

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Town Board Meeting on Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 6:00pm at the Town of Moriah Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, New York.

Present:	Thomas Scozzafava	Supervisor
	Paul Salerno	Councilman
	Thomas Anderson	Councilman
	Lucille Carpenter	Councilwoman
	Matt Brassard	Councilman

Others Present: Bill Trybendis, Lohrer McKinstry, Keith Mero, Sharon O'Connor, Ed Roberts-Building & Grounds Superintendent and Rose French-Town Clerk.

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

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Carpenter, Brassard
	Nays	0

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

Floor Open to the Public:

Keith Mero gave an update on the Hometown Heroes Banners. He met with Linda Smyth regarding where the banners should be hung. Two different opinions. The Supervisor stated he understands the Chamber's concerns. He feels the five Veterans banners should be hung on Main Street from Celotti's to Stewarts on the East side of the road so more people can see them. Some banners will be going outside of Port Henry also. Councilwoman Carpenter feels that Businesses in Port Henry are not going to have a problem with the banners on Main Street. Councilman Salerno feels the banners should go where the Veteran and/or family wants them to go. The Supervisor stated there are enough poles to put them on. The Supervisor asked if it states on the banners if the Veteran was killed in action and Mr. Mero said no, it does not. The Supervisor asked how many poles would be needed and Mr. Mero stated there are 6 banners ordered.

56. ON MOTION by Councilwoman Carpenter, unanimous second, the following resolution was

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Carpenter, Brassard
	Nays	0

RESOLVED to replace flags between Stewarts and Celotti's on Main Street with the Veteran's Banners.

Discussion: The Supervisor told Mr. Mero that we will need the pole numbers ASAP to give to National Grid and also so we can coordinate with the County for the Bucket Truck. The Supervisor asked if there was something on the banners that distinguished if the Veteran gave their life and Mr. Mero said no. Councilman Anderson feels there should be something like a black stripe in the corner. The Supervisor asked if some banners would be hung in Buzzy Wright Park and Mr. Mero said yes. The Supervisor thanked Mr. Mero for all of his hard work getting these banners together.

Department Head Reports:

The Supervisor stated that most Department Heads were excused due to being out late with the storm.

Ed Roberts-Building & Grounds: The brush has been cut at the South end of Town.

The Supervisor received a letter from Charlie Harrington, Crown Point Supervisor. They would like to enter into a Shared Service Agreement with the Town of Moriah for the Temporary Animal Shelter that we have at the Building & Grounds Office. The Town of Crown Point will pay \$25 per day and a yearly fee of \$100. The Supervisor spoke to Mr. Roberts about it and they met with NYS Ag & Markets.

Councilman Salerno mentioned that the Building & Grounds crew has cleared sewer right of ways also.

Town Board Report's:

Councilman Anderson reported that the Youth Commission met and they would like to hire back Steve Pelkey for the 2018 Season as the Youth Commission Director. The Youth Commission also discussed charging tuition for the Summer Program. They wanted to know how people would pay, how they would collect the money and what if a family couldn't afford it. They feel it would cause a lot of issues. Councilman Anderson stated they have always stayed within budget for the Summer Program. The Supervisor agreed, they have always stayed within the \$35,000 budget. He also pointed out that most communities charge tuition. The Town is going to have to seriously consider doing so down the road. Councilman Salerno asked if the Counselors had to be paid minimum wage and Councilman Anderson said no, we do not have to pay them minimum wage. Councilman Anderson asked the Supervisor if he knew of any new state regulations yet and the Supervisor reported the only one he has heard rumored was the one about having to have an RN on site.

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Carpenter, Brassard
	Nays	0

RESOLVED to reappoint Steve Pelkey as Youth Commission Director for the 2018 Season; same salary as 2017.

Councilwoman Carpenter read the Police Report:

Handled 143 Calls for Service:

6 Violations: 1-Harassment 2nd degree, 2-Disorderly Conduct, 3-Trespass.

3 Misdemeanors: 3-Aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle 3rd degree.

0 Felonies.

Issued 21 traffic tickets.

Handled 7 traffic accidents.

Conducted 10 pistol permit background investigations.

Councilwoman Carpenter stated she will get to the Iron Center bids later in the meeting.

She stated Fred Keil, architect is in negotiations with SHPO regarding the Henry Building.

The Waterfront Development Committee met on January 30th. They will not become a corporation, that will be eliminated from the contract. Timothy Garrison resigned from the committee so they are looking for someone to replace him. Michael Crane has met with investors. The informational meeting on February 21st went well. Councilwoman Carpenter copied the Board with the Bulwagga Bay Campground Prospectus. Next step is to get Request for Qualifications. There will be another informational meeting on March 29, 2018 at 6:00PM at the Moriah Fire Department.

63. ON MOTION by Councilwoman Carpenter, seconded by Councilman Brassard, the following resolution was

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Carpenter, Brassard
	Nays	0

RESOLVED to go to bid for RFQ's on the Waterfront Development Project.

59. ON MOTION by Councilman Brassard, unanimous second, the following resolution was

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Carpenter, Brassard
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Nays 0

RESOLVED a resolution of condolences to the Jim McCray Family.

60. ON MOTION by Councilman Brassard, seconded by Supervisor Scozzafava, the following resolution was

APPROVED Ayes Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Carpenter, Brassard
Nays 0

RESOLVED to increase Jason Vanderhoof's hours at the Transfer Station from 20 to 28 per week.

Discussion: This is to replace Jim McCray's hours and Cheyenne Morin-Transfer Station Operator has been out sick. Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent has been sending guys over from the Highway Garage to help out.

Councilman Brassard reported that he has had some calls from Champ RV Campers wanting to know when they were going to get their letter. He got in touch with Councilman Salerno and he stated that the letters went out Monday. Supervisor Scozzafava stated that the 2 campsites need to be on the same page. Councilman Salerno and Councilman Brassard need to work together between the 2 campsites.

Councilman Salerno reported that the Campsite employees should be back the middle of April. The Building & Grounds crew and the inmates worked late into the season last year and the campsites look good. Councilman Salerno will check with Julie Ida on the waiting list. He would like to get letters out to people on the waiting list. The Supervisor thinks we shouldn't be so quick to fill the sites, leave some as transient sites, especially with the Waterfront Development underway. Local people and transients never inquire about staying because they always think we are full up with seasonals. Councilman Salerno stated we have 165 sites at Bulwagga Bay and only 142 were filled last year. He is not sure who is coming this year and who is not. Councilwoman Carpenter thinks we should cap the number of seasonals, it would bring more transient campers into the community, which would be good for business. Councilman Salerno stated that transients are a high percentage of campers during holiday weekends. Councilman Brassard stated if we have more transient sites, there would be no point in a waiting list then. Supervisor Scozzafava suggested placing a 2 week limit on sites. He feels Bulwagga Bay went from an RV park to a trailer park. Councilman Brassard feels this discussion should be for a Campsite meeting.

Councilman Salerno reported that he and Councilman Anderson went to a seminar when they went to the Association of Towns meeting in NYC and Senator Schumer stated that if you don't have broadband to call his office. Councilman Brassard stated he heard that the State has \$59,000 for Town and \$500-\$600 for Port Henry for broadband service. The Supervisor is not sure of the areas that will get it yet. Councilman Salerno stated Senator Schumer stated it should take a year to make it a reality.

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Scozzafava reported that Town Attorney John Silvestri is working on the Shared Services Agreement with Mountain Lake Services regarding the parking lot.

The bid opening on the sidewalk replacement project will be March 29, 2018 at 1:00PM at the Town Hall. Hopefully the work will start in May.

Mary Consadine is now in the nursing home, so the Supervisor is hoping to have the time capsule opening there so she can be a part of it. He will check with Tom Trow so he can be there also.

AES is doing the sewer study for the Town. The Supervisor, Chip Perry and Art Morgan met with them regarding the scope of work to be done. There are EFC funds available for this project. Some will be grant money and some will not. This project will cost approximately \$7.2 million dollars. How much residents will have to pay depends on the financing the Town gets. This project does not include Port Henry or the roads that do not have sewer now.

The Town received an extension on the Annual Report deadline, extended to May 1, 2018 due to

the dissolution of the Village of Port Henry.

The Supervisor received a report from Frank Slycord-Property Maintenance Code Officer regarding “zombie” properties in the Town of Moriah. There are currently 29 on the list. These homes are not lived in, banks own them and they haven’t been foreclosed on yet. Councilman Brassard asked if the banks own these “zombie” properties and the Supervisor said yes, they have been good, but they don’t want these properties either. Councilwoman Carpenter asked if a letter went to the “owners” and the Supervisor said yes.

The Supervisor brought up the Assessor’s moving up to the old Village Hall, however, the County wants the building for their Water & Soil Department. The issue at the Town Hall for the Assessor’s is the stairs, hard for people to get up there. Councilwoman Carpenter asked if the back entrance would work and the Supervisor said no. Sharon O’Connor asked when the County would be moving in and the Supervisor stated we have to get them some information first and it would have to be made handicap accessible. The County would do all the renovations. The Supervisor stated he thinks Councilman Salerno had a good idea when he suggested we put an addition on the Court House. The Supervisor asked if the Board was in agreement with leasing the old Village Hall to Essex County for the Soil & Water Department and the Board was in agreement. The Supervisor also asked if the Board was in agreement with adding on to the Court House for the Assessor’s and the Board was in agreement with this also.

Resolutions:

- 61. ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilwoman Carpenter, the following resolution was
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| APPROVED | Ayes | Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Carpenter, Brassard |
| | Nays | 0 |
- RESOLVED** to refund Amber Taylor \$319.00 for sewer refund for period of 8/16-8/17.

Discussion: Property was never connected to the sewer main due to the difference in elevation. The Town was not aware of this.

- 62. ON MOTION** by Councilwoman Carpenter, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was
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| APPROVED | Ayes | Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Carpenter, Brassard |
| | Nays | 0 |
- RESOLVED** to award bids for Iron Center as per Architect recommendations. Contract A: Jeff Popp-\$5,075, Contract B: Jeff Popp-\$3,100, and Contract C: Jeff Popp-\$3,850, Total: \$12,025.

Discussion: There was some confusion at the bid opening; Mr. Popp put the total of the project instead of the total for Contract C which was \$3,850.

- 58. ON MOTION** by Councilwoman Carpenter, seconded by Councilman Brassard, the following resolution was
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| APPROVED | Ayes | Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Carpenter, Brassard |
| | Nays | 0 |
- RESOLVED** Standard work day and reporting resolution for elected and appointed officials as per Record of Activity; Thomas Anderson-3.59; Timothy Garrison-7.49; Paul Salerno-10.14; and Assessor Brent Ida-6 hrs.

Discussion: This has to do with the calendars that elected officials are supposed to keep.

- 64. ON MOTION** by Councilman Brassard, seconded by Councilman Salerno, the following resolution was
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| APPROVED | Ayes | Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Carpenter, Brassard |
| | Nays | 0 |
- RESOLVED** to accept proposal from Overhead Door to replace one door at the Highway Garage in the amount of \$5,360.

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

APPROVED Ayes Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Carpenter, Brassard
Nays 0

RESOLVED to accept resignation of Barb Brassard from the Board of Assessment & Review.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated that Ms. Brassard went back and forth and then finally ended up resigning due to health reasons. The Board of Assessment & Review has 1-2 openings. Councilwoman Carpenter asked the Supervisor if we need to at least appoint one and the Supervisor said we still have three, and that is sufficient for a quorum. Councilwoman Carpenter will put something on the Town's Facebook page looking for new members; Rose will get her the information. Councilman Brassard will contact the previous people that were interested in being on the Board of Assessment & Review. The Supervisor stated there is at least one that was interested that can't be on it because they are related to a member, we will have to screen applicants, and we can't have any conflicts.

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

APPROVED Ayes Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Carpenter, Brassard
Nays 0

RESOLVED to authorize the Supervisor to sign contract with CBCA Firm (Pride ATA Grant) in the amount of \$21,000 for Main Street Program.

Discussion: The Supervisor had a phone conference with Pride. Councilman Brassard will head up this project. This is for Businesses on Main Street. The way the contract works; town pays up front and then gets reimbursed. Councilman Brassard will get names and phone numbers of businesses who are interested. Councilman Salerno asked if we had to pay Town Attorney for this and the Supervisor said the price is already fixed in the grant.

Resolution #7: Amend contract with Crane Associates, Attachment A: "Scope of work" to eliminate items 2, 3 and 4. This resolution was not voted on; no longer needed.

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

APPROVED Ayes Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Carpenter, Brassard
Nays 0

RESOLVED to authorize the Supervisor to advertise for Account Clerk for Town Office at \$15.56/hr up to 35 hours per week. This is a competitive position and appointment would be provisional with exam required.

Discussion: Denise Daly will be done effective May 11, 2018. She is moving out of the area. The Town will advertise and interview. This is a provisional appointment. The Board was in agreement with this.

68. **ON MOTION** by Supervisor Scozzafava, unanimous second, the following resolution was

APPROVED Ayes Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Carpenter, Brassard
Nays 0

RESOLVED a Resolution of appreciation to Denise Daly for her work at the Town of Moriah and the Village of Port Henry.

69. **ON MOTION** by Supervisor Scozzafava, unanimous second, the following resolution was

APPROVED Ayes Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Carpenter, Brassard
Nays 0

RESOLVED a Resolution of Congratulations to the Boys and Girls Basketball Teams.

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

APPROVED Ayes Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Carpenter, Brassard
Nays 0

RESOLVED to go to bid for the Sewer main replacement project in Witherbee.

Discussion: The project will cost approximately \$600,000.

71. ON MOTION by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Brassard, the following resolution was

APPROVED Ayes Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Carpenter, Brassard
Nays 0

RESOLVED to approve payment of the warrant.

Floor open to the public:

Sharon O'Connor stated that the Board of Assessment & Review training is in April; it is 3 hours, 6pm-9pm and is at the old court house.

The meeting adjourned at 7:07pm.

Abstract Distributions:

Claim Numbers:

February 9, 2018

General \$125.00 2018/204

February 15, 2018

General \$237.90 2018/205-210

February 23, 2018

General \$9,388.03 2018/211-249
Highway \$3,931.70
Water #1 \$1,829.70
Water #2 \$1,328.47
Water #3 \$1,249.56
Water #4 \$167.07
Sewer #1 \$3,168.06
Sewer #2 \$2,557.71

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General \$25,516.65 2018/252-372
Highway \$43,047.01
Water #1 \$2,217.80
Water #2 \$1,637.31
Water #3 \$45,768.65
Water #4 \$186.78
Sewer #1 \$3,726.27
Sewer #2 \$1,783.20

Capital Projects:

Main Street Technical Assistance Grant	Clinton Brown Co Architect	\$4,200.00	#1
Waterfront Development	Michael Crane	\$6,250.00	#3
Manhole 13 Project	AES Northeast	\$2,913.00	#3
Witherbee Sewer Project	Cedarwood Engineering	\$5,580.00	#2