

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, June 9, 2016 at 6:00PM at the Town of Moriah Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, New York.

<b>Present:</b>	Thomas Scozzafava	Supervisor
	Paul Salerno	Councilman
	Thomas Anderson	Councilman
	Lucille Carpenter	Councilwoman
	Timothy Garrison	Councilman

**Others Present:** Diana Stevenson, William Trybendis, Richard LaPier-Building Codes, Sandra Lovell, Amanda Lovell, John Viestenz, Ann Tesar, Krissy Leerkes-Office of the Aging, Donna Beal-Mercy Care for the Adirondacks, Art Morgan-Water & Sewer Superintendent, Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent, MaryBeth Mero, Carol Cogswell, Ginger Currier and Daughter, Linda Smythe, and Rose French-Town Clerk.

Supervisor Scozzafava opened the meeting at 6:00pm.

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

#### **Special Guest's:**

Krissy Leerkes; Office of the Aging and Donna Beal; Mercy Care for the Adirondacks presented a new program in Essex County called "Community Friendship Volunteer Program of Essex County". The program provides friendship, companionship, and a helping hand to elders, and helps them stay connected to their communities. If you are interested in learning more about the program or becoming a volunteer, please contact Gayle Wells of RSVP at (518) 546-3565.

#### **Floor Open to the Public:**

Amanda Lovell asked if the McConley Spring had been chlorinated lately and Art Morgan Water & Sewer Superintendent reported that it had been. Ms. Lovell stated she looked in the pool house and could see the chlorine tablet. She feels the spring should not be chlorinated and if it is there should be a sign there stating that it is a chlorinated spring. The Supervisor and Councilwoman Carpenter explained to Ms. Lovell that the NYS Department of Health requires the Town to chlorinate it and test it periodically. If we did not do this, the spring would be shut down and no one would be allowed to use it. The Supervisor reported that the NYS Department of Health wanted the Town to close it, but after we agreed to chlorinate it and test it periodically, we were allowed to keep it open. Ms. Lovell would not yield the floor, the Supervisor cut off the discussion, and Ms. Lovell left.

Sandra Lovell read an article that she wrote regarding the Hydro Project. The Supervisor spoke with Albany Engineering, there will be a public meeting in the near future regarding this project. Letters have already gone out to Residents that will be affected by this project. This project will have a huge impact on this community financially.

Carol Cogswell asked what all the digging was on the south side of the Village. The Supervisor reported that it is a new sewer line. When it rains really hard, Manhole 13 in the Train Station parking lot, floods really bad, so that will be fixed along with new sewer line all the way to the Sewer Plant.

Ginger Currier asked about all the junk cars next door to her house. Why are they not being taken care of and why can't her neighbor be made to put up a fence, the value of her house is way down because of it. Her daughter asked about all the tires, is there a limit on how many tires one place can have? They are full of standing water and mosquito's. The Supervisor stated the tires would be a question for the DEC. The Supervisor reported that he and Rich Lapier-Building Codes have been in contact with the APA and the DEC regarding this property and they

are doing everything they can to get it cleaned up. He also said that in order to be forced to put up a fence, he would have to get a junk yard permit and under APA jurisdiction, they would never approve one. The next step will be to issue a summons and take him to Court. Rich Lapier will contact the APA on Monday and see where they are at with it. Councilman Salerno reported that roughly 85 cars have been taken out of there over the past few months.

### **Department Head Reports:**

Richard LaPier- Building Codes: Issued one (6) building permits for the month of May and issued (2) notices of Violation for rubbish & garbage.

Art Morgan-Water & Sewer Superintendent reported that the Titus Road Pump Station Project is complete. The new pump only runs about an hour a day. We will have to do the same thing to the pump on Tarbell Hill in the near future. We will be getting a new seesnake reel and camera and that will be a huge asset to the department.

Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent reported that the department has been attending a lot of training this month.

All department heads helped out with getting ready for the Roe Pond Kids Fishing Tournament. It takes a lot to get ready for this. The pond has to be cleaned, stocked and then patrolled to make sure there is no fishing there until the day of the tournament. The Supervisor reported that it is a children's fishing pond, however Senior Citizen's over the age of 65 are allowed to fish there, catch and release. Jamie will order a sign that says Senior Citizens are allowed to fish there with proper fishing privileges that can be obtained from the Town Clerk's Office.

The Highway Department has been doing a lot of mowing.

They have been doing a lot of work at the Transfer Station also. Working on the retaining walls and approaches around the compactor. Everything is in one area now. The Transfer Station is a very busy place. The Supervisor reported that it looks really good, Jamie and his crew have done a great job. Only taking C & D a couple days a week was brought up. Jamie suggested if you are going to bring C & D to call ahead and make sure there is room in the container.

They will be working on roads in Grover Hills this Summer. The County will be working on Windy Hill. Jamie mentioned the bridge on the Ensign Pond Road is set and should reopen soon.

They have been doing a lot of work on Pepper Field.

### **Town Board Reports:**

Councilwoman Carpenter read the Police Report: Handled 166 calls for service.

Violations (3)

2-Harassment 2<sup>nd</sup> degree

1-Disorderly Conduct

Misdemeanors (5)

3-Issuing Bad Checks

2-Assault in the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree

Felonies (0)

Issued 19 Traffic Tickets and handled 5 traffic accidents.

Conducted 9 background investigations on pistol permit applications

Councilman Carpenter and Supervisor Scozzafava are now on the Police Committee. Had their first meeting tonight. Discussed scheduling and shift differential pay. The Board was in agreement with shift differential pay, retroactive to January 1, 2016, it has to be approved by the Teamsters. We do have money from Stop DWI to offset the cost. Supervisor Scozzafava is

going to check with the Office of Court Administration to see if the Court has to have an officer there during Court.

Councilman Anderson reported that the Youth Commission went through all the applications for Counselors for the 2016 Summer Youth Program. 14 were selected. The Summer Program will run from July 5, 2016 – August 5, 2016. They already have most of the supplies needed for this year. Councilman Anderson wanted to thank all the volunteers on the Youth Commission. Due to the rise in minimum wage, the Town will probably have to start charging a fee next year for the children to attend the Summer Program.

Councilman Anderson also asked if the cable expansion in the Town of Moriah was still going to happen now that Time Warner Cable has been sold to Charter/Spectrum, the Supervisor said yes, they are still in agreement with the expansion.

Councilman Garrison reported that the Cheney Mountain Challenge was a success. It looked great, was very clean. He also commented that the Chamber is growing by leaps and bounds; Catherine Sprague is doing a great job.

Councilman Salerno wanted to thank Ed Roberts and John Aurilio for all their hard work, they have been busy mowing and picking up road side garbage with the prisoners.

The Campsite is off to a great start due to the mild winter. We have 157 Seasonal Sites and 43 transient sites were booked through May as opposed to only 3 last year. Kayaks and paddle boats are ready to be rented. The riding lawn mower at the Campsite caught on fire, Councilman Salerno would like to replace the mower at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.

### **Supervisor's Report:**

Supervisor Scozzafava reported that the he received a letter from Charter Communications regarding Time Warner Cable.

Received a thank you card to Ed Roberts from Linda Smythe and the Chamber for all his help with the Banners.

A huge thank you to Tyler Smith on his Senior Project-road side clean up. He did Mutton Hollow Road, Windy Hill, and parts of Ensign Pond Road and Ensign Pond.

### **Resolution's:**

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 purchase a seesnake reel and camera for wastewater from planning grant in the amount of \$8,687.31.

Discussion:

This will be a shared service with the Village of Port Henry.

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

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

**RESOLVED** to hire Summer Youth Camp Employees as recommended by Youth Commission: Halee Calabrese, Connor Anderson, Jay Strieble, Joe King, Christina Lashway, Nick Manfred, Todd Gregory, Matt Pelkey, Michaela Esposito, Hailey Morgan, Kelsey Harland, Paige Mitchell, Carly Newton, Josh Defelice.  
Counselors=\$1,525.00 per season and Counselor/Lifeguard=\$1,575.00 per season.

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

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

**RESOLVED** to set date for Public Hearing for 2016 CDBG Grant Application for Thursday, July 14, 2016 at 5:45pm.

Discussion: This project will be for wastewater in Witherbee. Lamos Lane, Wasson Street and Witherbee Road. Income surveys have already gone out.

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

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

**RESOLVED** to declare surplus 96 John Deere Riding Mower from Campsite and sell to highest bidder as is.

Discussion: The Supervisor will meet with the Town Clerk to come up with a bid date. Board was in agreement-Supervisor can award bid so we don't have to wait until the next board meeting.

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

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

**RESOLVED** to authorize the Supervisor to purchase garbage bags for roadside pickup from Industries for the Blind.

Discussion: State contract with the County. The bags will be lime green or orange, can only be purchased commercially.

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

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

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board support and endorse the dissolution plan for the Village of Port Henry.

Discussion: Supervisor Scozzafava stated that he is not 100% happy with the plan, but he and Matt Brassard did the best they could.

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

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

**RESOLVED** to authorize a (70) cent shift differential pay for the police department for the 3:00pm – 7:00am shift only retroactive to January 1, 2016.

8. **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 purchase a new riding lawn mower for Building and Grounds-State Contract Price-and sell Building & Grounds riding lawn mower to the Campsite.

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

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

**RESOLVED** to advertise for Water & Sewer position.

Discussion: Highway employee who is retiring, a Water & Sewer employee would like to transfer to Highway Department. Board does not have an issue with that.

**Floor open to the public:**

N/A

The meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

**Abstract Distributions:**

**Claim Numbers:**

May 26, 2016

General	\$26,116.79	2016/5105-5126
Highway	\$192.23	
Fire Protection	\$78,000.00	
Water #1	\$73.48	
Water #2	\$50.68	
Water #4	\$7.61	
Sewer	\$101.30	

May 26, 2016

Fire Protection	\$26,000.00	2016/5130
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June 7, 2016

General	\$1,600.00	2016/5131-5147
Highway	\$3,600.00	
Water #1	\$336.00	
Water #2	\$228.00	
Water #4	\$36.00	
Sewer	\$600.00	

June 9, 2016

General	\$31,319.30	2016/5149-5249
Highway	\$4,634.83	
Water #1	\$3,591.14	
Water #2	\$2,606.15	
Water #3	\$2,590.39	
Water #4	\$308.49	
Sewer	\$45,140.23	

**Capital Projects:**

AES Northeast	\$3,302.52	Mt. Spring Road Water Project	#4
AES Northeast	\$429.89	Titus Rd. Pump Station Project	#6

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Town Clerk