

The Town of Moriah Town Board held a Joint Meeting with the Village of Port Henry, Board of Trustees on September 19, 2016 at 7:00pm at the Town of Moriah Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, New York, to discuss the formation of joint Fire District #3.

**Present:** Thomas Scozzafava Supervisor  
Paul Salerno Councilman  
Lucille Carpenter Councilwoman

**Absent:** Thomas Anderson Councilman  
Timothy Garrison Councilman

**Others Present:** George Harrington, Sharon O'Connor, John & Jackie Viestenz, Buck Beebe, Charli Lewis-Essex County Real Property, Linda Smyth-Village Trustee, Mark Davenport-Village Trustee, Robert Rokel-DOS, Kevin Schwenzfior-DOS, Lohrer McKinstry, Jim Curran-Village Trustee, Matt Brassard-Village Trustee, Jim Hughes-Chief: Port Henry Fire Dept., Robert Hafner-Village of Port Henry Attorney, Ron Van Slooten, John Silvestri-Town of Moriah Attorney, John Rodat-Laberge Group, Nicole Allen-Laberge Group, Brian Glebus-Chief: Moriah Fire Dept., Charlie Bryant, Ron Nesbitt, Don Jaquish-Emergency Services, Sandra Lovell, Ann Tesar, Dorothy Wilber, Tom Edwards, William Trybendis, Denise Daly-Village Clerk, and Rose French, Town Clerk

Supervisor Scozzafava opened the joint meeting at 7:00pm by reading the legal notice calling for the joint meeting.

Matt Brassard-Village Trustee, reported there will be a joint meeting on Thursday, October 27, 2016 at 7:00pm at the Town of Moriah Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, NY to establish the Port Henry Fire District #3.

John Hafner, Attorney for the Village of Port Henry spoke. He reiterated the fact that the Village of Port Henry residents voted to dissolve the Village and they voted yes to the dissolution plan. There are now 3 legal steps that have to be followed to create a Fire District to include the portions north and south of the Village in question. 1) The Town of Moriah needs to alter the area of fire protection north and south of the Village. 2) The Village of Port Henry and the Town of Moriah need to form a joint Fire District to include these areas. There will be a Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 6:00pm at the Port Henry Knights of Columbus to establish a joint Fire District #3. At this meeting, the Village will appoint 3 fire commissioners and the Town will appoint 2. 3) Incorporate Fire District #3.

Councilman Salerno asked if this would be a fire company? Mr. Hafner explained it would be a fire corporation once they had their 501C.

Floor Open to the Public:

Don Jaquish-Emergency Services, asked if the boundaries were matched? The Supervisor stated yes, they were. The new Fire District will not take away any existing land from existing districts, fire protection only.

The meeting closed at 7:07pm.

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Town Clerk