

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Town Board Meeting on Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 6:00pm at the Town of Moriah Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, New York.

Present: Thomas Scozzafava Supervisor
Paul Salerno Councilman
Thomas Anderson Councilman
Lucille Carpenter Councilwoman
Matt Brassard Councilman

Others Present: Bill Trybendis, Lohrer McKinstry, Chip Perry-WWTP Operator, Linda Smyth, Jeff Kelly, Keith Mero, Terry Collins, Sharon O'Connor and Rose French-Town Clerk. Jim Curran arrived at 6:55pm.

Supervisor Scozzafava opened the meeting at 6:00pm by saluting the flag.

ON MOTION by Councilwoman Carpenter, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was

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

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

Bid Opening:

Iron Center Door Replacement

Jeff Popp	Bid A: \$5,075	Bid B: \$3,100	Bid C: \$12,225
Rozell Industries	Bid A: \$8,785	Bid B: \$3,950	Bid C: \$6,100
AJ Catalfamo Construction	Bid A: \$13,810	Bid B: \$5,700	Bid C: \$6,425

The Board was in agreement that Fred Keil, Architect should review the bids before awarding.

Water & Sewer Pickup

Egglefield Ford \$27,949

The Supervisor recommended checking state contract price before a decision is made.

48. **ON MOTION** by Supervisor Scozzafava, seconded by Councilman Salerno, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED to check state contract pricing on water and sewer pickup; if not any cheaper, go with Egglefield Ford for \$27,949.00.

Supervisor Scozzafava introduced Renee Anderson, new Moriah Chamber President. She also runs Little Champs Day Care. Renee stated she is very excited about this new opportunity and thank you. Supervisor Scozzafava stated he looks forward to working with her.

Supervisor Scozzafava then introduced Keith Mero from the Combat Veterans Association. As part of the Hometown Heroes of Moriah Project, they will be selling banners to hang throughout the Town. This is a nonprofit group. This is for past and present hometown heroes. Banners are \$210 and must be ordered by March 31, 2018 so they can be hung for Memorial Day weekend. The hero has to be honorably discharged and they have to have a good picture. Banners should last 5 years. After that they can be retired and given to the hero or the family. If you are interested in ordering a banner, please contact Keith Mero at 518-802-0150. It will take approximately 3 weeks to get them made. Councilwoman Carpenter asked Mr. Mero if has put

this on the school access channel, Mr. Mero stated he will contact Chris Lobdell regarding this. Supervisor Scozzafava stated that the Town will help hang the banners. Mr. Mero stated it is very important to get a pole number and address of property where the banner is to be hung. The Supervisor stated we then have to get permission from National Grid to hang them on their poles. Then a bucket truck will have to be scheduled. Linda Smyth asked if the banners would be hung year round and Mr. Mero said no. Supervisor Scozzafava stated that a smaller banner is easier to hang. He feels hanging them near the veterans home is a good idea, it spreads them throughout the Town. Linda Smyth feels that should all be hung together. The Supervisor stated we all have to work together; this is a good thing for the community.

Floor Open to the Public:

N/A

Department Head Reports:

Supervisor Scozzafava stated all Department Heads have been excused, they were all out late with the snow storm.

Chip Perry-WWTP Operator: Nothing to report.

Linda Smyth wanted to thank all Town employees who helped with the snow storm.

Councilman Brassard read Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent report: The storm went well. The Water & Sewer Department helped out. They had one truck break down. The parking on Main Street in Port Henry didn't seem to be a problem. Had to have Officer Stahl have a few Vehicles moved in Mineville. The Highway Department will be moving snow in Port Henry starting at 3am tomorrow morning. The Supervisor asked residents to be patient while the highway crew as they get the snow cleaned up. Terry Collins asked if the Town could get some type of flashing lights for Main Street to assist with the parking ban so people know the ban is on. Councilman Brassard stated he and Mr. Wilson have already discussed getting some type of signage with a strobe light on it for that purpose. Mr. Collins said one of those would be good for after the storm as well for cleanup.

Lind Smyth stated that a private road off of Spring Street was plowed during the snow storm. Supervisor Scozzafava stated the Town will continue to plow it until such time the Town can determine if it is a private road or not. The Town Attorney has advised that until we can prove otherwise the Town, by "Highway by use law" needs to keep it maintained and plowed.

Town Board Report's:

Councilman Salerno reported that Ed Roberts and the inmates have all the fire hydrants cleaned out from the storm. The Water & Sewer Department has had a few water breaks and they have done a great job with those. Campsite letters have gone out. We have heard back from both Managers and they will be returning. We have had requests for seasonal sites, so that is a good sign.

Councilwoman Carpenter stated that Fred Keil, Architect, had to resubmit plans for Henry's Garage to SHPO.

Councilman Salerno asked the Supervisor about Governor Cuomo's statement regarding broad band in the North Country. The Supervisor stated his statements were very confusing. It is a grant that the provider (Spectrum) has to apply for and the state will match it. He feels it all has to do with legislation/regulations. More pressure needs to be put on the provider (Spectrum). Councilman Salerno stated that Governor Cuomo stated that the North Country will have Broad Band within one year, and the Supervisor stated maybe. Terry Collins stated he calls the #800 on his Spectrum Bill and gets it lowered every year, but you have to do it every year. The Supervisor stated that the consumer should not have to do that.

Councilman Brassard stated that he has had some requests from campers if it would be ok if they came up Thursday or Friday just to drop off their campers. Councilman Salerno feels if we let a few do it then we have to let them all do it. Norm & Tammy's contract at Champ RV Park does

not start until Saturday. Councilman Salerno asked if we start letting them come in Thursday or Friday, who is going to let them in and Councilwoman Carpenter stated that campers at Bulwagga Bay Campsite will want to do the same thing. The Supervisor disagreed and stated that it should be fine and we will work together and the Managers should be there a week early anyway. Councilman Salerno stated that Norm and Tammy would like to be there to place the campers so campers don't take advantage. Councilman Brassard will work something out with Norm and Tammy. Councilman Brassard spoke to Mr. Wilson, Highway Superintendent regarding sand; residents can pick some up at the top of Broad Street and also at the Wastewater treatment plant.

Councilwoman Carpenter stated that the Waterfront Development Committee will remain a committee; they will not become a corporation. The contract will have to be amended regarding the scope of work. The public meeting on the 7th had to be rescheduled for the 21st due to the snow storm. At the meeting Michael Crane will go over Scenario #2; adding cabins and yurts to existing campsites.

49. **ON MOTION** by Councilwoman Carpenter, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was
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| APPROVED | Ayes | Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Carpenter, Brassard |
| | Nays | 0 |
- RESOLVED** to amend Waterfront Development Contract task to remove "corporation".

Renee Anderson, Moriah Chamber President stated they are looking for meeting space. They have applied for the CAP grant for 2 outside movies; a small film festival. The Supervisor asked about the "town motto"; he feels the chamber should get input from the businesses and the public for this. Councilwoman Carpenter feels it should be a chamber motto, not a town motto. The Supervisor asked Ms. Anderson if she could look into getting some volunteers for the train station. The Seniors have a contract with Amtrak to man the station and they are having a hard time getting volunteers, so if anybody is interested, please get a hold of him.

Councilman Anderson reported that the Youth Commission will begin looking for a director starting next month; they are hoping Steve Pelkey will return.

Supervisor's Report:

The Supervisor reported that the Hydro Project application is complete. The next step is to submit a schedule to get started. Councilman Anderson asked how long this application has been in process and the Supervisor stated since 1994.

The Supervisor wanted to thank Mike Speshock for keeping the sidewalk in front of his home cleared.

The Supervisor stated that the "free dump day ticket" has become an issue. The Town Board thought they were doing a good thing, but it has caused a lot of confusion. The Town Clerk has taken a lot of heat over it because she is the messenger; residents get the ticket when they pay their taxes. If a property owner owns more than one property they feel they should get more than one ticket and that was not the purpose of the free dump day ticket. The Supervisor stated that the Town Board will have to do more research for next year.

The Supervisor received a letter from Essex County Department of Public Works. They are updating their countywide map. The Supervisor asked them to include a picture of the Town Hall, Iron Center, both campsites, Cheney Mountain Trail and Belfry Mountain.

The Supervisor stated that the time capsule will probably be opened right at Mary Consadine's house with the press there.

As per the Town Attorney regarding the shared services agreement with Mountain Lake Services for the parking lot, the Town will have to lease the land from Mountain Lake Services for \$1, we can't have a shared services agreement because Mountain Lake Services is a not for profit organization. Terry Collins asked if the lot was bigger than it looks and the Supervisor said yes.

The Supervisor reported that the Catskills and the Adirondacks are the only state land that the Assessor's set the assessment. The Governor would like to do away with that. New York State owns about 50% of the land in Essex County. That would not be good for Essex County.

The Essex County Board of Supervisors met with Betty Little and Dan Stec regarding emergency services in Essex County and going with a countywide district and paid EMT's, this would be a special district but there would be no exemptions. Terry Collins stated you have to have it. The Supervisor stated the Fire Departments will be next.

The Supervisor reported that the Transfer Station is currently running in the black. The Board will have to look at the rates in the near future. The Supervisor stated we do not have to take construction debris. The Town could give a special rate to residential contractors. Councilman Salerno stated it makes a difference if it is wood or insulation and the Supervisor stated it does not. The Town gets charged by the container, not by weight. Councilman Salerno stated residents would save money by putting the insulation in a bag and putting a \$2.50 sticker on it.

The Supervisor received an email from Maria Tedford, Executive Director of PRIDE of Ticonderoga, we were awarded the 1st step of the Main Street Grant.

The Supervisor received a letter from the Comptroller's office regarding the Town's tax levy limit and they have no findings, which is good news, they had no issues with it.

The Supervisor received a statement from the Essex County Treasurer's Office regarding sales tax the Town received in 2017, which was \$137,723.61. The Mortgage tax revenue was \$34,021.57.

The Supervisor reported again that he spoke with John Silvestri regarding plowing/maintaining "private" roads and until it can be determined if they are private, under highway law we have to continue to do so.

The Court received a letter from Service Education, Inc., the State of NY has purchased all the rights and ownership of "the courtroom program" and they will be paying the yearly fee for it now.

We will be going to bid shortly for the sewer line project in Witherbee.

We will be going to bid for the sidewalk in Port Henry any day now.

The Supervisor received the lease from Paraglide New England and the Town Attorney is reviewing it for the Spring of 2018. Councilwoman Carpenter would like to share it with the Waterfront Development Committee.

Councilman Salerno asked if the Town got the \$137,723.61 sales tax and the Supervisor said yes. Mr. Salerno asked if this included the formal Village of Port Henry and the Supervisor said yes.

Resolutions:

- 50. ON MOTION** by Councilman Brassard, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was
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| APPROVED | Ayes | Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Carpenter, Brassard |
| | Nays | 0 |
- RESOLVED** to accept or reject bid on 4 X 4 pickup for Water & Sewer Department.

Discussion: Check state contract price first before bid is awarded to Egglefield Ford.

Resolution #2 to accept or reject bid on Iron Center Door Replacement was discussed and withdrawn until Fred Keil, Architect can review the bids, at which time the Board will make a decision.

- 51. ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilwoman Carpenter, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED to go to bid for sidewalk replacement; March 29, 2018 bids due; Award at April 12, 2018 Town Board Meeting.

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

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

RESOLVED to hire Wayne & Ruth Plunkett to manage the Bulwagga Bay Campsite for the 2018 Season at \$17,300.

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

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

RESOLVED to hire Norman & Tammy Wright to manage the Champ RV Park for the 2018 Season at \$16,500.

54. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilwoman Carpenter, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED to refund Jason Sprague \$71.00 for water and sewer charges to relieve interest and penalties for 3208 Plank Road.

Discussion: Bill went to former owner.

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

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

RESOLVED to approve payment of the warrant.

Floor open to the public:

Councilwoman Carpenter asked the Supervisor about the cell tower lease. The Supervisor stated if we sold it, it would have to be for a capital investment. The Supervisor will talk Michael Crane. Councilman Brassard believes the lease is up in 2030.

Sharon O'Connor asked Councilwoman Carpenter to clarify the committee versus the corporation regarding the Water Development Committee. Councilwoman Carpenter stated they would need a corporation down the road to continue with the "Plan" because there are a lot of regulations. She stated that without being corporated we have to plan for down the road. Jeff Kelly asked when the meeting was rescheduled for and Councilwoman Carpenter stated February 21st at the Old Village Hall at 6:00pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Abstract Distributions:

Claim Numbers:

December 31, 2017

General	\$98.48
Water District #1	\$8.74
Water District #2	\$5.93
Water District #3	\$35.84
Water District #4	\$0.94
Sewer District #1	\$15.59
Sewer District #2	\$35.85

2018/40-42

December 31, 2017

General	\$222.03	2018/7-8
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January 17, 2018

General	\$2,976.00	2018/1-4
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January 23, 2018

General	\$703.00	2018/5-6
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January 24, 2018

General	\$20,233.38	2018/9-39
Highway	\$3,533.75	
Water #1	\$1,901.19	
Water #2	\$1,382.17	
Water #3	\$877.97	
Water #4	\$172.52	
Sewer #1	\$115.31	
Sewer #2	\$52.99	

January 26, 2018

Water #1	\$387.90	2018/43
Water #2	\$282.11	
Water #4	\$35.26	

February 8, 2018

General	\$33,367.26	2018/48-203
Highway	\$22,181.35	
Water #1	\$121,348.85	
Water #2	\$57,291.16	
Water #3	\$2,915.47	
Water #4	\$3,886.47	
Sewer #1	\$18,524.11	
Sewer #2	\$10,057.36	

Capital Projects:

Wetherbee Sewer	Cedarwood Engineering	\$3,590	#1
Waterfront Development	Denton Publications	\$20.94	#1
	Michael Crane	\$6,250	#2

Town Clerk