

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Town Board Meeting on Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 6:00pm at the Town of Moriah Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, NY.

Present: Paul Salerno Councilman
Tom Anderson Councilman
Matt Brassard Councilman
Nathan Gilbo Councilman

Absent: Thomas Scozzafava Supervisor

Others Present: Bill Trybendis, Tom Cowin, Robert Stevenson, Rich Lapier, Sharon O'Connor and Rose French-Town Clerk

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

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

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

Floor Open to the Public:

Robert Stevenson asked when something was going to be done about the junk yard in Moriah. Councilman Salerno asked which one, he wasn't sure where Mr. Stevenson was talking about. Mr. Stevenson said it is right in the middle of Moriah. Councilman Brassard stated he knew where Mr. Stevenson was talking about. Mr. Stevenson asked if a letter was sent to the person. He stated if the Town doesn't do something soon it is going to get out of hand. Councilman Salerno stated he will ask the Supervisor about it at the next meeting. Councilman Anderson stated it is hard because there is no zoning. Take them to Court. Government can't solve all problems. Councilman Salerno stated if there is a violation the Board will pursue all violations. We can send letters and then it goes to court and some comply and some don't. Councilman Brassard stated if it is a property that we already sent a letter to we can look in to it. Councilman Salerno stated he will look in to it. Mr. Stevenson asked if it was legal to have a junk yard on Main Street. Councilman Salerno stated at one time there was talk of putting fences around them; he does not have an exact answer; he feels Mr. Stevenson's concern, he will pass this information on to the Supervisor and see what happens after a letter is sent. Councilman Gilbo stated the Board does not have the legalities or even know where the location is that is being talked about.

Department Head/Town Board Reports:

Tom Cowin-Building & Grounds reported they replaced the flag at the old village hall and took all Christmas lights down.

Rich Lapier-Building Codes: issued 3 building permits for the month of December; did 3 fire/safety inspections. For 2022 issued 66 permits; 4 new homes, 8 storage buildings and garages; 2 septic systems, 6 solar panels and generators, 4 additions, 10 demolition permits and the rest were pools, decks and alterations.

Councilman Salerno stated that Jamie Wilson and Art Morgan have been excused.

Councilman Salerno stated that the Supervisor wanted him to mention he is still working with Dan Stec to extend the March 1st deadline for the Volunteer Firefighter/Ambulance squad volunteers tax exemption. Councilman Brassard stated the Supervisor sent the Board an email with 4 different options. Councilman Salerno stated the Supervisor is looking for an extension.

Councilman Gilbo reported he got a quote for the security cameras; he will move a motion at the next board meeting. He feels it will be worth it if it deters crime and/or drugs. We have a month to decide; they have to be installed on Town property; we have to see where the Police/Sheriff's department wants them located. Sharon O'Connor asked how many we are getting and Councilman Gilbo said 5 or 6.

Councilman Anderson reported the ski club will start on the 22nd; it ends in March; they will do 7 trips.

Councilman Brassard stated he will meet with Councilman Gilbo to iron out Campsite salaries. The Transfer Station is running great; their rubber boots came in. Highway Department is doing well; they picked up their new truck.

Councilman Salerno reported on the Water & Sewer Department; have had several water breaks and several plugged town sewers; fire departments had to get involved; all departments have been working together; the vacuum is working good; department is learning the Village infrastructure.

Councilman Brassard and Councilman Salerno both stated the Senior Van finally came in.

Resolutions:

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

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

RESOLVED A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF MORIAH TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION CONSISTENT WITH THE PROGRAM GUIDELINES FOR THE 2022 “RESTORE NY COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE” MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS The Governor Kathy Hochul and the State of New York recently announced round 7 of the “Restore NY Communities Initiative”, where, in partnership with the Empire State Development Corporation, the initiative seeks to provide assistance to municipalities to finance ongoing efforts to demolish, deconstruct, rehabilitate and/or reconstruct vacant, abandoned, condemned and surplus properties to revitalize urban areas and attract individuals, families, industry and commercial enterprises to the municipality, and

WHEREAS the Town of Moriah is applying for one project with a maximum grant allowed in the amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00, and

WHEREAS the Town of Moriah deems the proposed “Witherbee Estate Renovation” project located on 10 Stone Street to be consistent with the existing comprehensive plan and town ordinances. The proposed financing is appropriate for the specific facility or projects; the project facilitates effective and efficient use of existing and future public resources so as to promote both economic development and preservation of community resources; and where applicable, the project develops and enhances infrastructure and/or facilities in a manner that will attract, create and sustain the local economy and promote employment opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Moriah hereby authorizes the submission of the grant application consistent with the Request for Funding contained in the grant guidance for the “Restore NY Communities Initiative” municipal grant program. The project requires no less than 10 percent of the total project cost in matching contributions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Property Owner, Michael Mackin shall be solely responsible in providing any out of pocket, upfront, or matching requirements needed for completion of this project.

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

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

RESOLVED a resolution authorizing Local Law #1 of 2023 amending Local Law #1 of 1978 providing for written notification of defects and obstructions on town highways, bridges, streets, sidewalks, crosswalks and culverts.

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

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

RESOLVED approval to do transfers in budget as needed.

50. ON MOTION by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Brassard, the following resolution

Approved	Ayes	Salerno, Anderson, Brassard, Gilbo
	Nays	0
	Absent	Scozzafava

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

51. ON MOTION by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Gilbo, the following resolution

Approved	Ayes	Salerno, Anderson, Brassard, Gilbo
	Nays	0
	Absent	Scozzafava

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

Floor open to the public:

N/A

The meeting adjourned at 6:13pm.

Abstract Distributions:

Claim Numbers:

December 31, 2022

General	\$13,946.74	2022/2103-2173
Highway	\$21,720.32	
Water #1	\$12,379.46	
Water #2	\$8,651.11	
Water #3	\$2,313.27	
Water #4	\$597.80	
Sewer #1	\$4,690.79	
Sewer #2	\$2,161.32	

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General	\$47,874.45	2023/1-51
Water #1	\$1,196.05	
Water #2	\$771.71	
Water #3	\$28.17	
Water #4	\$144.25	
Sewer #1	\$105,424.86	
Sewer #2	\$120,826.61	

Stimulus:

Huttig Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep & Ram	Chrysler Senior Van	\$39,887.50	#1
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Capital Projects:

Egglefield Ford	Ford F350 (Highway Dept.)	\$63,824.00	#1
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