

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Town Board Meeting on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 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

Absent: Matt Brassard Councilman
Nathan Gilbo Councilman

Others Present: Bill Trybendis, Robert Stevenson, Sharon O'Connor, Rick Lewis, Ned Phinney, Patricia Montgomery and Rose French-Town Clerk

The Supervisor opened the meeting at 6:00pm by saluting the flag.

The Supervisor apologized for having to reschedule the board meeting but we would not have had a quorum on July 13th.

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

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

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:

All Department Heads excused.

Supervisor's Report:

The Supervisor stated Rick Lewis and Sharon O'Connor from the Chamber are here. The Supervisor stated he is still waiting on the Chamber's budget, Mr. Lewis stated they are working on it. ROOST needs to know where the occupancy tax money is going.

Susan Wright 10 Mineville Road in Grover Hills would like a street light installed. The Supervisor is going to have Art Brassard patrol the area and see how many we have in that area currently and then make a decision.

The Iron Center is open-we now have a schedule. The Supervisor thanked all the volunteers and Jim Davis for coordinating all of it.

Bulwagga Bay Campsite had the NYS Department of Health inspection; backflow preventers are still an issue, have to have one in place, campers are taking them off.

Still need to make a decision on what to spend the stimulus money on; have received some good ideas. Have done a lot of work on the field on College Street; the Supervisor feels this will be a great asset to the community; people would like to see it used for the Labor Day celebration. Money has to be obligated by the end of the year.

CP Rail has agreed to let the Town cut the brush coming in to Port Henry from the South. Supervisor will sign agreement and get 3 quotes for a contractor to do the work.

If you still haven't returned the water service line inventory please do, they need to be completed by November. The Supervisor stated he has been speaking to Art Morgan-Water & Sewer Superintendent and they feel Districts #1, #2 and #4 are good, District #3 in Port Henry they are

unsure of; may have to drill test holes. Councilman Salerno stated he feels it is a low percentage of lead pipes coming in to homes. The Supervisor stated they are unsure of the homes in Port Henry.

Councilman Salerno had nothing to report.

Councilman Anderson stated the summer program is up and running; had 60 kids on Monday; it is going well. The Supervisor thanked Councilman Anderson and Steve Pelkey Director for their help with the food program situation.

Resolutions:

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

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

RESOLVED to authorize retroactive pay for LeeAnn Sprague for period of 6/13/22-12/23/2022; change from Clerk to Account Clerk; 15 payrolls; 1,050 hours X \$2.36 per hour; total \$2,478.00.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated the Board gave increases to 2 other clerk's mid-year; have not received a grievance yet; this is the right thing.

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

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

RESOLVED to authorize purchase of a 0 turn 60" deck mower from NYS Contract for Building & Grounds; mower being replaced to be surplus to campsites.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated the mower at the campsite is dead. We have 48" now; need 60"; cost should be around \$10,000.

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

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

RESOLVED authorization for Supervisor to sign Right of Entry Agreement with CP Rail to cut brush on property south of Port Henry and to obtain quotes from local contractors for the work.

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

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

RESOLVED to accept proposal from Donald Hoffman for appraisal of Church Street building for sale of property in the amount of \$975.00.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated to surplus this building the first thing we need to do is get it appraised. Councilman Salerno asked if we are trying to get full market value and the Supervisor said yes and then go out to bid; will need a public hearing; subject to permissive referendum.

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

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

RESOLVED change regular town board meetings from 2nd Thursday to 3rd Thursday of every month beginning Board Meeting in August.

Discussion: Councilman Gilbo can't do the 2nd Thursday until March and it will be easier when paying the bills anyway.

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

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

RESOLVED renew contract with Twin State for telephone system; \$678.52; 9/1/23-8/31/24.

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

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

RESOLVED to renew Town's .Gov email accounts with Cumulus Global; \$3,888.00; 7/1/23-6/30/24.

Discussion: This is a mandated item by NYS.

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

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

RESOLVED to correct minutes from June 8, 2023 meeting; Local Law to provide tax exemption to volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers is Local Law #2 of 2023 not Local Law #1.

Discussion: Town Clerk stated Local Law #1 was Highway Defects.

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

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

RESOLVED approval to do transfers in budget as needed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Floor Open to the Public:

Patricia Montgomery stated the M3 Music Fest is September 2, 2023; 3:30pm to dark. Ms. Montgomery asked if War Cannon could sell alcohol and the Supervisor said no, he stated it would be very costly insurance wise. Councilman Salerno asked about the pro's to the tax payers. Ms. Montgomery stated War Cannon is a new business and it would be good for them. She also

stated that Red Brick could do glasses of wine. The Supervisor stated he could look in to it but the answer will probably be no. Councilman Salerno asked how Ballard Park does it and Councilman Anderson stated they don't offer it; people bring their own. Councilman Salerno asked if the Town could get a rider and the Supervisor stated it is a slippery slope. Ms. Montgomery stated again it is September 2nd and there will be an open mic hour.

Sharon O'Connor wanted to thank Tom Cowin and crew for cleaning the stones at Miner's Park and the Supervisor thanked them and Gary Cutting for the flags at Raymond Wright Park.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20pm.

Abstract Distributions:

Claim Numbers:

June 13, 2023

General	\$1,600.00	2023/767-784
Highway	\$3,200.00	
Water #1	\$336.00	
Water #2	\$228.00	
Water #3	\$600.00	
Water #4	\$36.00	
Sewer #1	\$990.00	
Sewer #2	\$210.00	

June 28, 2023

General	\$5,521.14	2023/918-948
Highway	\$1,651.24	
Water District #1	\$88.35	
Water District #2	\$61.39	
Water District #3	\$446.68	
Water District #4	\$8.96	
Sewer District #1	\$1,993.53	
Sewer District #2	\$1,850.04	

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General	\$57,156.96	2023/949-1101
Highway	\$7,686.53	
Water District #1	\$10,321.05	
Water District #2	\$8,354.71	
Water District #3	\$3,583.13	
Water District #4	\$239.27	
Sewer District #1	\$19,206.22	
Sewer District #2	\$6,464.42	

Capital Projects:

CDBG Wells/Septic's-Cheever	Denton Publications	\$52.26	#1
Sewer District #1 Improvements	Denton Publications	\$25.53	#10
	MJ Engineering	\$3,980.00	#11
	MJ Engineering	\$21,500.00	#12
Stimulus:			
College St. Field	JP Carrara & Son's	\$471.00	#1
	Scalzo Construction	\$420.00	#2
	Tri-State	\$485.15	#3
	Hadeka Stone Corp.	\$11,232.00	#4