

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Town Board Meeting on Thursday, July 17, 2025 at 6:00pm at the Town of Moriah Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, NY.

Present:	Matthew Brassard Tom Anderson James Curran	Supervisor Councilman Councilman
Absent:	Paul Salerno Nate Gilbo	Councilman Councilman

Others Present: Bill Trybendis, Carol Chiarella, Cecelia Wojciukiewicz, Matt Courtright, Carol Calabrese, Ned Phinney, Tom Cowin, Rick Lewis and Rose French-Town Clerk

The Supervisor opened the meeting at 6:00pm by saluting the flag. He thanked everyone for coming.

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

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

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

Special Guests: Matt Courtright and Carol Calabrese: 2026 Moriah Microenterprise Grant Program

The Supervisor stated that he, Councilman Curran and Carol Chiarella have resurrected the Economic Development Committee and they met with Carol Calabrese-Essex County IDA and Matt Courtright-Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce regarding using some of the bed tax money the Town receives for micro grants for small businesses. Ms. Calabrese stated the IDA has done 11 of these micro grants. They are to assist small businesses; has to be tourism related. Ms. Calabrese went over the definition of a small business. Mr. Courtright stated there is less requirements with this type of grant but there is mandatory training/class. Ms. Calabrese stated the business will have 2 weeks to complete the application. Mr. Courtright stated the business can schedule an appointment with them to help get started. Ms. Calabrese stated after the application is completed there is a 2 week turn around time; it will go before the grant committee. The Board needs to pass the resolution for these small grants and the IDA will monitor for 1 year. Mr. Courtright stated the Economic Development Committee needs to meet and set aside the amount of bed tax money they want to use. The Supervisor stated the Town receives \$80,000 in bed tax money; currently helps the Chamber, musical festival, etc.

Floor Open to the Public:

N/A

Department Head/Town Board Reports:

Tom Cowin-Building & Grounds Superintendent reported the youth program kids that are working with Building & Grounds have been doing a great job. The Supervisor thanked the Building & Grounds department for all the running around they do.

The Supervisor stated he is not sure where the rest of the Department Heads are.

Councilman Anderson reported the summer program is good; 1st week they had 90 kids; 2nd week they had 60 kids. He stated the Counselor’s are doing well; the Directors are doing a good job. The Supervisor stated he went up a couple of times and it looked like it was running great. Councilman Anderson stated they had soccer sign ups; if you were late signing up or can’t afford the \$25, arrangements can be made; you probably won’t get a t shirt though.

Councilman Curran reported the cabins for Champ RV Park should be done the 1st week of August; will do a final walk through. He is still working with the owners of Vic’s Restaurant;

trying to get that cleaned up. The community garden is doing good. Chamber is good. There will be a Michigan eating contest Friday night at the Farmer’s Market.

Supervisor’s Report:

The Supervisor stated CVES looked at property on the Dugway Road but it was not adequate for a new building. Bill Larrow has been in touch with CVES about a different site. CVES needs 20-25 acres; if you know of anybody who has a piece of property that would work, please let the Supervisor know. It is crucial that we keep CVES here.

The Supervisor stated the new cabin is up and running; 3 families have rented it so far; it’s been a long time coming.

The Supervisor stated Collin Mangan-Property Maintenance has sent out about 60 violation letters.

Resolutions:

146. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, unanimous second, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED a resolution of condolences to Ethan Snyder and family on the passing of his brother Tyler.

147. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Curran, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED a resolution to refund Janelle and Preston Vargo \$631.00; Bulwagga Bay Campsite.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated they planned on camping; paid with a check; had an issue with their camper; couldn’t camp. The site was rented immediately; the Supervisor feels when we reserve a site we should only charge a 1-day nonrefundable deposit instead of going through this every month.

148. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Curran, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED A Resolution of the Town Moriah Accepting the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM)

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has completed a flood hazard study for Essex County and provided the Town of Moriah with updated Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) and a Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report that delineates the Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) and flood risk zones for the jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the updated FIRM and FIS report are based on current, scientific, and technical data and are intended to replace the previously issued maps to ensure accurate and consistent identification of flood-prone areas; and

WHEREAS, FEMA requires communities participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) to adopt the revised FIRM and FIS report in order to remain in good standing with the program and ensure continued eligibility for federally backed flood insurance; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Moriah has reviewed the updated FIRM and FIS report and finds them acceptable and beneficial for local floodplain management, hazard mitigation planning, and community resilience;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Moriah, that:

- 1. The Town of Moriah hereby accepts and adopts the revised Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report issued by FEMA for Essex County, effective July 17, 2025.
- 2. The Town Board of the Town of Moriah is authorized and directed to ensure implementation of the updated maps in accordance with the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program and applicable local regulations.
- 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated about a year ago the DEC updated the flood plane maps; we need to adopt this or we won't get any FEMA money in the future if we have an emergency.

149. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Curran, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED a resolution to go out to bid for the construction of the police station renovation project.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated this has been a long time coming; started with the previous Supervisor; USDA grant money. Councilman Anderson asked if this was the money from Elise Stefanik and the Supervisor said yes.

150. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Curran, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED In the Matter of the Granting of a Cable Television Franchise Held by Spectrum Northeast, LLC in the Town of Moriah, County of Essex, New York,

an application has been duly made to the Board of the Town of Moriah, County of Essex, New York, by Spectrum Northeast, LLC, an indirect subsidiary of Charter Communications, Inc. ("Charter"), a limited liability company organized and existing in good standing under the laws of State of Delaware doing business at 2604 Seneca Avenue, Niagara Falls, NY 14305, for the approval of a renewal agreement for Charter's cable television franchise for fifteen (15) years commencing with the date of approval by the Public Service Commission.

The franchise renewal agreement would bring the franchise into conformity with certain provisions of the Federal Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, as amended, and certain court rulings.

A public hearing was held in the Town of Moriah, New York on Thursday, July 17, 2025 at 5:45P.M. and notice of the hearing was published in the Press Republican on July 9, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of the Town of Moriah finds that:

- 1. Spectrum Northeast, LLC has substantially complied with the material terms and conditions of its existing franchise and with applicable law; and

- 2. Spectrum Northeast, LLC has the financial, legal and technical ability to provide these services, facilities and equipment as set forth in its proposal attached; and
- 3. Spectrum Northeast, LLC can reasonably meet the future cable-related community needs and interests, taking into account the cost of meeting such needs and interests.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of the Town of Moriah hereby grants the cable television franchise of Spectrum Northeast, LLC and the Town of Moriah for fifteen (15) years commencing with the date of approval by the Public Service Commission and expiring fifteen (15) years hence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of the Town of Moriah hereby confirms acceptance of this franchise renewal agreement.

- 151. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Curran, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED approval to do transfers in budget as needed.

- 152. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Curran, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was

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

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

- 153. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Curran, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED approval to pay end of month and monthly warrants.

- 154. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Curran, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED to add the fee for Residential Property Search; \$50.00 and Commercial Property Search; \$100.00 to the Town of Moriah Permit Application Fee Schedule (original resolution to charge was passed on September 14, 2017).

- 155. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Curran, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED to pay Pat Salerno \$250.00 to build the BBQ pit at the field on College Street for the chicken BBQ on Labor Day.

Floor Open to the Public:

Cecelia Wojciukiewicz asked the Supervisor how many cabins the Town has now and he stated 3 at Bulwagga Bay and 2 coming for Champ RV Park. Ms. Wojciukiewicz asked if the ones at Champ RV Park would be open this year and the Supervisor stated he is hoping by the 3rd week in August they will be available. Councilman Anderson asked when the walk through was and Councilman Curran stated July 28th. The Supervisor stated we just ordered some comfortable chairs for the new cabin at Bulwagga Bay.

The meeting adjourned at 6:33pm.

Abstract Distributions:		Claim Numbers:	
<u>June 30, 2025</u>		2025/983-984	
General	\$1,284.15		
<u>July 1, 2025</u>		2025/985-986	
General	\$800.00		
<u>July 9, 2025</u>		2025/1080	
General	\$1,000.00		
<u>July 17, 2025</u>		2025/987-1127	
General	\$52,618.62		
Highway	\$203,624.81		
Water #1	\$4,335.84		
Water #2	\$3,068.92		
Water #3	\$8,207.91		
Water #4	\$71.10		
Sewer #1	\$3,365.61		
Sewer #2	\$2,389.30		
Sewer District #1 Improvements	J Hutchins	\$206,883.64	#8
Champ Beach Event Space (COVID \$)	AES Northeast	\$8,839.20	#7

Town Clerk