

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Town Board Meeting on Thursday, June 26, 2025 at 6:00pm at the Town of Moriah Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, NY.

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

Others Present: Bill Trybendis, Cecelia Wojciukiewicz, Mark Lashway, George Clark, Patricia Montgomery, Jamie Wilson Highway Superintendent, Vicki Sargent

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 Gilbo, the following resolution was

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

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

Floor Open to the Public:

Patricia Montgomery stated M3 Music Fest is September 6, 2025 2:00 pm until dark. Bands will be returning Unforgiven, Bark Eater and Rose Petals. In order to raise awareness, we need more publicity. Looking for food & craft vendors. Councilman Salerno stated because of low turn out last year consider doing 3 to 4 days Labor Day weekend. Patricia Montgomery stated they did do Labor Day weekend and it got lost in the shuffle, not successful. Supervisor Brassard stated biggest turn out was weekend after Labor Day. If low turn out this year look at it next year.

Department Head/Town Board Reports:

Jamie Wilson Highway Superintendent reported they are trying to get FEMA work completed. Have received some FEMA money, nothing from the state yet. Working on old land fill, cutting brush, paving, working with County. Reminder July 14, 2024 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm free tire day at Moriah Highway garage 10 tires per person. Councilman Gilbo asked what kind of maintenance on old landfill? Highway Superintendent Jamie stated they have to control the membrane, test air and soil quality and mow the area.

The Supervisor reported that Building & Grounds have been busy mowing. Iron Center mold has been taking care of. It will be open Monday – Friday 8:00 to 4:00, Town office will let you in for a self-guided tour. Looking for volunteers with some knowledge if anyone is interested.

Councilman Salerno reported May report for the Police Station 2 car accidents, 43 calls of service, 1 violation arrest for trespass, 1 dog running at large with ACO Ed Roberts, 2 assisted with DEC Police, 4 assisted with Sheriff Department, 3 assisted with Moriah Ambulance, 2 assisted with State Police, 3 domestics handled, 2 welfare checks, Issued 6 traffic tickets.

Councilman Salerno stated Water and Sewer department have been busy with water breaks. With the assistance of highway department black topping those areas.

Councilman Salerno stated Champ RV Campsite manager William Cook reported 72 seasonal, 27 open transient’s sites available. New assistant managers getting acclimated they have a lot of experience as camp ground managers. Mr. Cook says Neil Larkin’s new helper Sawyer VanBuern is doing a heck of a good job. Bulwagga Bay Campsite has a total of 169 seasonal sites. All seasonal sites are paid in full. New cabin has 12 nights rented in July and 11 in August to date. Storage area have found boats and campers that have been there. They will be getting registered letters for removal.

Councilman Gilbo stated Town Board reports water and sewer consolidation a draft report will be submitted to in July. First set of deliverables for event space design expected in July. Grant writer is continuous with emails with grant opportunities. Supervisor stated she did win a \$5,000.00 grant for Economic Development plan. Councilman Gilbo stated for 2026 start frame work for tax and utility incentives for local business. To increase tax base and jods.

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

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

RESOLVED to have Supervisor position meet with large employers monthly or bi-monthly. Start a forum to voice issues to help business with

Discussion: The Supervisor stated the Economic Development Committee discussed having a forum. Carol Calabrese will be attending next months Board Meeting to discuss it.

Councilman Anderson reported the 2025 summer program that starts July 7, 2025 made a change. Chris Thompson is out and Althea Goralczyk is in that position. Jessica McKeirnan is ready with 90 kids registered.

Councilman Curran reported that Economic Development is working on Vic’s with Jodi O’lcott trying to get permits to bring back cottages and restaurant. Working with Chamber of Commerce on Champ Day and Labor Day. Having Champ Day on Water Front this year.

Supervisor’s Report: The supervisor reported that the sewer project started in Witherbee area will go into late fall. Expect delays and road closers. When Wasson Street is started it will be shut down later this summer. Councilman Anderson asked when is the finish date. Supervisor stated a November date for first phase. Anderson asked end date for total project. Supervisor stated 2027.

Supervisor stated BOCES plan on leaving Mineville Campus. They have a third party willing to build an 80,000 square foot facility. BOCES would like to stay centralized, they need 20 to 25 acres. Supervisor stated he reached out to a company who owns property locally to reach out to BOCES with a possible offer on purchasing property. BOCES plans on putting the current property on the market next year and be in a new facility for the 2028-2029 school year. Councilman Salerno asked the Supervisor if he has a number of students from Moriah, Crown Point, Ticonderoga area that attend CVES? Supervisor stated 80 % of the students are from Moriah and Ticonderoga. Supervisor stated they looked into expanding current site. The 52,000 square foot expansion would cost \$13,000,000.00 with per valine wage.

Supervisor stated that FEMA to date we have received \$317,000.00. Outstanding federal is \$511,000.00 and \$135,000.00 outstanding 12 ½ % from state. I can’t thank LeeAnn enough on top of regular job duties is getting FEMA just as quick as possible.

Supervisor stated Town Clerk Rose French would like to thank everyone who has registered their dogs after the recent post on the Towns Facebook page notifying the community that it is a NY State law to register your dog annually.

Supervisor stated lifeguards requested to work 1 hour more a day they, work 11:00 to 6:00. They want 10:00 to 6:00. Councilman Gilbo stated that it’s budgeted for 11:00 to 6:00.

Resolutions:

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

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

RESOLVED to hire Billy Orr, Bo McGinness, Jacob Java, Ryland McCray, Mason McCray, Mike Vanderhoof and Nataniela Medina-Flores for the YCC program; \$15.50 per hour up to 32 hours per week.

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

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

RESOLVED to use \$3,000.00 from fund balance into YCC Program to balance out for the year.

Discussion: Supervisor stated he talked to Becky and the appropriation in the budget hasn't been adjust with minimum wage for the YCC kids in years.

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

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

RESOLVED to increase the per kilowatt charge from .50 cents to .75 cents on the electric charging stations on Broad Street.

Discussion: The supervisor stated Charge Point paid Town \$41.58 for May and the Towns electric bill was \$60.00 for May usage. Supervisor stated the Town can't be losing money.

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

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

RESOLVED Set Public hearing on Charter Franchise agreement for July 17, 2025 at 5:45 at the Town of Moriah Court House; prior to regular town board meeting.

Discussion: Supervisor stated it used to be Spectrum the 15-year agreement ran out. The pay to us is still 5% franchise fee. Councilman Gilbo asked are we able to up the price? Supervisor stated he can counter the percent. Councilman Gilbo asked if the franchise fee is for them to use the towns right away. Supervisor stated correct. Councilman Gilbo asked 5% of what? Supervisor stated I think what the assessed value is. Councilman Gilbo would like to know more. Supervisor stated to keep the public hearing and will get more information.

135. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Curran, seconded by Councilman Gilbo, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED to contract with the new Assistant Managers at Champ RV Park; Glenn & Edith Slaymaker for the remainder of the 2025 season.

Discussion: Supervisor stated unfortunately the Assistant Manager had to be let go for personnel issues.

136. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Curran, seconded by Councilman Gilbo, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED to rent a tent for the Labor Day Celebration from the Elizabethtown Westport Kiwanis at a cost of \$300.00.

Discussion: The supervisor stated Jamie Wilson reached out to Taylor Rental the cost is \$5,000.00 for 20X40. Elizabethtown Supervisor said the Elizabethtown Westport Kiwanis will rent for \$300.00.

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

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

RESOLVED refund Joseph Lovejoy \$100.00 for deposit at Champ RV Park.

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

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

RESOLVED refund Maura LaFayette \$1,416.00 for transit payment at Bulwagga Bay Campsite.

Discussion: Supervisor stated she paid in full with all intentions of camping, but unable to make it. Supervisor stated that should not allow transient sites to pay in full. Do a deposit and pay in full when here. Councilman Gilbo stated a non-refundable deposit.

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

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

RESOLVED a resolution of Condolence to Brian Venne and family on the loss of his wife Laura Venne.

140. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Gilbo, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED approval to do transfers in budget as needed.

141. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Gilbo, seconded by Councilman Curran, the following resolution was

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

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

142. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Gilbo, seconded by Councilman Curran, the following resolution was

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

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

143. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Curran, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION TO NEW YORK STATE

HOMES AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL FOR THE MAIN STREET BUILDING
REUSE
FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS FUNDING FOR DOWNTOWN BROAD STREET
REVITALIZATION

WHEREAS, the Town of Moriah is prepared to complete a project that improves property owner readiness to participate in a future New York Main Street (NYMS) renovation activity; AND

WHEREAS, the Town has the capacity to work with partnering entities to progress downtown revitalization efforts identified in the Port Henry NYMS Downtown Revitalization Plan (2013) and the Main Street Revitalization Strategy for the Town of Moriah (2024); AND

WHEREAS, the Town has previously partnered with the Lake Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board (LCLGRPB) to complete an assessment of the Broad Street target area and LCLGRPB will work with the Town to complete a grant application for New York State’s Consolidated Funding Application; AND

WHEREAS, through NYMS eligible entities may request \$20,000, not to exceed 95% of project cost, to complete a project that improves community or property owner readiness to participate in future New York Main Street renovation activities; AND

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

1. LCLGRPB to prepare and submit the funding application to NYS HCR on behalf of the Town of Moriah
2. The Town Supervisor is authorized to execute any and all necessary documents, agreements, or certifications required for the application and implementation of the project, and to coordinate with the LCLGRPB and NYS HCR to ensure the project complies with all applicable guidelines
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately

Discussion: Supervisor stated this will allow residents on Main Street & down town Broad Street \$20,000.00 grant with a % match. Councilman Salerno asked if anyone that are back on taxes to receive grant? Supervisor stated that there is an application and home owners would have to provide all tax and financial returns.

144. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Curran, seconded by Councilman Gilbo, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION TO NEW
YORK STATE

DEPARTMENT OF STATE’S LOCAL WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION
PROGRAM

(LWRP) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PUBLIC PAVILLION AND GATHERING
SPACE AT PORT HENRY’S CHAMP BEACH PARK

WHEREAS, the Town of Moriah is committed to enhancing public access to its waterfront and providing amenities that support recreation, tourism, and community well-being; and

WHEREAS, the Town has identified Port Henry’s Champ Beach Park as a priority site for improvements consistent with the goals outlined in the 2010 LWRP Component Plan titled Essex and Clinton Counties Waterfront Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town proposes to construct a public pavilion at Champ Beach to provide shelter, event space for gathering and support for community events, in alignment with LWRP objectives to improve waterfront facilities and expand public use; and

WHEREAS, New York State’s consolidated funding application is offering funding for this type of project through the New York State Department of State under the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program grant program; and

WHEREAS, the Town intends to submit a grant for NYSDOS LWRP funding in an

amount not to exceed 75% of the project cost, with a 25% local match requirement that the Town may provide in the form of cash contribution, volunteer time, municipal force accounts, in-kind services, or other non-state grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project has been reviewed and found consistent with the Town’s adopted LWRP component plan, and all necessary permits and environmental reviews will be completed in accordance with SEQRA and other applicable regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Town gives the Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board consent and support to submit the LWRP application; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1. The Town Board hereby authorizes the use of LWRP funds for the construction and installation of a public pavilion at Port Henry’s Champ Beachfront.
- 2. The Town Board authorizes the Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board (LCLGRPB) to prepare and submit the funding application to the New York State Department of State on behalf of the Town of Moriah.
- 3. The Town Supervisor is authorized to execute any and all necessary documents, agreements, or certifications required for the application and implementation of the project, and to coordinate with the LCLGRPB and the NYS Department of State to ensure the project complies with all applicable guidelines.
- 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Discussion: Supervisor stated the grant is up to \$1,000,000.00. The cost of engineering is \$1.2 - \$1.5 million.

Floor Open to the Public:

Patricia Montgomery asked the Supervisor if he has a tent for M3 Music Fest? Supervisor stated yes.

Patricia Montgomery asked Jamie Wilson Highway Superintendent if Edgemont Road will be paved. Jamie Wilson stated no, unfortunately not this year.

145. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Curran, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED Judge Vienne requested permission to attend Judicial Training in Potsdam, NY on July 15th and July 16th, 2025, with two nights lodging July 14th and the 15th, 2025.

The meeting adjourned at 6:59pm.

Abstract Distributions:

Claim Numbers:

May 28, 2025

2025/764-769

General	\$552.57
Highway	\$438.22
Water District #1	\$33.60
Water District #2	\$22.80
Water District #4	\$3.59
Sewer District #1	\$60.00

June 6, 2025

2025/874

General	\$8,900.00
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June 9, 2025

2025/770-787

General	\$2,400.00
Highway	\$4,800.00
Water District #1	\$504.00
Water District #2	\$342.00
Water District #3	\$900.00
Water District #4	\$54.00
Sewer District #1	\$1,485.00
Sewer District #2	\$315.00

June 10, 2025

2025/893

General	\$8,900.00
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June 12, 2025

2025/932

General	\$500.00
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June 18, 2025

2025/830-966

General	\$16,188.07
Highway	\$1,790.99
Water District #1	\$2,230.28
Water District #2	\$1,642.84
Water District #3	\$1,055.58
Water District #4	\$203.38
Sewer District #1	\$2,498.84
Sewer District #2	\$1,843.51

June 26, 2025

2025/788-979

General	\$47,159.20
Highway	\$15,748.05
Water District #1	\$16,246.39
Water District #2	\$11,048.28
Water District #3	\$11,795.93
Water District #4	\$113.93
Sewer District #1	\$14,698.19
Sewer District #2	\$7,644.29

Sewer District #1 Improvements	MJ Engineering	\$4140.00	#6
Sewer District #1 Improvements	J. Hutchins	\$72,223.75	#7
CDBG Wells	Adirondack Roots	\$35,573.15	#1
Champ Beach Event Space (COVID \$)	AES Northeast	\$9,809.90	#5
Champ Beach Event Space (COVID \$)	AES Northeast	\$9,708.00	#6
Cabin-Bulwagga Bay (COVID \$)	Bryant’s Lumber	\$286.70	#5

Town Clerk