals to replace existing heaters. He stated that LP gas modine heaters would be three times less expensive. He asked the Supervisor if we could replace them ASAP under an emergency situation. The Supervisor stated that the Board approved to replace two heaters several months ago. Councilman Salerno asked if we needed to get quotes for fuel oil and LP gas heaters and the Supervisor stated we needed to get 3 quotes and give them to the Town Clerk. Councilman Salerno stated that LP gas is cheaper. The Supervisor stated he is confident in Councilman Salerno's decision. Councilman Salerno stated that Avery Energy would be the supplier. The Supervisor told Councilman Salerno to get 3 quotes, buy them and put them in. Councilman Salerno will volunteer his time along with help from the Highway crew and Ed Roberts.

Councilman Brassard read a letter from the Moriah Chamber of Commerce (please see attached). The Supervisor stated he spoke to Cathy Sprague and Lohrer McKinstry regarding the \$20,000 bed tax; the Chamber felt it should be theirs. Members stated that other town chambers received the money. The Supervisor stated he can't find one town where the chamber received the money. He stated the money is for upgrades in infrastructure for tourism. The Town will use it for a website for the campgrounds. He also stated that the town gives the Chamber of Commerce \$10,500 annually. He stated we need the money for the campgrounds. Councilman Salerno agreed with the Supervisor; he stated that before COVID the Waterfront Committee was moving

forward with a website with ROOST. Councilman Salerno stated we need the website for the campsites. The Supervisor stated we were \$35,000 short in campsite revenues this year due to COVID; even with the \$20,000 bed tax we will still be short \$15,000. The Supervisor will meet with Lohrer McKinstry at a later date. Councilman Brassard agrees. Councilman Anderson is in agreement also. Councilman Anderson asked how many towns we checked with and the Supervisor stated around 14 and most are using it for what we are. Councilman Anderson asked what the cost of the website is; did we shop around? Councilman Gilbo stated they aren't too substantial. There is usually a monthly fee for upkeep; there will have to be somebody in house to maintain it. Councilman Salerno asked if there was one website that was better than the other. The Supervisor asked the town board if they were all in agreement with using the bed tax for a website for the campsites and everybody was in agreement with this.

Councilman Gilbo is working on the community solar program; waiting on approval. Will be put on Facebook page and town website. The Supervisor stated that this could save the community money. Councilman Gilbo stated there is a \$200 state incentive for signing up. Councilman Anderson asked if the 10% was just for signing up and Councilman Gilbo said yes. He also stated that you can switch back at any time.

Councilman Anderson stated he did not have the police report. He stated that the police reform committee will be made up of different graphics; it is due by April; he and Councilman Brassard will begin work on it. The Supervisor stated that if there is not a plan in place regarding the Police Department by April all state funding will be cut. He also stated that Steve Stahl will be retiring in April. Councilman Anderson stated they will have something for the next meeting.

Bill Trybendis stated there was a Facebook live question; was Rich Lapier in attendance and the Supervisor said no.

The Supervisor asked Councilman Anderson if the plan will be ready early next year and Councilman Anderson stated yes.

Rich Lapier-Building Codes: Report provided; issued 2 building permits for the month of November 2020. Has one subdivision application for Beth Belotto; 51 Harry Allen Road; 2 lot subdivision; APA permit is not required; he recommends approval.

Supervisor's Report:

The Supervisor reported on the Hydro Project. The NYS Governor's Office wants this project. Councilman Brassard asked if everything federal was complete and the Supervisor said yes.

The Supervisor stated that he emailed the Town Hall project plans to everyone. The Town Hall will get a ramp, foyer and a handicap bathroom. Once SHPO approves we will go out to bid hopefully sometime in January.

The Supervisor received instructions from the County on conducting meetings during COVID; we are in the middle of a pandemic that is why we are meeting like this.

The Supervisor received an estimate on repairing the traffic circle again. It is for \$5,507.00.

Bill Trybendis stated there was a Facebook live question; is there a subdivision on the agenda and the Supervisor said yes.

The Supervisor stated that Hudson Headwaters Health Network has accepted the Town's proposal regarding transferring the health center to them; they will get all the legal paperwork on their end.

The Supervisor heard back from Bill Tansey regarding the building that the Port Henry Fire Department is in. He was late getting back in touch with us because he had COVID. We will have a public hearing and start the process in January.

Councilman Salerno asked if the repair of the traffic circle should go out to bid. The Supervisor stated there should be some type of roundabout there. Councilman Salerno stated the one in Ticonderoga is about a foot off the ground. We will wait and see what the State and County want to do there.

The Supervisor would like to thank Andrea Anesi for all her work on acquiring the Legends & Lore sign on “Champ” to be placed at Bulwagga Bay Campsite.

The Governor’s Office appointed Rory Lanceman to take care of the internet and cable; Spectrum, Charter and any other provider.

The 2021 Annual Meeting & Training School will be virtual this year.

The Town of Moriah has to have a plan in place for a pandemic. We will piggyback off the County Plan. This has to be done by February 4, 2021. NYS has threatened to withhold state money if it is not done.

The Town of Moriah had a positive COVID case at the Highway Garage. The Supervisor has been in contact with Jamie Wilson. He will be out of isolation next Wednesday. Monday he had the rapid test and it was positive; have one employee in quarantine. The Supervisor stated he cannot make anyone quarantine; it has to come from Public Health. It is imperative that you keep social distancing and wear a mask.

Mountain Lake Services might be purchasing the old Stewart’s building. Some residents have been complaining about this; asking why the Town can’t stop it. The Supervisor stated the Town can’t stop it. He stated since 1986 Mountain Lake Services has paid a pilot agreement and it equals what the taxes would have been. The Supervisor stated that Mountain Lake Services has been very good to our community. Councilman Anderson stated that Mountain Lake Services has been great for the community.

The Supervisor also wanted to mention that the Town has paid for \$600 worth of the flowers for the Chamber to plant around town.

Resolutions:

218. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Brassard, the following resolution was
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| APPROVED | Ayes | Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard, Gilbo |
| | Nays | 0 |
| | Absent | 0 |

RESOLVED to accept bid for Sodium Hypochlorite Solution for 2021 after review by Carl Perry, Water & Wastewater Plant Operator.

219. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Brassard, the following resolution was
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| APPROVED | Ayes | Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard, Gilbo |
| | Nays | 0 |
| | Absent | 0 |

RESOLVED to set date for End of Year Meeting for Wednesday, December 30, 2020 at 10:00am at the Town of Moriah Court House.

220. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Brassard, seconded by Councilman Gilbo, the following resolution was
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| APPROVED | Ayes | Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard, Gilbo |
| | Nays | 0 |
| | Absent | 0 |

RESOLVED to set date for Organizational Meeting for Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 10:00am at the Town of Moriah Court House.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated that during COVID Councilman Gilbo may be able to attend meetings remotely.

221. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Brassard, seconded by Councilman Salerno, the following resolution was
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| APPROVED | Ayes | Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard, Gilbo |
| | Nays | 0 |

Absent 0

RESOLVED to audit Justice Books and Town Clerk/Tax Collector Books at the End of the Year Meeting on December 30, 2020.

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

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

RESOLVED to pay the Association of Towns \$1,200 for 2021 membership dues.

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

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

RESOLVED authorization to request RFP's for Engineering; cleaning the "reject reservoir" at Port Henry Water Filtration Plant, Water District #3.

224. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Brassard, seconded by Councilman Gilbo, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED authorization to go to bid for new generator (replacement) for Broad Street Pump Station; 30kw; Water District #3.

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

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

RESOLVED to renew agreement with SPCA for 2021 for \$6,500.

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

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

RESOLVED authorization for Supervisor to pay Cedarwood Engineering Services \$2,875 for Phase 2 water and sewer project (CDBG grant).

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

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

RESOLVED approval for architect to send plans to NYS Historic Preservation for review.

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

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

RESOLVED authorization for Supervisor to pay Fred Keil architect \$4,000 for Town Hall Project (CDBG grant).

229. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Brassard, seconded by Councilman Gilbo, the following resolution was

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

Absent 0

RESOLVED to set date for Public Hearing for Town Hall Project for January 6, 2021 at 9:45am prior to Organizational Meeting at the Town of Moriah Court House.

230. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Brassard, seconded by Councilman Gilbo, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED to approve subdivision for Beth Belotto; 51 Harry Allen Road.

Discussion: All paperwork was submitted to Rich Lapier; it is not APA jurisdictional.

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

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

RESOLVED approval to do transfers in budget as needed.

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

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

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

233. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Brassard, seconded by Councilman Gilbo, the following resolution was

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

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

Floor open to the public:

N/A

The Supervisor stated that if the public can't come in the Town Hall we are looking at putting a sliding window on the side of the building with a platform for people to pay their taxes.

The meeting adjourned at 6:49pm.

Abstract Distributions:

Claim Numbers:

November 17, 2020

Highway \$40,000.00 2020/1647

November 25, 2020

General \$1,028.90 2020/1637-1653
Highway \$499.29
Water #1 \$59.17
Water #2 \$41.58
Water #3 \$127.01
Water #4 \$5.86
Sewer #1 \$62.96
Sewer #2 \$90.48

December 1, 2020

General	\$1,250.00	2020/1654-1674
Highway	\$2,000.00	
Water #1	\$210.00	
Water #2	\$142.50	
Water #3	\$375.00	
Water #4	\$22.50	
Sewer #1	\$618.75	
Sewer #2	\$131.25	

December 10, 2020

General	\$46,220.54	2020/1675-1797
Highway	\$4,315.38	
Water #1	\$1,947.95	
Water #2	\$1,371.64	
Water #3	\$2,305.82	
Water #4	\$100.95	
Sewer #1	\$22,596.89	
Sewer #2	\$11,972.54	

Capital Projects:

CDBG 1 st & 2 nd Street W & S Main Replacement	Cedarwood Engineering	\$2,875 #2
Town Hall Project	Fred Keil, Architect	\$4,000 #3

Town Clerk