

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Town Board Meeting on Thursday, December 9, 2021 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
Nathan Gilbo Councilman

Others Present: Bill Trybendis, Tom Cowin, Ann Tesar, Lohrer McKinstry and Rose French-Town Clerk

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

APPROVED Ayes Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard, Gilbo
Nays 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. Two bids were received; Surpass Chemical Company and Slack Chemical Company.

Surpass: \$1.96 per gallon delivered Slack: 1.843 per gallon delivered

Special Guest: Lohrer McKinstry, Town of Moriah Chamber of Commerce

The Supervisor introduced Lohrer McKinstry, Town of Moriah Chamber of Commerce President. The Supervisor stated he copied the Board with the Chamber's Annual Report. Mr. McKinstry stated he has been the Chamber President for 2 years. They have a new coordinator; Alex Wojewodzcic; from Moriah. She is working out well; getting out there and meeting people, etc. Cathy Sprague retired to spend more time with her husband who is in ill health. Mr. McKinstry stated it was a good year for the Chamber. The Memory Tree ceremony was cancelled for this year due to COVID. Champ Day was a success; Andrea Anesi took it over. Labor Day went well. Mr. McKinstry thanked the Town for their continued financial support. Councilman Brassard stated the Chamber does a great job. The Supervisor stated that he appreciates all that the Chamber does.

Floor Open to the Public:

N/A

Department Head/Town Board Reports:

The Supervisor stated that Art Morgan has been excused, he thought Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent would be here tonight but he is not.

Tom Cowin-Building & Grounds Superintendent thanked Ned Phinney for the Christmas trees and he also thanked Jake and Nancy Tromblee for the hay for the manger. He stated he is still getting acclimated as the season changes.

Councilman Salerno told everyone Merry Christmas. He wanted to thank all workers and staff. He congratulated the Supervisor on his reelection and he looks forward to working with him the next 2 years.

211. ON MOTION by Councilman Brassard, unanimous second, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED to do a letter of accomplishment to Moriah Central School Varsity Football Team on a great year.

Councilman Brassard would like to start advertising for seasonal campsite laborers in January 2022. He also stated that the Transfer Station is running well. He stated there was an issue with the container being full. The Supervisor stated Serkil picks it up; we need to keep a better eye on it when it is starting to get full. We are set up for 2 containers; we have another base; we should think about getting another one. Part of the problem is lack of equipment and no scales. The Supervisor stated we will do our best to make sure it doesn't happen again. Councilman Gilbo asked what the other base was for and the Supervisor stated it is a concrete base for another container. The Supervisor stated that Moriah is #2 in the County for tonage. Westport and Crown Point also use our Transfer Station. We are running in the black. Card board is another issue. The Supervisor stated that the attendants are doing a great job; the refrigerators and tires are very neat. Councilman Salerno asked if it would be appropriate to tell people from other towns they aren't welcome at our Transfer Station and the Supervisor stated it is a County Transfer Station, he will have to look in to that.

Councilman Anderson had nothing new to report. He will have more information on the ski program at the January meeting; regarding sign up dates and he stated they are still looking for more volunteers. The Supervisor asked if you could bring your own equipment or if you needed to rent theirs and Councilman Anderson stated they have programs for both. Councilman Salerno stated he asked Keith Mero if he would be interested in volunteering. Councilman Brassard asked Councilman Anderson if he thought the school would be ready to go next year for the Summer Program. Councilman Anderson stated the floor should go quick; should not be an issue for the summer program. Minimal construction next year.

Councilman Gilbo reported he spoke to the Charging station folks and the work should be complete the week before or the week after Christmas; by the end of the month at the latest. The Supervisor stated he would like to speak to Jack Mudge and maybe start blacktopping parts of the parking lot. Councilman Salerno asked if we plow the parking lot and the Supervisor said yes. The Supervisor asked Councilman Gilbo to look in to how the charging is paid for at the stations; if it is with a credit card or what.

Supervisor's Report:

The Supervisor stated we had our Municipal Shelter Inspection and Dog Control Officer Inspection and both were satisfactory.

The Supervisor stated the Adirondack Park Government Review Board is looking for a \$300 donation. He does not support it. They are a watch dog agency for the Adirondack Park. The Supervisor doesn't feel that we would benefit from it. The Board was in agreement. Councilman Gilbo stated we don't know enough about the agency. Councilman Salerno asked where they get their money from now and the Supervisor stated from all the Towns.

The Supervisor stated he had LeeAnn Sprague do a comparison in street lighting costs from last year and so far we have saved @ \$7,029. Councilman Anderson asked if everybody's kw has gone up and Councilman Brassard said yes.

The Supervisor stated that back in the Spring we went to bid for a used dump truck for the water & sewer department. The bids we got were not worthy; they had been used for plowing. The Highway department loaned an international to the water department. That truck will pull the jet vac; the only problem is we can't dump with the jet vac attached. With the truck and jet vac full it is too much. If we purchased a 5500; that would pull the jet vac. The truck they are currently using from the Highway Department is a 2017 F250; we could go to bid and see what we get for a trade in to put towards a new truck. The Supervisor thinks we could get a new truck for \$80,000. Councilman Anderson asked how big the truck was that we are looking for and the Supervisor said 5500.

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

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

RESOLVED to go to bid for a new 5500 crew cab truck; utility body; diesel 4 X 4; plow and tow package; with trading in 2017 F250 towards purchase; bid to be opened at Organizational meeting on January 6, 2021.

The Supervisor stated he has been back and forth with Albany over Moriah Shock. Dan Stec and Matt Simpson met with an Aide to the Governor; still under closure order. The Governor may possibly tour the facility. The Supervisor stated they did learn that if you are transferred out and the decision is reversed you will have the first opportunity to come back to Moriah. It is still a long shot. Ann Tesar asked if there was a petition out for it. The Supervisor stated the Governor has made the decision to close 6 prisons; legislation gave her the power to do it; information is based on Commissioner of Corrections. He stated it is ultimately the Governor's decision. Her office is aware of the economic impact, now she needs to see how good the program is. Councilman Salerno asked who has been here to see the facility and the Supervisor stated a number of people have been here. The Supervisor stated this program has been running for 30 years. When prisoners are down to 3 years or less on their sentence they are not being offered the shock program like they should be; roughly 1,000 are eligible for it. The Supervisor stated this is tough to negotiate; you still have to be respectful; he is hopeful the Governor will come up for a tour.

The Supervisor stated he has spoken to Jim Besha regarding the Hydro Project; he stated 2022 will be the year to sink the shaft. Negotiations are going well with NYS. Councilman Salerno asked what the value of the project was, is it over 3 million and the Supervisor said yes.

Resolutions:

213. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Gilbo, unanimous second, the following resolution was
APPROVED Ayes Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard, Gilbo
Nays 0

RESOLVED a resolution of condolence to the family of Joe Gilbo.

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

RESOLVED to set date for End of Year meeting for Wednesday, December 29, 2021; 6:00pm; Court House.

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

RESOLVED to set date for Organizational Meeting for Thursday, January 6, 2022; 6:00pm; Court House.

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

RESOLVED authorization for Supervisor to sign 2022 agreement with NCSPCA; \$6,500.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated this is the same price as last year.

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

RESOLVED to award Sodium Hypochlorite Solution bid for 2022 to Slack Chemical Company Inc; \$1.843 per gallon; delivered.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town Board will audit the Justice Books and Town Clerk/Tax Collector Books immediately following the End of Year meeting on December 29, 2021 at 6:00pm at the Court House.

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

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

RESOLVED authorization for Supervisor to sign Rental/Maintenance Agreement with ACAP for the Nutrition Program at the Train Station for 2022; \$350.00 per month.

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

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

RESOLVED approval to do transfers in budget as needed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Floor open to the public:

N/A

The Town Clerk stated the Town Offices will be closing at Noon Thursday, December 23, 2021 and will be closed on Friday, December 24, 2021. The Town Offices will reopen for business on Monday, December 27, 2021. The Transfer Station will be open all day Thursday, December 23, 2021; 8:30am – 4:30pm and will be closing at Noon on Friday, December 24, 2021 and will be closed on Saturday, December 25, 2021.

The Supervisor said Merry Christmas!!

The meeting adjourned at 6:41pm.

Abstract Distributions:

Claim Numbers:

November 24, 2021

General	\$1,944.53
Highway	\$288.17
Water #1	\$188.79
Water #2	\$136.04
Water #3	\$124.23
Water #4	\$17.55
Sewer #1	\$68.29
Sewer #2	\$107.31

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General	\$45,001.06
Highway	\$13,106.87
Water #1	\$3,547.26
Water #2	\$2,434.11

2021/1768-1901

Water #3	\$5,181.48
Water #4	\$291.88
Sewer #1	\$5,802.15
Sewer #2	\$2,153.51

Town Clerk