

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their End of Year Meeting on Thursday, December 28, 2023 at 10:00am at the Town of Moriah Town Hall, 38 Park Place, Port Henry, NY.

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

Absent: Nathan Gilbo Councilman

Others Present: Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent, Art Morgan-Water & Sewer Superintendent, Carl Perry-WWTP Operator and Rose French-Town Clerk

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 10:00am by saluting the flag. He read the legal notice calling for the meeting.

The Supervisor stated this is his last board meeting. It has been a privilege working with all of you. He stated we are fortunate to have the employees we have and all the years of experience, thank you everybody! He has been making calls. He thanked Chip Perry; best wastewater treatment plant operator, plant is like a hospital. He thanked Art Morgan; could always count on Art to respond; day or night. He thanked Jamie Wilson; had a lot of back and forth with the Highway Superintendent. The Supervisor reminded Councilman Brassard to stay in his lane when he is the Supervisor; can't micro manage. He thanked Paul Salerno; deputy for 20 years; he quit and came back the same day; they have been friends since they were kids; they have come nose to nose a couple of times and have remained friends. The Supervisor stated he will miss everybody; feels good he is going on his own terms. Councilman Brassard is a good man; have a good town board. He stated Councilman Brassard will learn something new every day if he listens to his constituents. He stated it has been a good ride.

Councilman Salerno stated he worried the Board of Supervisors would take advantage of Councilman Brassard out at the County. The Supervisor stated when Councilman Brassard was elected he was elected for both the Town and the County Board of Supervisors. The Town Board has nothing to do with the County Board of Supervisors. He stated Councilman Brassard has been going to the meetings for the last month and half. Councilman Salerno asked about his vote at the County and the Supervisor stated it is done alphabetically; he stated Moriah, Ticonderoga and North Elba are the largest Town's in the County and the Town of Moriah has the most number of employees that work at the County. The Supervisor stated that Councilman Brassard will do well. The Supervisor said the Board will probably consist of 4 members for a year until elections in November. He stated Councilman Brassard needs to resign as Councilman to the Town Clerk; then there will be an opening. He also said there has been a few times when we have had a 4-man board; he suggests not appointing anyone; let them run. Councilman Salerno asked if votes are tabled or tied what happens and the Supervisor stated the vote fails. The Supervisor stated Roberts Rules are what the Town follows and the Town Clerk will try to get a copy of them. Need 3 votes to pass a resolution.

Resolutions:

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

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

RESOLVED to raise the Court Clerk to \$19.00/hr effective 1/1/24.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated this was discussed back in October but was never voted on.

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

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

RESOLVED to remove Thomas R. Scozzafava and Paul Salerno from Town accounts at Glens Falls National Bank due to the Supervisor’s retirement and add Matthew Brassard newly elected Supervisor and Paul Salerno, Deputy Supervisor effective 1/1/24.

Councilman Salerno asked about investing with NY Class for a higher interest rate. The Supervisor stated that Glens Falls National Bank meets their rate. The Supervisor stated he always felt putting money in the local bank was best; think about our own Town. Councilman Salerno asked if all of the fund balance was invested and the Supervisor said no. The Supervisor stated the Town is in the best financial shape it has ever been. He cautioned the Board to spend wisely and stay out of debt. He stated we have always done callable bonds because you can pay them off early with no penalty. Councilman Salerno asked if we needed to replace a piece of equipment in 2024 and did not budget for it, how would we pay for it and the Supervisor stated you would have to pass a resolution first and use fund balance. Councilman Brassard stated if we borrow the money we don’t have to start paying it back for one year.

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

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

RESOLVED approve payment of end of year warrants.

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

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

RESOLVED a resolution of appreciation to Thomas Scozzafava for all his years of service to the Town of Moriah; thank you!

The Supervisor asked Jamie Wilson, Art Morgan and Chip Perry if they had anything to add or comment and they did not.

The Supervisor stated that Governor Hochul just signed the Even Year Election Bill; local elections will be down the tubes; parties will vote right across the line regardless.

Meeting adjourned at 10:21am.

Abstract Distributions:

Claim Numbers:

December 28, 2023

General	\$7,722.72
Highway	\$6,161.19
Water #1	\$7,669.23
Water #2	\$5,096.80
Water #3	\$826.01
Water #4	\$69.00
Sewer #1	\$6,446.43
Sewer #2	\$2,572.12

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***See attachments regarding Town Clerk/Tax Collector and Justice-audit books.**

Town Clerk