

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Town Board Meeting on Thursday, January 11, 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, Cathy Sprague, Diana Stevenson, Lohrer McKinstry, Rich Lapier, Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent, Art Morgan-Water & Sewer Superintendent, Chip Perry-WWTP Operator, Linda Smyth, George Daly, Ed Roberts-Building & Grounds and Rose French-Town Clerk

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

Supervisor Scozzafava welcomed new Councilman Matt Brassard to his first official Town Board Meeting.

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.

Floor open to the public:

Cathy Sprague gave a report on the Chamber. As of January 11, 2018 the Chamber has 83 members. They have members from Crown Point, Westport, Schroon Lake and Ticonderoga as well. They had a very successful 2017. Some of their successes were the hiking trail challenge, Jazz festival, Mardi Gras, Champ Day, BBQ's, Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween Party, Labor Day Celebration, Memory Tree/Fireman's Parade, they refurbished the sign at the south end of town, planted \$1,000 worth of plants, and have turned the chamber office into a visitors center. They did a lot of fundraising in 2017. They revamped the Port Henry walking tour pamphlet. They had a state to state walk-over the Champlain Bridge and a luncheon with the chamber from Addison County Vermont. They have had 5 ribbon cuttings and a mixer. Ms. Sprague thanked the Board for their support over the past year. Ms. Sprague reported that she is resigning her position as President of the Chamber to go back into the work force. The new President will be Linda Smyth. The Supervisor reminded Ms. Sprague that the Town Board needs a copy of their annual financial report and Ms. Sprague stated she will submit it shortly.

Department Head Reports:

Art Morgan-Water & Sewer Superintendent: They have had two water breaks. There is a foot of frost in the ground. They have dealt with 14 homes that have been abandoned and the pipes have froze and the landlords aren't even aware there is no one living there. Councilman Salerno asked if the water has been shut off at all these places and Mr. Morgan said yes. Mr. Morgan let Denise know for the billing. Councilman Salerno asked if the Town is required to do letters to the state or the homeowners regarding these properties and the Supervisor said no, we are doing them a favor by shutting off the water to prevent further damage.

Supervisor Scozzafava stated that the contract for the Bay Road water line project should be forth coming. Hopefully start in the Spring.

Chip Perry-WWTP Operator: Manhole 13 project is wrapping up. They did a great job. The only thing left to do is the slip line. Doing repairs at the water plant as needed. Got a new meter and drive unit for one pump. Port Henry Water Plant-nothing to report.

Supervisor Scozzafava stated we are still waiting on approval to use the \$185,000 leftover in Water District #4 project to extend the water line on Stone Street.

Councilman Salerno asked if CP Rail signed off on the Manhole 13 project. Mr. Perry stated yes, but we are still waiting on cooperation for work that still needs to be done. They are very happy with what has been done so far. The Supervisor stated they should be happy because the Town fixed a problem they have been having for years.

Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent: Due to all the recent storms, they have had a lot of hours and materials usage. If they aren't using it they are fixing it. The new truck came in. The fence on Convent Hill has been fixed.

The Supervisor stated that log tractor trailer trucks have been going through Grover Hills and that needs to stop, they are going to tear up the roads in there, Mr. Wilson, Highway Superintendent will get signs posting those roads.

Rich Lapier-Building Codes: Issued 3 building permits for the month of December. For the year we did a total of 57 permits, of which there were 3 new homes, 4 new commercial buildings. The remainder in garages, additions, alterations, decks and septic systems.

Ed Roberts-Building & Grounds: Had nothing to report. The Supervisor asked Mr. Roberts if he met with Ag & Markets and Mr. Roberts said yes, it went well. The Town will need to purchase a wand to see if stray dogs have a chip in them. Councilman Anderson asked how much one of them costs and Mr. Roberts said @\$200.00.

Councilwoman Carpenter read the police report:

Handled 128 calls for service.

Violations: 3

1-Harassment 2nd degree

2-Disorderly conduct

Misdemeanors: 4

1-Aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle 3rd degree

3-Issuing bad checks

Felonies: 0

Issued 15 Traffic Tickets

Handled 7 Traffic Accidents

Conducted 12 pistol permit background investigations

Town Board Report's:

Councilman Anderson: Youth Commission will meet in February or March.

Councilman Brassard: Met with Cheyenne Morin at the Transfer Station. He expressed interest in a backhoe for C & D. Supervisor Scozzafava stated he has had numerous conversations with Mr. Morin regarding a backhoe. Mr. Brassard feels the Town should look at putting a new water line down Grove Street. The Village of Port Henry repaired that line approximately 8 times already, and with the heavy trucks on it, that is not helping. Mr. Morgan does not feel the trucks are hurting the line, he said the line is about 7 feet deep and deeper in certain spots. The Supervisor stated that some funds have been released from the State for infrastructure repair, hopefully we will get some of it.

Councilwoman Carpenter: Waterfront Development Committee met with Mr. Crane. They are going to meet monthly. Mr. Crane met with some developers in southern new York. The committee will remain a committee and will not become a corporation. Councilwoman Carpenter will be the Liaison between the Town and the Committee. They would like to hold a public informational meeting in February to present the plan and get feedback from the community.

The bid opening for the Iron Center Doors will be at the February town board meeting. Councilwoman Carpenter will work on the public access channel next week to get all the missed meetings on. She reported that channel 17 is now channel 1302. Councilwoman Carpenter would like the Building & Grounds office to get internet, to help with dog info and ordering materials. Chip Perry stated his building already has fiber throughout and Mr. Roberts stated his building does as well.

Councilman Salerno: He has met with Julie Ida and Councilwoman Carpenter regarding the campsites. They would like to send out the contracts to the managers-leaving everything the same, including the salaries in hopes of getting a response by our next board meeting in February so we know if they plan on returning. They would also like to send the rates to all the campers.

42. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Brassard, the following resolution was
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| APPROVED | Ayes | Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Carpenter, Brassard |
| | Nays | 0 |
- RESOLVED** to send Campsite Managers contracts-same as 2017 and send rates to all campers-same as 2017.

Discussion: Councilman Salerno feels if we send these out early we will know who is coming back and who isn't.

Supervisor's Report:

The Supervisor reported we received a bill from Ewaste Recycling; it was \$616.50 for 12/5/17-1/20/18 for 3,059 pounds. This is the reason why we have to charge so much for recycled computers and TV's. Councilman Brassard asked if this is something we put out to bid and the Supervisor said no, this is state mandated. It used to be free and it isn't now. The Supervisor stated that North Elba has the best recycling program. Councilwoman Carpenter asked if there was a price list somewhere for TV's and the Supervisor said yes, at the Transfer Station and also at the Town Hall.

The Engineers are working on the Sewer Project in Witherbee. Hopefully we will have a bid date in February. Art Morgan-Water & Sewer Superintendent stated the project should take about 8 weeks.

Burnham Benefit Advisors, the Town's health insurance broker gave a \$250.00 donation to the Town of Moriah Food Pantry.

Still waiting on a date from Mary Consadine to have a public opening of the time capsule. Councilman Anderson asked how old it was and Lohrer McKinstry stated it dates back to 1872.

Town Attorney John Silvestri is working on a shared services agreement with Mountain Lake Services regarding parking on the piece of property they purchased next to the Post Office in Port Henry.

Resolutions:

43. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilwoman Carpenter, the following resolution was
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| APPROVED | Ayes | Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Carpenter, Brassard |
| | Nays | 0 |
- RESOLVED** to appoint Barb Brassard to the Board of Assessment & Review from 10/1/17-9/30/22.
44. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilwoman Carpenter, the following resolution was
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| APPROVED | Ayes | Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Carpenter, Brassard |
| | Nays | 0 |
- RESOLVED** in accordance with the NYS Retirement, requires that Matthew Brassard record time for work on a calendar for the period of 2/1/18-4/30/18.

- 45. ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Salerno, the following resolution was
 APPROVED Ayes Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Carpenter, Brassard
 Nays 0
RESOLVED to purchase new computer for the Tax Collector’s Office.

Discussion: The Supervisor reported that Town Clerk, Rose French informed him yesterday that the Essex County IT department can no longer fix it.

- 46. ON MOTION** by Councilman Brassard, seconded by Councilman Salerno, the following resolution was
 APPROVED Ayes Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Carpenter, Brassard
 Nays 0
RESOLVED to change date for bid opening for pickup truck for water and sewer department to February 8, 2018.

Discussion: With everything that has been going on we didn’t get the specs for the truck in time.

- 47. ON MOTION** by Councilwoman Carpenter, 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: N/A

The meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.

Abstract Distributions:

Claim Numbers:

December 31, 2017

General	\$26,978.19	2017/8045-8147
Highway	\$32,300.93	
Water District #1	\$2,202.99	
Water District #2	\$1,635.42	
Water District #3	\$2,746.75	
Water District #4	\$196.44	
Sewer District #1	\$2,553.64	
Sewer District #2	\$1,320.66	

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General	\$111,859.64	2018/8118-8144
Highway	\$436.19	
Water District #1	\$1,284.69	
Water District #2	\$827.79	
Water District #3	\$617.19	
Water District #4	\$130.53	
Sewer District #1	\$98,299.71	
Sewer District #2	\$111,979.00	

Capital Projects:

Manhole 13 Project	Manfred Construction	#1	\$14,456.22
Iron Center/Door Replacement	Denton Publication	#1	\$90.60

Town Clerk