

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Town Board Meeting on Thursday, February 15, 2024 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

Absent: Nathan Gilbo Councilman

Others Present: Bill Trybendis, Robert Stevenson and Rose French-Town Clerk

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

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

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

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

**Floor Open to the Public:**

N/A

**Department Head/Town Board Reports:**

The Supervisor stated Mr. Wilson Highway Superintendent has been excused; getting ready for the snow tonight.

Councilman Salerno stated the Water & Sewer Department was very busy in January. He also stated that today was the last day for any letters of interest for the Campground Manager positions.

The Supervisor read the Building Codes Monthly Report for January 2024. Issued 3 building permits and did 3 fire/safety inspections for Certificates of Occupancy for Mountain Lake Services; issued a letter of violation for 3118 Plank Road in Mineville.

Councilman Anderson stated there is a youth meeting out at the County on the 21<sup>st</sup>, that program will be getting underway. He is hoping the same people return this year; administration wise.

Councilman Salerno stated the Water & Sewer Department is in dire need of a sewer jetter; we are having to rent one out. They are looking to purchase one. The Supervisor stated the one they have been using came from the Village of Port Henry and they got it used from Ticonderoga. Councilman Anderson asked what the cost was and the Supervisor stated \$75,000-\$80,000. The Supervisor stated that Mr. Morgan; Water & Sewer Superintendent does have an equipment fund and they definitely need one. The Supervisor has asked Mr. Morgan to get more quotes. Councilman Salerno stated Mr. Morgan will have quotes for the next meeting. Councilman Anderson asked if the department can wait a couple of months; Councilman Salerno stated he would like the whole board to be here; they are in dire need. The Supervisor stated Mr. Morgan will have quotes and recommendations for the March meeting.

**Supervisor's Report:**

The Supervisor reported that Stop Domestic & Sexual Violence will hold a polar plunge at Port Henry Beach on Saturday, March 9, 2024 at 1:00pm. They will have the ambulance squad and fire department there and they have provided the Town with their certificate of insurance. There will be food and a basket raffle at the Parish center immediately following.

The Supervisor stated that Essex County Soil & Water will be selling trees; order deadline is March 5, 2024; pickup will be April 19, 2024 at Floral Hall at the Westport Fairgrounds from 9am – 6pm.

Moriah Town Court will be closed February 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. If you need to pay a fine, please leave it in the drop box by the front door.

The Champlain Hudson Power Express Project will start in the Spring; you will see activity in the main channel through Fall.

The Essex County Youth Bureau will be holding Lifeguard Training March 22 and March 23, 2024, March 24, 2024 for recertification only. To register please call 609-501-1058 by Friday, March 1, 2024.

Essex County Department of Weights and Measures received notice that Dollar General had an inspection on 25 items; 6 were over charges and 2 were under charges; the County fined them; have 30 days to pay; cheaper for Dollar General to pay the fine rather than hire more staff to correct the problem.

The Judges have requested a stand by generator be installed at the Moriah Court House due to all the power outages recently. The Supervisor does not think it is needed; when the power is out Court isn't usually in session anyway-chances are slim. Councilman Salerno suggested using any leftover money from the police station renovation grant money; Councilman Anderson agreed. Councilman Salerno stated we do have options.

The Supervisor stated our Insurance Company wants a fire safety system at the Highway Garage. We are in the process of getting a quote; it is feasible; the Supervisor stated this is just a heads up. Councilman Anderson asked if it was a requirement and the Supervisor stated they recommended it.

The Supervisor stated during budget time we talked about increasing campsite rates but never voted on it and the letters need to go out. Becky Gilbo ran the numbers and with a 2% increase it would be \$30-\$40. Councilman Salerno wants a 4% increase. He stated the campsite is open May 1<sup>st</sup> through Columbus Day weekend; very cheap to stay there for the whole summer. Councilman Salerno stated 3-4 years ago the lake level was very high and there was about 4 campers that could not get to their sites until the middle of June, that was about 45 days they couldn't use their site; he feels this should be prorated as mother nature guides us. The Supervisor suggested offering them another site first. Councilman Salerno thought that was a good idea.

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

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

**RESOLVED** to raise campsite rates by 4%.

The Supervisor stated that all Campsite Manager applications were due by today. Norm and Tammy Wright want to come back to Champ RV Park.

60. **ON MOTION** by Supervisor Brassard, seconded by Councilman Salerno, the following resolution was

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

**RESOLVED** to hire Norm & Tammy Wright as Campground Managers at Champ RV Park for the 2024 Season.

The Supervisor stated we received 2 applications for Bulwagga Bay Campsite. Councilman Gilbo and Councilman Salerno will set up interviews. Councilman Salerno asked who hires the assistants and the Supervisor stated that is up to the Managers.

**Resolutions:**

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

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

**RESOLVED** authorization for Councilman Salerno to get quotes for a new shed for Bulwagga Bay Campsite; replace old sheds that hold mowers and other campground equipment.

Discussion: Councilman Salerno stated currently we have 4 different buildings; looks terrible; he wants to remove those and put up one building that will look so much better. Councilman Anderson asked Councilman Salerno if he was going to get quotes and Councilman Salerno said yes.

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

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

**RESOLVED** authorization for Tom Wood and Edwin Prouty to drive the senior van every Wednesday to transport Seniors to various locations; Senior Center will organize trips and keep log of who and where they go.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated these are volunteers; different from the driver that the Town is hiring; this will be every Wednesday. Councilman Salerno thanked the volunteers.

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

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

**RESOLVED** order calling public hearing in the matter of the increase and improvement of the Facilities of Sewer District #1, in the Town of Moriah, Essex County, New York.

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Moriah, Essex County, New York, has caused to be prepared a map, plan and report, including an estimate of cost, pursuant to Section 202-b of the Town Law, relating to the increase and improvement of the facilities of Sewer District #1, in the Town of Moriah, Essex County, New York (the "Sewer District"), being the replacement of a box culvert, including incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$750,000; and

WHEREAS, the capital project hereinafter described, as proposed, has been determined to be a Type II Action pursuant to the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, which regulations state that Type II Actions will not have any significant adverse impact on the environment; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to call a public hearing on the question of the increase and improvement of the facilities of said Sewer District, in the matter described above, and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof, concerning the same, in accordance with the provisions of Section 202b of the Town Law; NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED, by the Town Board of the Town of Moriah, Essex County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. A public hearing will be held in the Court House, 42 Park Place, in Port Henry, New York, in said Town, on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, at 6:00 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time, on the question of the increase and improvement of the facilities of Sewer District #1, in the Town of Moriah, Essex County, New York, in the manner

described in the preambles hereof, and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof, concerning the same, and to take such action thereon as is required or authorized by law.

Section 2. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a copy of the Notice of Public Hearing hereinafter provided to be published once in the official newspaper, and also to cause a copy thereof to be posted on the sign board of the Town, such publication and posting to be made not less than ten, nor more than twenty, days before the date designated for the hearing.

Section 3. The notice of public hearing shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A and hereby made a part hereof.

Section 4. This Order shall take effect immediately.

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

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

**RESOLVED** approval to do transfers in budget as needed.

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

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

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

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

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

**RESOLVED** approval of payment of end of month and monthly warrants.

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

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

**RESOLVED** to purchase a Hathorn H12 200 Ft. Push Camera System in the amount of \$12,070.00 from Cyncon Equipment, Inc. for the Water & Sewer Department.

Discussion: We will need this camera for the sewer project also; there are areas of Joyce Road and Republic Street that need to be camera inspected. Councilman Salerno stated we used the camera 47 times last year. The Supervisor stated the camera could be here next week.

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

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

**RESOLVED** to name Matthew Brassard, Supervisor, the Certifying Officer for the purpose of conducting the Environmental Review for the Town of Moriah's CDBG funded Housing Program and;

The determination has been made that the Environmental Review Record for the Town of Moriah 2023 CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program, funded by the New York State Office of Community Renewal Community Development Block Grant. Classification of Type II Action was determined based on review of [www.dec.ny.gov/permits/32521.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/32521.html).

Discussion: The Supervisor stated there are 14 eligible residents. Councilman Salerno stated the homeowner would have to drill the well and back fill. The Supervisor stated the homeowner will get a better rate to drill their own well.

**Floor Open to the Public:**

N/A

The meeting adjourned at 6:32pm.

**Abstract Distributions:**

**Claim Numbers:**

December 31, 2023

2023/2235-2237

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| Sewer District #1 | \$9,729.33 |
| Sewer District #2 | \$5,238.86 |

January 29, 2024

2024/70-95

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| General           | \$6,280.14 |
| Highway           | \$4,178.72 |
| Water District #1 | \$298.21   |
| Water District #2 | \$214.73   |
| Water District #3 | \$1,398.11 |
| Water District #4 | \$27.81    |
| Sewer District #1 | \$226.97   |
| Sewer District #2 | \$19.10    |

February 15, 2024

2024/96-240

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|-------------------|--------------|
| General           | \$51,280.83  |
| Highway           | \$11,840.35  |
| Water District #1 | \$127,776.43 |
| Water District #2 | \$58,117.68  |
| Water District #3 | \$6,378.94   |
| Water District #4 | \$3,875.59   |
| Sewer District #1 | \$21,709.89  |
| Sewer District #2 | \$12,122.39  |

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Town Clerk