

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 6:00pm at the Town of Moriah Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, New York.

Present: Thomas Scozzafava Supervisor
Paul Salerno Councilman
Luci Carpenter Councilwoman
Thomas Anderson Councilman

Absent: Timothy Garrison Councilman

Others Present: William Trybendis; Richard LaPier, Building Codes; Ed Roberts-Building & Grounds Superintendent; Chuck Roberts; Catherine Sprague-Moriah Chamber of Commerce; Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent; Linda Smythe; Sharon O'Connor; Rose French; Town Clerk.

The Supervisor opened the meeting at 6:00pm.

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

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

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

Floor Open to the Public:

Guest Speaker: Catherine Sprague from the Town of Moriah Chamber of Commerce spoke briefly on the Chamber. They appreciate the Town's support over the past year. The Chamber has a lot planned for the upcoming year; membership drive, Labor Day parade; new website; decals/banners and Cathy will be going to the boat/camper shows with brochures on the two campsites. The next Chamber meeting will be February 2, 2016 at 4:00pm if anyone is interested. The Supervisor stated that the Chamber is a difficult job but Cathy has done a great job with it.

Department Head Reports:

Ed Roberts-Building & Grounds Superintendent has been working with the inmates from Moriah Shock shoveling sidewalks and cleaning up from the recent snow. Tom stated that the Village of Port Henry now has the same Local Law regarding dogs as the Town does.

Richard LaPier- Building Codes Officer reported that he issued three building permits in December. For 2015 he issued 39 permits of which seven were new homes, 3 commercial storage buildings, 3 additions, 5 septic systems, and the remainder in wood stoves, decks and porches, alterations and garages.

Tom said he has been getting a lot of complaints on junk yards in the Town of Moriah. Legal action will be taken if property owners do not clean up their property and comply with the NYS Property Maintenance Code and get a Junk Yard License. The Board was in agreement.

Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent reported that there is now a container at the Transfer Station for all metal. The old metal pile has been fenced off. Tom said due to our Insurance, the old metal pile is a liability. Tom Anderson asked if refrigerators are accepted at the Transfer Station, Jamie said they are as long as the Freon has been removed and there is a tag stating that. Howie Sprague does Freon removal.

Town Board Reports:

Councilman Salerno had nothing to report at this time.

Councilwoman Carpenter had nothing to report at this time.

Councilman Anderson reported that the Youth Commission will begin advertising for Counselors and a Director for the 2016 Summer Program in February and March. The Director from last year will not be coming back, if anybody knows anyone who might be interested, a BA degree is required and letters of interest should be sent to Jack Armstrong. Catherine Sprague asked how many children attend the program and Councilman Anderson said between 100-120 children, and between 13-15 Counselors. The Director gets paid \$3,000.00.

Supervisor’s Report:

Supervisor Scozzafava reported that a dissolution plan for the Village has been completed and will be drafted by Laberge; from there it will go to the Village Board at their meeting on January 22, 2016 at 7:00PM. Once the plan is accepted there will be a public hearing. The public is welcome to attend the meeting when the plan is presented to the Village Board.

Moriah Central School stayed within the 2% tax cap, as did the Town, that is why you are receiving the rebate checks in the mail.

Supervisor Scozzafava said he got a copy of the 2014 Annual Progress Report from the NYS DEC regarding the Waste Water Treatment Plant and it was good. Chip Perry is doing a good job there.

The Supervisor attended the Governor’s State of the State address on January 13, 2016. The Town will be receiving money for infrastructure upgrades in water and sewer. Councilman Salerno asked when we would be getting the money; the hardship applications are being filled out now. The Supervisor stated that if the Village dissolves and we consolidate water districts it would be a huge savings for the Town. Councilman Anderson asked if the Governor said anything about releasing the funds for Broad Band service, and the Supervisor said he did not.

Resolutions:

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

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

RESOLVED to authorize the Supervisor to sign modified consent order for Waste Water Distribution System as per NYS DEC letter dated 12/10/15.

Discussion: Specific dates for improvements cannot be determined until we get the funding.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorize payment to Manfred Construction in the amount of \$101,095.014 for the completion of the Mountain Spring Road Water Project.

Discussion: This project was funded by CDBG, and it took roughly 6 weeks to complete.

3. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilwoman Carpenter, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board approve Change Order #2 Mountain Spring Road Project #GC-CO.02, in the amount of \$57,605.61.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board approve Change Order- Titus Road Pump Station for alternates #1 and #2 Reale Construction, time & materials #3 by pass pumping, electrical, approximately \$15,000.00.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorize payment of the End of Year Bills from meeting on 12/30/15.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorize End of Year Transfers.

7. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilwoman Carpenter, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board approve removal from tax roll bill #2834 in the amount of \$19.27 and bill #2833 in the amount of \$22.89.

Discussion: These are advalorum charges on the vacant property next to the Ambulance Building in Moriah Center.

8. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilwoman Carpenter, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board approve payment of the warrant.

Floor open to the public:

Linda Smyth reported that she heard the Governor was going to close more prisons. The Supervisor stated that is not what the Governor said. He thinks if anything, Moriah Shock will be expanded.

Catherine Sprague asked if there needed to be a resolution for the Chamber's Annual Appropriation and Tom said no, payment was already in the 2016 Budget.

The meeting adjourned at 6:46pm.

Abstract Distributions:

Claim Numbers:

December 30, 2015

General	\$15,687.51
Highway	\$7,155.11
Water #1	\$1,329.20
Water #2	\$961.50

2015/1353-1425

Water #4	\$122.57
Sewer	\$45,353.11

Capital Projects:

AES Northeast	Mountain Spring Road	\$5,353.48
Stanclift, Ludemann, Silvestri & McMorris	Shoreline Erosion	\$1,440.00

Abstract Distributions

Claim Numbers:

December 31, 2015

General	\$8,999.02	2015/1431-1469
Highway	\$3,866.24	
Water #1	\$966.75	
Water #2	\$719.59	
Water #4	\$89.92	
Sewer	\$2,020.87	

Abstract Distributions:

Claim Numbers:

January 14, 2016

General	\$89,306.31	2016/1-35
Highway	\$698.82	
Water #1	\$356.83	
Water #2	\$250.69	
Water #4	\$35.37	
Sewer	\$93,589.22	

Capital Projects:

Manfred Construction	Mountain Spring Road	\$101,095.14
Town of Essex	Smart Growth Grant	\$10,000.00

Town Clerk