

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, July 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
	Thomas Anderson	Councilman
	Lucille Carpenter	Councilwoman
	Timothy Garrison	Councilman

Others Present: William Trybendis, Richard LaPier-Building Codes, Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent, Betty Fletcher (and husband), Daniel St. Cyr (and Son), and Rose French-Town Clerk.

Supervisor Scozzafava opened the meeting at 6:00pm.

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

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

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

Bid Opening:

Supervisor Scozzafava read the legal notice of bid. One bid was received from Bruno Mazzotte, in the amount of \$101.99.

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

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

RESOLVED to award surplus bid for one “junk”1996 John Deere Riding Mower and Deck to Bruno Mazzotte in the amount of \$101.99.

Discussion: This is the lawn mower that caught on fire at the Campsite.

Floor Open to the Public:

Daniel St. Cyr asked what was being done about Leroy’s and all the junk cars. The Supervisor reported that the Town has been in contact with the Department of Motor Vehicles, the APA and the New York State DEC. The last correspondence that Rich Lapier had with the APA, they said they would be here within 2 weeks. The Town cannot do anything further until one of the agencies actually site Mr. Snow with a violation. The Supervisor stated he understands the frustration regarding this issue, but the Town is doing everything they can. The Supervisor also suggested contacting Senator Betty Little or Assemblyman Dan Stec, that might help. He also stated that Mr. Snow has not been very cooperative with the Town or any other agency.

Councilwoman Carpenter would like to thank Ed Roberts and all the inmates from Moriah Shock for cleaning up the Angel of Hope. She is looking for volunteers to help maintain the gardens around the Angel. Also, in need of monetary donations for fencing and mulch, etc. 3 pavers were just placed in June and the next placement will be in late fall.

Department Head Reports:

Richard LaPier- Building Codes: Issued six (6) building permits for the month of June. Have 1 trailer permit application from Betty Ann Fletcher for a camping trailer on her father’s property. It will be connected to town water and sewer, for use in summer only. It will meet all requirements for a mobile home. He recommends approval. He also has a 4 lot subdivision for Sandra Smith & Ronald Gagnon on Mountain Spring Road. It is non jurisdictional with the APA, he recommends approval for that as well.

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

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

RESOLVED to approve trailer permit for Betty Ann Fletcher for a camping trailer on 3048 Plank Road with full water and sewer hook ups.

Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent reported that the department, with the help of Ed Roberts and the inmates from Moriah Shock, did a lot of work on Pepper Field, it is done and looks really nice.

The Highway Department will be working in Grover Hills this summer and that work will probably take all summer long.

They had about 20 trees down in the past couple of days with the recent storms.

Mr. Wilson reported that the Transfer Station will be accepting brush on July 22, and July 23, 2016. Three (3) inches and under in diameter, Residents only, you must check in with the Transfer Station Attendant before unloading any brush.

Supervisor Scozzafava mentioned that in the month of June, we paid out \$3,400 in C & D and only took in \$1,298. There is a problem somewhere and he and the Highway Superintendent will be looking into it. He would like to see C & D only collected 2 days a week, he thinks we might be better able to keep track of it that way. Scales are too costly. Maybe a flat rate for C & D would work. The Supervisor is going to look into a security system for the Transfer Station as well.

Councilman Salerno stated that the Shuffle Board at the Pavilion at the Campsite is done and the campers are really enjoying it.

Mr. Wilson would also like to mention that Tom Brace retired from the Highway Department after 30 years, would like to make sure he is recognized.

3. **ON MOTION** by Supervisor Scozzafava, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was

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

A resolution of appreciation to Tom Brace for 30 years of service to the Town of Moriah.

Discussion: The Supervisor will have a plaque of appreciation made at the County.

Supervisor Scozzafava mentioned that we have 2 canoes at the Campsite that aren't being used and we have a lot of requests for a 2 man kayak. Should we surplus the canoes and get kayaks? There was a brief discussion on the issue.

Mr. Wilson reported that the portable tennis system is up at the court in Moriah Corners. This court is used for Pickle Ball, Tennis, and Basketball.

Town Board Reports:

Councilman Salerno reported the 4th of July weekend at the Campsite was the best we have had in years. 156 Seasonals and 28 transients through the weekend.

Ed Roberts-Building & Grounds and the inmates have been working on Powerhouse Park and Raymond Wright Park, setting up the intercom system for the Combat Vet ride.

Councilman Salerno asked if the Board thought putting a park in Moriah Center near the old ambulance building would be a good idea, near Mill Brook? There was a brief discussion.

Supervisor Scozzafava thought it was a good idea, but might be a liability issue with the steep drop off to the water.

Councilman Salerno has been in contact with the Chamber and Cathy Sprague regarding Champ Day.

Building & Grounds built a couple of benches for the seniors at the Train Station. They have also been busy with road side clean up.

Councilman Garrison commented on Tim Bryant's letter to the editor. Supervisor Scozzafava said the information in the article is incorrect. Town residents will not see a 21% increase in their taxes. It is true that instead of having 2 chances at any grant (Town can apply and Village can apply) if the Village dissolves; only the Town would be able to apply for any grants. However, water and sewer districts would be able to consolidate, saving everyone. The Supervisor reiterated that the Village will be dissolved; the vote is on the plan not the dissolution that has already been decided. Councilman Salerno reminded everyone the vote is August 16, 2016 from noon-9:00pm.

Councilwoman Carpenter read the police report:

Violations (9)

2-Harassment 2nd degree

2-Tresspass

1-Disorderly Conduct

1-Failure to License a Dog

Misdemeanors (4)

1-Assault in the 3rd degree

2-Operating with a suspended license

1-Menacing 2nd Degree

Felonies (0)

Issued 15 Traffic Tickets and handled 6 traffic accidents.

Conducted 5 background investigations on pistol permit applications

Supervisor Scozzafava stated that he and Councilwoman Carpenter met with the Police Department and the Justices regarding the presence of a police officer during court. It is only when the DA is there. Supervisor Scozzafava said Councilman Garrison had a good point when he said "if we are going to have a police department, we are going to have to fund a police department". Councilman Anderson said he would rather see the department increased rather than abolish it.

Councilman Anderson reported on the Youth Commission, going well, about 120 kids per day. They are using the beach, going on field trips. He mentioned that this is a very good program and we currently do not charge for it. It is a lot of work and very costly for such a short program.

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Scozzafava reported that he would like to set up a Hydro Project Committee. As this project progresses, there will be questions.

He received a letter from the Attorney General regarding Solar Power. Solar Power has become very popular. There will be more regulations in the near future.

Sandra Lovell read a portion of the "Fact Finder" at the last meeting regarding the hydro project, suggesting the permits have not been filed yet. This is not the case. The Supervisor received an email from Jim Beesha-Albany Engineering. The permits have all been filed; they are currently waiting on the license which is currently being reviewed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

The Supervisor received a letter from Charter Communications regarding the merger with Time Warner Cable. The merger is complete and we have a new account manager. Still no franchise agreement. Still waiting for the state to release the funds for the expansion. He called the Public Service Commission regarding Charter.

He stated there was a slight issue in the hiring process when Tom Brace retired from the Highway Department. Transfers from the Water & Sewer Department to Highway, and Transfers from the Highway Department to Water & Sewer. That has been taken care of.

The Town Beach was closed for a couple of days due to blue/green algae; that has been resolved.

He received a thank you letter to Ed Roberts and the Town Board from William Grant. He thanked the town for their quick response when he had a raccoon issue.

The Supervisor mentioned that there was a flyer going around regarding the Spring on the Tracey Road and how it is being chlorinated and to call the Supervisor's Office to demand that the Town stop chlorinating it. He has not received one call regarding this.

The Town's request to reduce the number of post closure monitoring at the old landfill has been approved and will begin immediately. This will be a substantial savings for the Town.

Mr. Greg Furness gave a list to the Supervisor of veterans from different wars who are buried in the Town of Moriah. We will try to get this list on the website and also get it to the Historian at the Iron Ore Museum.

The Town has \$168,000 leftover in grant money from the Water District #4 project, but we are unable to use it. Money can only be used for this project and project is complete.

The Supervisor received a letter from the NYS DEC regarding the 2015 Annual Progress Report on the Wastewater Treatment Plant. It was all good, Chip Perry does a great job.

The Dollar General real property tax assessment proceedings against the Town have been dismissed dated April 11, 2016.

The Supervisor and the Water & Sewer Superintendent will look into meters for Water District #3, they would be purchased by the Residents, and the Town would install them, in the hopes that this would reduce the yearly cost for residents in that water district.

The train station needs roof work and other repairs. Amtrak leases the building from D & H Railroad, but the Seniors have an agreement with Amtrak for passengers. The Town takes care of the building.

Resolution's:

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

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

RESOLVED to surplus one Club Car Golf Cart from the Campsite-needs motor.

Discussion: Bid opening at Town Board meeting on August 11, 2016.

5. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Garrison, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED to surplus one 2001 F-250 Ford Pickup at Campsite-selling as junk.

Discussion: Bid opening at Town Board meeting on August 11, 2016.

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

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

RESOLVED approve a 4 lot subdivision for Sandra Smith.

Discussion: On Recommendation by Building Code Inspector Richard Lapier.

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

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

RESOLVED to renew contract with AES for professional Engineering services for period 4/1/2016-3/31/2017.

Discussion: This agreement is based on the Essex County contract with DPW.

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

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

RESOLVED to approve proposal by AES to prepare application for funding for the CDBG block grant application in the amount of \$950.00.

9. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Garrison, seconded by Councilwoman Carpenter, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED to approve adding a phone line to our current account with Cornerstone for the Iron Center Museum.

Discussion: The Museum currently has a plan with AT & T and it cost them roughly \$85 a month and with Cornerstone it will be \$32.50.

10. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Garrison, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED to approve payment of the warrant.

Floor open to the public:

N/A

The meeting adjourned at 7:11pm.

Abstract Distributions:

Claim Numbers:

June 22, 2016

General \$45.87

2016/5250

June 27, 2016

General \$6,612.03

2016/5251-5265

Highway \$608.49

Water #1 \$27.07

Water #2	\$18.37
Water #4	\$2.90
Sewer	\$48.35

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General	\$38,319.81	2016/5270-5366
Highway	\$8,034.86	
Water #1	\$3,775.08	
Water #2	\$2,761.19	
Water #4	\$343.25	
Sewer	\$9,277.82	

Capital Projects:

Denton Publications	Sewer-Witherbee	\$46.86	#1
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Town Clerk