

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Town Board Meeting on Thursday, December 18, 2025 at 6:00pm at the Town of Moriah Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, NY.

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,

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

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.

Bid Opening-Sodium Hypochlorite Solution

We received two (2) bids:

Surpass Chemical Company: \$3.89 gallon/delivered

Slack Chemical Company: \$3.99 gallon/delivered \$65.00 Container Deposit

Floor Open to the Public:

N/A

Department Head/Town Board Reports:

Jamie Wilson, Highway Superintendent thanked all the girls in the Town Office for helping him out another year. He has filled 1 of the open 2 positions that were open at the Highway Garage. Dicky Finnessey started Monday; he has his CDL. Mr. Wilson is asking people to please drive carefully during the Winter months; we do not have a bare road policy; the parking ban is in effect. Councilman Gilbo asked what the rules were and Mr. Wilson stated it is from 11pm to 6am. Mr. Wilson stated something needs to be done to the parking lot; so many ARC cars in there it can't be plowed. Councilman Gilbo asked if this was by the Post Office and Mr. Wilson said yes. Councilman Salerno stated we need to read the contract and attempt to contact the ARC about it. The Supervisor reminded everyone that sidewalks get done when they get done. Councilman Gilbo asked about the lot north of the parking lot and Mr. Wilson stated it is very small and still has a concrete foundation in it. Councilman Gilbo would like to look at it this Spring.

The Supervisor stated there is no police report; Officer Brassard had a death in his family; the Board is sending their condolences. The Supervisor stated Chip, Art and Tom have all been excused. The Building & Grounds department have been decorating, put up all the trees and have been working on the ice rink. They have also been working on the animal shelter so it meets code. The Supervisor stated Water & Sewer has had a couple of plugs; doing some investigative work on Republic Street; they have been cleaning manholes. The Supervisor stated the Wastewater plant is working well, no issues.

Councilman Gilbo asked the Supervisor about the burnt down houses in Town and the land bank. The Supervisor stated we need a resolution to pull them from the auction. Councilman Gilbo asked if the land bank was interested in them and the Supervisor said yes and also the fire house; funding is both state and federal; they pay full taxes and water & sewer. The Supervisor stated the house is sold at a reduced rate; he feels we need to take advantage of it. Councilman Gilbo stated personally he disagrees with it but feels it would benefit the Town.

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

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

RESOLVED to pull 19 Rice Lane; tax map number 97.72-3-11.000 and 28 Elk Inn Road; tax map number 97.13-2-11.000 from the auction for sale to the land bank.

Councilman Gilbo stated he asked the Supervisor to bring before the County Board of Supervisors a vote to see if the County meetings could be recorded and it was Tabled; can it be brought before them again and the Supervisor said yes, can be brought before any County meeting.

Councilman Gilbo asked how the monthly meetings with businesses were going and the Supervisor stated they have not started yet; he is trying to get the micro grant program going and Councilman Gilbo asked if that was with Jodi and Carol and the Supervisor said yes; meeting in January and the class is in February; you get an appointment after the class. January 20th is the informational meeting at the Court House and the class is February 2nd at the K of C.

Councilman Gilbo stated we received a grant for \$67,000 after we removed the grant writer from the budget; he disagrees with this decision; he would like the Board to rethink bringing the grant writer back for potential funding. Councilman Salerno stated during budget time he asked what we had been awarded so far and it was nothing; she is in Texas. Councilman Salerno asked if the Board is responsible to send her grants or is it her job to go after them. Councilman Curran stated he feels we need to work together. Councilman Salerno stated we need a grant writer from our area. He also asked if we could put it back in the budget and the Supervisor said yes, need to do a budget amendment. Councilman Curran stated he and the Supervisor spoke to her and she was not receptive to coming to the area. The Supervisor stated we currently have the beach grant and the NY Forward grant; he is concerned we would have too many “boots on the ground”. He stated we have a lot of projects going on right now. Councilman Gilbo stated grants should be for specific concerns. Councilman Salerno asked if she will stay on through this grant and Councilman Curran stated if we pay her. Councilman Gilbo said yes, she charges an hourly rate. Councilman Salerno suggested putting it back in the budget but doing it differently this time. Councilman Anderson would like to get someone local. Councilman Curran would like everybody to meet with Jodi and Carol and focus on what we want to do. Councilman Salerno asked how other consultants charge and Councilman Gilbo stated they are all hourly. The Supervisor stated we could pay her monthly to administer the \$67,000 grant. Councilman Anderson asked if this was for Main Street and the Supervisor stated it is for updating the Economic Development Plan, the 4.5 million NY Forward Grant is for Main Street and part of Broad Street.

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

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

RESOLVED to restore grant writer funding for 2026 on a month-to-month basis.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated it can be someone local if we can find such a person. Councilman Anderson would like to meet with the grant writer to come up with a plan. Councilman Gilbo stated she has to finish the current grant. The Supervisor stated her fee is roughly \$2,100 a month; need to finish this grant with her.

Councilman Anderson had nothing to report.

Councilman Curran reported the Chamber has a store that will be open until Christmas; they have shirts, honey; local goods/local vendors, they are open Monday-Friday (not Wednesday) 10am-2pm. Councilman Curran reported we should see some action at Vic's, Roy Cutting will be working there. Councilman Salerno asked what type of work Mr. Cutting will be doing and councilman Curran stated logging. He is not sure about asbestos abatement. Councilman Salerno asked if they will present a plan to the Board and Councilman Curran said yes.

Councilman Salerno stated for the 22 year he would like to thank all volunteers, the Supervisor, workers, etc. He wished everyone a happy new year.

Supervisor's Report:

The Supervisor reported that FEMA projects will go out to bid in February; Riddle Road-Bridge and Joyce Road-box culvert; will need easements. Will finish Meachem and Dock Lane in the Spring.

The Supervisor stated the NY Forward grant application is in; parking was brought up and how far campgrounds are to downtown. Councilman Salerno asked who makes the final decision. The Supervisor stated it encompasses 5 counties and 2 communities. Councilman Anderson stated \$4.5 million will go fast. The Supervisor stated the business owner has to front the money and then get reimbursed.

The Supervisor reported water & sewer consolidation is moving forward; he will share reports with the Board as they come in. Water consolidation will be a savings for everybody; sewer should be about the same. Will need map, plan and report, adopt it; a public hearing and then send to the State for approval. Councilman Salerno asked about Moriah Shock not paying their bill and the Supervisor stated they offered a one-time payment. Councilman Anderson asked how much and the Supervisor stated the Town Attorney stated they don't have to pay at all. Councilman Salerno and Councilman Curran both feel we are in a no-win situation we should take the payment. The Supervisor will start talks with Moriah Shock again after the new year.

The Supervisor stated he will be out of Town for the end of year meeting; if you need anything call Councilman Salerno.

Resolutions:

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

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

RESOLVED a resolution for the Supervisor to sign yearly agreement with the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board; \$300.00 for 2026.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated this is a yearly agreement; they go to APA meetings and fight for Towns.

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

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

RESOLVED a resolution for the Supervisor to sign an agreement with Ameri Corps Seniors for 1/1/26-8/1/26 for volunteers at the Iron Center Museum.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated it would be local volunteers and they would get paid; he is hopeful; it would be good to get the Iron Center open. Councilman Salerno thanked Mark Lashway for volunteering.

224. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, unanimous second, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED a resolution of congratulations to Mr. John Neggia on his 100th Birthday coming up on January 17, 2026.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated there will be a party at the VFW that day; early afternoon; it would be nice if the Board could stop by and wish him a happy birthday.

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

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

RESOLVED a resolution for the Supervisor to sign Health Officer Agreement with Hudson Headwaters for 2026 in the amount of \$910.00.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated this was tabled last month but he looked in to it and we have to have one; can't do it per diem.

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

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

RESOLVED a resolution of congratulations for years of service to Town of Moriah employees: Nate Gilbo 5 years; Julie Ida 10 years; Richard Lapier 20 years; Becky Gilbo 35 years and Brian Venne 45 years.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated these are milestones. He thanked every town employee.

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

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

RESOLVED to award bid for sodium hypochlorite solution to Surpass Chemical in the amount of \$3.89 per gallon delivered for 2026.

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

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

RESOLVED authorization to pay Kofile Technologies Inc. for the restoration of one vital records book in the Town Clerk's office in the amount of \$1,408.00.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated the Town Clerk does one a year and it came in under what we had budgeted for.

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

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

RESOLVED authorization to purchase one Dell Pro Computer for Building Codes in the amount of \$957.03 (includes monitor and Office 2024 Standard).

Discussion: The Supervisor stated the Codes computer is so old it could not download the new codes.

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

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

RESOLVED to set date for end of year meeting for Tuesday, December 30, 2025; 10:00am; Town Hall.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated he will not be here.

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

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

RESOLVED to set date for Organizational Meeting for Tuesday, January 6, 2026; 6:00pm; Court House.

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

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

RESOLVED to audit Justice and Town Clerk/Tax Collector books after the end of year meeting on 12/30/25.

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

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

RESOLVED to participate in the micro grant program with Essex County IDA using \$20,000 of occupancy tax money.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated the Board already agreed on this during budget time during the Essex County IDA presentation; we just need a resolution.

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

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

RESOLVED approval to do transfers in budget as needed.

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED approval to pay end of month and monthly warrants.

Councilman Salerno asked about the write in campaign for the Assessor and the Supervisor stated we have not heard from him; he has 30 days to sign oath of office. Current Assessor's will finish out their terms.

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

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

RESOLVED to make 2-3 parking spots behind Stewart's on St. Patrick's Place.

Discussion: Councilman Curran stated this will be huge for the dinner. Councilman Salerno asked who would do the work and the Supervisor stated not Stewart's.

Councilman Curran stated it would be the Highway Department. The Supervisor stated we will need an easement from Stewart's. Jamie Wilson stated it should be 1 hour parking.

Floor Open to the Public:

Mark Lashway asked what the tax rates were and the Supervisor stated the County is 2.64, General is 3.27 and Highway is 1.89=5.16, down from 8 last year.

The meeting adjourned at 7:14pm.

Town Clerk

Abstract Distributions:

Claim Numbers:

November 25, 2025

General	\$30,121.29	2025/1856-1863
Highway	\$815.27	
Water #1	\$887.05	
Water #2	\$643.49	
Water #3	\$400.00	
Water #4	\$81.17	
Sewer #1	\$482.50	
Sewer #2	\$227.50	

November 26, 2025

Sewer District #1	\$1,744.87	2025/1892
Sewer District #2	\$939.54	

December 9, 2025

General	\$1,400.00	2025/1864-1880
Highway	\$2,450.00	
Water District #1	\$294.00	
Water District #2	\$199.50	
Water District #3	\$525.00	
Water District #4	\$31.50	
Sewer District #1	\$866.25	
Sewer District #2	\$183.75	

December 18, 2025

General	\$53,831.85	2025/1881-2054
Highway	\$35,635.43	
Water District #1	\$4,295.26	
Water District #2	\$3,037.68	
Water District #3	\$9,669.06	
Water District #4	\$241.89	

Sewer District #1 \$11,641.81
Sewer District #2 \$6,626.42

Capital Projects