

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their End of Year Board Meeting on Friday, December 28, 2018 at 10:00 AM at the Town of Moriah Town Hall, 38 Park Place, Port Henry, NY.

Present: Thomas Scozzafava Supervisor
Paul Salerno Councilman
Thomas Anderson Councilman
Matt Brassard Councilman

Absent: Lucille Carpenter Councilwoman

Others Present: Rose French-Town Clerk

The Supervisor opened the meeting at 10:00AM by saluting the flag.

Resolutions:

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

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

RESOLVED to authorize Supervisor to sign agreement with North Country Life Flight for 2019 in the amount of \$200.00.

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

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

RESOLVED to authorize Supervisor to sign Supplemental Spousal Liability Coverage for 2019 in the amount of \$101.00.

The Supervisor stated that this is a supplemental insurance rider that our insurance agent told us we usually decline, but he thinks we should do it. If an employee dies while working, the spouse would get \$75,000. He also stated that the premium is only \$101.00. Councilman Anderson thinks we should do it.

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

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

RESOLVED to pay the end of the year bills.

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

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

RESOLVED to audit the Justice Books at the end of this meeting.

Supervisor Scozzafava reported that he received a letter from the NYS DOT regarding the Empire State Trail Agreement. They have decided not to use any Town Roads, just County Roads.

The Town's HUD application was successful. \$750,000 is available for water and sewer improvements along Oak Lane, Ridge Lane and First Street; also \$2,500,000 is available for sewer improvements outside of Port Henry and \$15,750 is available for Erosion at Bulwagga Bay Campsite. Councilman Brassard asked if there would be an alternate for other streets and the Supervisor said yes. The Supervisor would like to get rid of the sidewalks and widen those roads. Councilman Anderson thinks we will get kickback from the residents on those streets. Councilman Brassard thought maybe leave a sidewalk on First Street. The Board was in

agreement with doing away with the sidewalks. Councilman Salerno asked if there was room to widen the roads. Councilman Brassard stated there is couple of telephone poles that might be an issue. Supervisor Scozzafava asked Councilman Brassard to get the pole numbers and he will contact National Grid and see if the poles can be moved.

The Supervisor reported on the cats on Lake View Avenue. He copied the Town Board with everything. The resident is not violating any laws. Public Health is not interested in pursuing this matter. The SPCA will take the cats a couple at a time. The owner thinks she is helping these animals. The Supervisor stated that no agency wants to deal with cats. Councilman Anderson asked how many cats there are and the Supervisor said about 20. Councilman Salerno stated he read through the paperwork and saw all of Dr. Wolfe's suggestions, what happens if it is not any better can Dr. Wolfe go back. The Supervisor stated he would probably send Ed Roberts, Animal Control Officer. The Supervisor stated he told Mr. Salerno he had other legal options.

The Supervisor stated the Town received a check for the dissolution. Six computers have been ordered. We have not received them yet. He believes there is roughly \$16,000 left over.

Mike Mascarenas, Child Protective Services has been in contact with the Supervisor regarding renting half of the space at the old Village Hall. They would pay rent; @ \$600.00 per month. The Assessor's would take the other half. Mr. Mascarenas will draft a contract. This space would be for employees only; not the public. Councilman Anderson asked if the Town would have to do anything and the Supervisor said we would probably have to provide janitorial services.

The Supervisor stated we received some Campground Manager Applications. They are all from far away. Maybe we could do a skype interview with them. The Supervisor would like to appoint a couple of councilman and maybe Mark Davenport to be on the interview committee. The Supervisor would like to advertise locally. He spoke to Wayne & Ruth Plunkett.

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

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

RESOLVED to go into Executive Session at 10:17am to discuss the Campground.

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

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

RESOLVED to come back out of Executive Session at 10:28am.

Councilman Anderson asked about the Hydro Project; he has had a lot of questions from the community. The Supervisor stated he last talked to Jim Basha back in October. Councilman Anderson asked if they were meeting this week, the Supervisor said it is possible. They are trying to work out the details with the company who is the financial part of it. The Supervisor stated he does know that the Hydro Project does need the Transfer Station site. He feels Decker's Flats would be good for the Highway Garage but not necessarily the Transfer Station. The Supervisor thought Dalton Dam on the Tracey Road would be a good spot for the Transfer Station; both Councilman Brassard and Councilman Anderson thought the residents in Port Henry would feel like that is too far to go.

Councilman Brassard stated that the Transfer Station needs to be graded. The Supervisor stated that Cheyenne has the machine to do it. Last Saturday there were 200 cars that passed through there. The Supervisor feels there should be certain days for Construction Debris and certain days for recyclables, that would help. The Town Clerk asked if Jason Vanderhoof was full time and the Supervisor said no, but that might help if he was. The Supervisor also feels like people are coming into the transfer station the wrong way. Councilman Anderson asked if the employees work well together and Councilman Salerno stated it is hard during hunting season. The Supervisor stated that the Town Board is part of the problem, we need to enforce our own rules.

He said we cannot waffle on our own decisions. Councilman Brassard feels if we limit when items can be brought in then we should be open another day. The Supervisor stated that we need scales. Councilman Salerno feels the he, Jamie Wilson, Cheyenne Morin, and the Supervisor should meet so we are all on the same page. The Supervisor feels we should limit certain days for certain items; Cheyenne and Jason can't be everywhere. He would like the Transfer Station Committee to set up some type of schedule that they feel will work and we will hold an informational meeting on it. Councilman Salerno stated that last Saturday there were 23 cars in line, Cheyenne was off and Jason was in the booth. The Supervisor stated that Cheyenne is entitled to take time off. Councilman Anderson stated that people like to talk as well, that holds up the line. The Supervisor stated again that we cannot take everything 5 days a week. He stated that other Towns are letting Casella take over the whole operation, but he has reservations about that. Councilman Anderson asked if it was a lease. The Supervisor stated that the Town owns the land but the equipment belongs to the County. The Supervisor wants Councilman Salerno and Jamie Wilson to work on it and come back to the Board with their recommendations.

Councilman Anderson asked if there was anything else on Spectrum and the Supervisor stated only what has been in the paper.

The meeting adjourned at 10:39am.

Abstract Distributions:

December 28, 2018

General	\$17,781.22	2018/7571-7602
Highway	\$35,225.16	
Water #1	\$627.48	
Water #2	\$468.83	
Water #3	\$1,525.66	
Water #4	\$38.16	
Sewer #1	\$1,888.86	
Sewer #2	\$990.30	

Town Clerk