

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Town Board Meeting on Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 6:00pm at the Town of Moriah Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, NY.

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

Others Present: Bill Trybendis, Tom Cowin, Robert Stevenson, Rich Lapier, Jamie Wilson and Rose French-Town Clerk

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

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

**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:**

Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent stated that we have an upcoming snow storm and he wants to remind everybody they will be enforcing the parking ban and tickets will be issued. You cannot plow snow in to the road and you cannot block sidewalks. The Supervisor asked if they were warning tickets and Mr. Wilson stated he will talk to Officer Brassard about it. Councilman Brassard stated it is mainly in Port Henry on the side streets.

Tom Cowin-Building & Grounds reported that they finally got the plastic for the skating rink, it is filled and should be ready to skate on Sunday. The Supervisor stated that Building & Grounds needs a new trailer to haul the lawn mower and snow blower on. The Supervisor also stated that the lobby floor at the Town Hall was looked at; area is sinking where a rafter was cut; probably for a floor register. County Engineers looked at it and will come up with a plan to repair it; will start next week. Councilman Brassard asked Mr. Cowin to pre plan for the snowmobile races/parking.

Rich Lapier-Building Codes: issued 2 building permits and 1 trailer permit in December.

Councilman Gilbo had nothing to report.

Councilman Anderson reported he is still waiting on the invoice from Whiteface Mountain for the ski program; he will call them again tomorrow. The Supervisor asked where we were at with busing/driver and Councilman Anderson stated he will have an answer tomorrow.

Councilman Salerno asked what the plan was for the stimulus money. The Supervisor stated again that he and Councilman Gilbo will sit down together and come up with some ideas; he wants to hear from the Board; he wants it to be a capital improvement. We can't use it to reduce taxes or debt; we have until 2025. He stated that a half million dollars is a lot of money but it really isn't when it comes to infrastructure; sidewalks would be an idea but he wants input from the Board. Councilman Salerno stated to improve revenue on the cabins at Bulwagga Bay Campsite we should look at putting additions on for bathrooms, the Supervisor agreed.

Councilman Brassard would like to advertise for seasonal campground workers. He stated we went from 4 to 3 workers. Have applications back by February, give them 6 weeks. He met with Councilman Gilbo and they agree to give Managers a 3% raise.

**46. ON MOTION** by Councilman Brassard, seconded by Councilman Gilbo, the following resolution was

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

**RESOLVED** to increase Campsite Manager salaries by 3% for 2022.

Discussion: Councilman Salerno asked if that included Assistant Managers also.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** to increase Assistant Campsite Managers salaries by 3% also.

Discussion: The Supervisor asked Councilman Brassard if we would be advertising for 2 seasonal workers and Councilman Brassard said yes.

### **Supervisor's Report:**

The Supervisor stated we need to start thinking about how to spend the COVID recovery funds. We need to have an informational meeting on it. The Board agreed.

The Supervisor stated that NYS homeowner assistance is available for those that were financially affected by COVID 19 and who are behind on their housing payments. The phone number is 518-873-6888.

The Town has saved @ \$7,000 in street lighting since going to LED.

The Town of Moriah received a thank you note from the family of Joe Gilbo.

The Supervisor received a thank you letter from the Port Henry Knights of Columbus for the Town crew plowing the K of C for the Toys for Tots event. The Supervisor spoke to Tom Cowin and Jamie Wilson; K of C has always been there for the Town, blood drives and WIC. He thinks they are also a shelter; Jamie Wilson stated no just the school; Sharon O'Connor stated that Mineville/Witherbee and Moriah Fire Departments are shelters also.

The Supervisor received the EMS report for December. EMS had 59 responses. Moriah Police Department had 25 calls and 25 responses. NYS Police had 944 responses (county wide). Mineville/Witherbee Fire Department had 10 responses, Moriah Fire Department had 11 and Port Henry Fire Department had 14.

The Supervisor stated that test kits are available at the Town Hall. The community has been very good about picking them up; one per household. We should be getting more next week.

The Supervisor met with the Director of public Safety yesterday in Albany regarding Moriah Shock. It was a good meeting; still on closure list; will be visiting Moriah Shock; we are on their radar.

### **Resolutions:**

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

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

**RESOLVED** authorization to purchase 2021 Ram 5500 equipped with tradesman utility box and 9' plow as per bid from Huttig Motors: \$83,562.00 from Water & Wastewater funds.

Discussion: Councilman Gilbo asked if this was fund balance and the Supervisor said yes. The F250 can't handle the jet vac. Jamie Wilson stated we can't unhook the jet vac from the F250 once it is loaded. Rich Lapier asked if it was diesel and Jamie Wilson said yes.

48. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Gilbo, the following resolution was

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

**RESOLVED** to transfer 2016 Ford F250 to Building & Grounds from Water & Wastewater Department.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated we can surplus this vehicle or bill it back to Building & Grounds and reimburse the Water & Sewer Department. Councilman Salerno asked what the Supervisor what the advantage was and the Supervisor stated Building & Grounds needs a new truck and their old one would go to the campsite. The Supervisor asked the Board if they were in agreement with surplus the F250 and they were in agreement.

49. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Brassard, seconded by Councilman Gilbo, the following resolution was

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

**RESOLVED** permission for Champ Day Festival Committee to use Port Henry Champ RV and Bulwagga Bay Campsite; August 5, 2022 and August 6, 2022.

Discussion: Councilman Brassard stated he believes the 5<sup>th</sup> is for Champ RV park and the 6<sup>th</sup> is for Bulwagga Bay Campsite. Councilman Brassard stated the festival was great last year, Andrea Anesi did a great job.

50. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Gilbo, the following resolution was

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

**RESOLVED** authorization to purchase 5 X 10; wood deck; trailer for Building & Grounds from Tractor Supply; \$1,999.99.

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

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

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

52. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Brassard, seconded by Councilman Gilbo, the following resolution was

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

**RESOLVED** approval to do adjustment sin water and sewer as needed.

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

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

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

54. **ON MOTION** by Supervisor Scozzafava, seconded by Councilman Gilbo, the following resolution was

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

**RESOLVED** effective immediately the Town of Moriah Covid Leave Policy will provide for the following:

Individuals who test positive for Covid-19 using either a self-test or a PCR test thru other sources, will be entitled up to 5 days beginning the day after the positive test.

The employee must provide a copy of the positive PCR test to the Supervisor's Office, or if the positive test was by use of a self-test, the employee must use the County Health Department website to self-attest at:

<https://www.co.essex.ny.us/Health/covid-19-information-and-resources/> that they are Covid positive.

After the 5-day period, employees must attest by use of the Health Departments website that they are symptom free and can return to work. Any additional time off needed after the 5-day period will convert to the employees own accumulated time.

Discussion: Jamie Wilson asked if the employee had to wear a mask when they come back to work and the Supervisor said yes.

Councilman Salerno asked the Supervisor about the email requesting an extension on the NYS annual report due to COVID, are there any repercussions and the Supervisor said no.

**Floor open to the public:**

N/A

The meeting adjourned at 6:26pm.

**Abstract Distributions:**

**Claim Numbers:**

December 31, 2021

General	\$14,362.60
Highway	\$4,285.17
Water #1	\$1,389.15
Water #2	\$996.59
Water #3	\$225.09
Water #4	\$116.22
Sewer #1	\$5,148.98
Sewer #2	\$2,650.66

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General	\$126,322.19
Water #1	\$1,346.53
Water #2	\$881.22
Water #3	\$77,773.86
Water #4	\$158.82
Sewer #1	\$103,967.04
Sewer #2	\$41,612.35

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Town Clerk