

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Town Board Meeting on Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 6:00pm at the Knights of Columbus, 4253 Main Street, Port Henry, NY.

Present: Paul Salerno Councilman
Matt Brassard Councilman
Nathan Gilbo Councilman

Excused: Thomas Scozzafava Supervisor
Thomas Anderson Councilman

Others Present: Bill Trybendis, Robert Stevenson, Ronnie Cunningham, Diana Stevenson, Richard LaPier, Cathy Sprague and LeeAnn Sprague- Deputy Town Clerk

Paul Salerno, Councilman called the meeting to order at 6:00pm by saluting the flag.

120. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Gilbo, seconded by Councilman Brassard, the following resolution was

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

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

Floor open to the public:

Ronnie Cunningham announced that flowers had been damaged on the bridge in Moriah Center. They replaced the flowers and that reflects on the invoice to the Town.

Cathy Sprague wanted to announce on the behalf of the Chamber of Commerce that they received the full \$900 that they requested from Essex County Arts Council and they will use that money to hire musicians that will play at the Farmers Markets on Fridays. The Farmers Market will start on Friday July 9th, 2021 from 10 A.M. – 1 P.M. until Friday, August 6th, 2021. Cathy announced there are upcoming Ribbon Cuttings on Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 4:30 P.M. at the Consignment shop for Mountain Lakes, Saturday, June 26, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. at Hunter Way Farm and Jaquish’s will be in July, date to be determined. Also, June 19th and 20th is the Town Wide Lawn Sale, this year will be huge, there are 25 vendors. Cathy stated that they will close off Church Street and requested more picnic tables. Matt stated that will likely be an issues because we just had to do an emergency order of 10 more picnic tables for the Campsites. So Cathy will ask the Knights of Columbus. Cathy also announced Champ Day will be August 7th and that Channel 5 News is going to promote it. Councilman Salerno thanked the Chamber for all of their work.

Bid Openings:

Generator Installation Broad Street Drinking Water Pump Station Bid: 2 Bids were received:

Harold R. Clune, Inc.	2021/2022 Kohler	\$47,600.00
FM Generator	2021 Blue Star	\$34,950.00

121. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Brassard, seconded by Councilman Gilbo, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED to have the Supervisor and the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator review and accept a bidder.

Department Head/Town Board Reports:

Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent: Excused.

Rich Lapier-Code Enforcement Officer: Has 1 Trailer Permit for a Refurbished 1998 Trailer for Nancy Java; recommends approval.

Paul Salerno-Building & Grounds: Everything went well for Memorial Day, the flags were out and the cemeteries looked good. A trailer & mower were purchased. Edward Roberts has spoken with Moriah Shock regarding utilizing the inmates, and it is still going to be a while. Additionally, they have been working on road side cleanup.

Matt Brassard-Campground: Camps are doing great, very busy. He said that Rich and the crew are doing a good job. As stated previously, he had to order 10 emergency picnic tables from Essex Industries so all campers could have tables.

Matt Brassard-Transfer Station: There will be a free tire collection Wednesday, June 30th, 2021 at the Highway Garage from 1-3pm.

Nathan Gilbo-Councilman: States he has been researching to hire a grant writer to help locals with grants. He stated there is a lot of opportunities available and is hoping to have a resolution for next month.

Resolutions:

122. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Gilbo, seconded by Councilman Brassard, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED to Refund for a seasonal campsite, Champ RV Park in the amount of \$1,641.00 to Henry Swartz due to health issues.

123. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Brassard, seconded by Councilman Gilbo, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED to grant Exemption for Parch Pond parcels 2020/2021 roll, with no refund of prior taxes.

Discussion: The state was supposed to purchase this land for hiking/nature trails, due to COVID they did not.

124. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Gilbo, seconded by Councilman Brassard, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED to expend \$7,500 match for storm water grant program for \$75,000 for Port Henry Beach/Millbrook Flooding issues.

Discussion: This covers the study to see if Millbrook needs dredging by Army Core to help with Flooding issues at Port Henry Beach.

125. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Gilbo, seconded by Councilman Brassard, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED to Authorize transfer of Health Center, 33 Tom Phelps Lane, Mineville, NY; tax map # 96.2-4-7.000 to Hudson Headwater Health Network.

Discussion: The building needs thousands of dollars in maintenance, Hudson Headwaters will now take responsibility as they cannot sell. If they were to sell within 10 years, it would be turned over to the Town.

126. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Brassard, seconded by Councilman Gilbo, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED to authorize the Supervisor to sign a 5-year lease with Delaware & Hudson Railway Company for use of the Train Station; \$800.00 per year; \$1,600 per year taxes, fuel and electrical.

Discussion: Amtrak did a renovation on the building. This would be for the Seniors to continue to have a place to gather. They have been utilizing the Train Station for years and it would roughly cost \$3,000 a year for rental. Ronnie Cunningham asked when Amtrak will be running again and Councilman Brassard said he had heard possibly June 22nd to those that are vaccinated.

127. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Brassard, seconded by Councilman Gilbo, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED to authorize emergency expenditure for a 500-gallon honey wagon; \$8,100; plus \$1,325 shipping.

Discussion: This is for pump outs at the Campgrounds. The current wagon at the campgrounds was purchased 11 years ago. The option was to purchase new or go to a sanitary company and this is the cheapest option. Richard Lapier pointed out that this is a requirement from NYS Department of Health and that campers do pay a fee for pump outs. The wagon should be here next week.

128. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Gilbo, seconded by Councilman Brassard, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED Acknowledge Juneteenth as a Holiday on June 18th. Will need to be negotiated in next year's contract.

Discussion: This is to acknowledge all slaved people in the United States through the county and state.

129. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Gilbo, seconded by Councilman Brassard, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED to move meetings back to the Court House beginning in July of 2021.

Discussion: Councilman Salerno said thank you to the Knights of Columbus for providing a place to hold meetings.

130. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Brassard, seconded by Councilman Gilbo, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED to Approve Trailer Permit for Anna Farnsworth and Nancy Java.

131. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Gilbo, seconded by Councilman Brassard, the following resolution was
APPROVED Ayes Salerno, Brassard, Gilbo
Nays 0
Excused Scozzafava, Anderson
RESOLVED for Approval to do transfers in budget as needed.
132. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Brassard, seconded by Councilman Gilbo, the following resolution was
APPROVED Ayes Salerno, Brassard, Gilbo
Nays 0
Excused Scozzafava, Anderson
RESOLVED for Approval to do adjustments in water and sewer as needed.
133. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Gilbo, seconded by Councilman Brassard, the following resolution was
APPROVED Ayes Salerno, Brassard, Gilbo
Nays 0
Excused Scozzafava, Anderson
RESOLVED approval of payment of End of Month and Monthly Warrants.
134. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Brassard, seconded by Councilman Gilbo, the following resolution was
APPROVED Ayes Salerno, Brassard, Gilbo
Nays 0
Excused Scozzafava, Anderson
RESOLVED to go to bid for a dump truck for the Water & Sewer Department.
135. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Gilbo, seconded by Councilman Salerno, the following resolution was
APPROVED Ayes Salerno, Brassard, Gilbo
Nays 0
Excused Scozzafava, Anderson
RESOLVED to hire Brett Thompson as a part time Transfer Station Attendant; \$15.25 per hour, 19 hours a week.

Discussion: Brett Thompson went for all pre-employment testing that day.

Floor open to the public:

Cathy Sprague asked how many applicants applied for the Transfer Station Attendant position. Councilman Brassard answered with 8 or 9 applicants and stated this is the most they have had apply.

Cathy Sprague also shared that she did receive \$150 as a donation towards the flowers that were damaged and she will turn it over to the Town.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Abstract Distributions:

Claim Numbers:

May 26, 2021

General	\$1,170.65
Highway	\$1,443.84
Water #1	\$187.57
Water #2	\$31.77
Water #3	\$112.73
Water #4	\$19.60
Sewer #1	\$357.20
Sewer #2	\$38.94

2021/786-803

June 1, 2021

General	\$1,600.00	2021/767-805
Highway	\$3,600.00	
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 10, 2021

General	\$50,925.76	2021/806-936
Highway	\$6,888.55	
Water #1	\$3,839.00	
Water #2	\$2,486.15	
Water #3	\$5,951.71	
Water #4	\$143.14	
Sewer #1	\$5,102.11	
Sewer #2	\$3,318.54	

Capital Projects:

CDBG W&S Replacement Phase 2: 1 st & 2 nd St	Cedarwood Engineering	#6
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Town Clerk, Deputy