

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Town Board Meeting on Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 6:00pm at the Town of Moriah Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, NY.

Present: Thomas Scozzafava Supervisor  
Paul Salerno Councilman  
Matt Brassard Councilman  
Nathan Gilbo Councilman

Absent: Tom Anderson Councilman

Others Present: Jamie Wilson, Bill Trybendis, Tim Rowland, Ronnie Cunningham, Andrea Anesi, Wendy Nantasaeng, Dianna Stevenson, Jennifer Howard-Stewart's, Sharon O'Connor and Rose French-Town Clerk

Supervisor Thomas Scozzafava called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

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

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

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

**Special Guest:** The Supervisor introduced Jennifer Howard from Stewart's; he stated that Stewart's has been excellent to deal with. Ms. Howard gave a brief update on the new store. She stated this store will be the largest store the company has. They are working with vendor's right now to see if they can get meats and vegetables. The store will be 4,100 square feet. The Park will remain. There will be 8 fueling points. They have meetings next week regarding permits. Start date will be in April and completion date will be in June. They will lease or sell the old store. There will be brick façade on the bottom of the new store. Councilman Brassard asked if there would be an exit on to St. Patrick's Place and Ms. Howard said yes. Ronnie Cunningham asked about the view of the Witherbee Mansion. Ms. Howard stated they pushed the store in to the corner so you won't see the utilities but still have a view of the mansion. The Supervisor stated that Mac's was four times the size of the new Stewart's; you will be able to see the mansion. He also stated that Mountain Lake Services will refurbish the front of the Witherbee Mansion. This will be the first time to see it since 1957. Councilman Brassard asked if they would be putting bushes between the store and the mansion and Ms. Howard said no; just grass; they don't want to block the view. Ms. Howard stated that there will be walk up ice cream window. Councilman Salerno asked how big the store in Elizabethtown was and Ms. Howard said it is 3,696 square feet. She also stated that Keene and Indian Lake will be getting new stores this year. Ms. Howard then thanked the Board and the Supervisor. Councilman Salerno asked what they were doing with the old store; Ms. Howard stated they will lease or sell it. They don't want to lease to someone and have competition but they would work with people over the cost. Councilman Salerno asked if there was any interest and Ms. Howard said nothing yet. The Supervisor stated there is some interest in it. The Supervisor asked the Board and the Public if they had any questions and they did not. Andrea Anesi asked about the park green space; would Stewart's be interested in any input and Ms. Howard gave Ms. Anesi her card and asked her to call her so they could discuss it.

**Special Guest:** Andrea Anesi, Chair of the Champ Day Festivities went over the schedule for Champ Day. (please see attached). Councilman Salerno thanked her.

**Floor Open to the Public:**

Ronnie Cunningham stated the Chamber has new Board Members and Officers. They are getting ready for Labor Day. They will be discussing the Easter Egg Hunt and if they will still be having it due to the Corona virus; they will post updates on the Facebook page. Ms. Cunningham stated the Summer program needs workers. She suggested raising the salary; maybe that would get more people interested. The Supervisor stated the budget is already set for this year. Ms. Cunningham stated they had an adult counselor last year and that helped a lot; she would support that again. The Supervisor asked Councilman Anderson if he would be bringing a list of

counselors to the Board for approval and Councilman Anderson said yes. The Supervisor stated the Town controls the Youth Commission budget. Ms. Cunningham also stated that the Director and Assistant Director should be involved in the Counselor interviews.

### **Department Head/Town Board Reports:**

All Department Heads excused.

Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent stated that the main components on the Excavator are in; waiting on some smaller parts; they are coming from Germany; it has been about 8 months. The Spring Road Closer has been put in the paper due to the Spring thaw. The Supervisor stated that we have to close roads or the big trucks will destroy them. Mr. Wilson stated he is trying to work with people regarding this. Mr. Wilson stated that FEMA has been doing field inspections; finding other areas of damage from the Halloween storm. The Supervisor stated that the Town will have to pay for repair costs up front and then get reimbursed; may do short term CD's; they are paying more. Councilman Gilbo asked if everything was always approved and Mr. Wilson stated within their limits. The Supervisor stated it is considered a minor project. Mr. Wilson welcomed Councilman Gilbo to the Board.

Councilman Brassard read the Police Report: Handled 131 calls for service. 0 Violations. 2 Misdemenaors-1 forcible touching and 1-criminal contempt 2<sup>nd</sup> degree. 0 Felonies. Issued 9 traffic tickets. Handled 8 Traffic accidents. Conducted 6 pistol permit background investigations. Conducted 4 background investigations for employment purposes.

Councilman Salerno reported that Building & Grounds have been busy with boiler inspections, cleaning furnaces, roadside cleanup and getting all the machines ready for Spring. They have been helping the Water & Sewer Department with breaks, the vac helped a lot.

Building Codes issued 3 building permits for the month of February and responded to 1 complaint.

Regarding the Waterfront Committee, there is a resolution on the agenda tonight to purchase 2 cabins. The committee has been meeting every other week. They have been working with ROOST on the website; they have been a huge asset.

Councilman Brassard reported the fence is up at the Transfer Station. He talked to Jim Cirrincione. Jamie Wilson stated we will probably have to put up railings between the compactor and the office, will have to move the propane tanks to do that. The supervisor stated that we were mandated to put up the gates. Councilman Brassard stated that the Transfer Station is very clean, Jim is doing a great job. The Supervisor stated it is a busy place.

Councilman Brassard stated that Art Morgan-Water & Sewer Superintendent had an issue at the car wash in Port Henry with a drain; he spoke to the owner; he will get it fixed.

Councilman Gilbo had nothing to report.

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

Supervisor Scozzafava went over the new list of committee members due to the resignation of Luci Carpenter. Paul Salerno & Nate Gilbo-Building & Grounds, Tom Scozzafava & Nate Gilbo-Spectrum, Paul Salerno & Nate Gilbo-Waterfront Development Committee, Nate Gilbo-WWTP.

The Supervisor reported we still need an agreement with Spectrum, he and Councilman Gilbo will work on it.

The Supervisor reported that Bulwagga Bay seasonal numbers are down. For 2019 we took in \$266,268.56 and made \$36,495.19. We currently have 124 seasonals; the Supervisor stated they are the bread and butter of the campsite. Champ RV took in \$126,104.26 and we made \$55,210.04. The Supervisor stated that Champ RV is doing well. He also stated that the Town put \$70,000 back in to each campsite this year for capital improvements.

The Supervisor spoke to Spectrum about getting TV at the campsites.

ROOST is working on the website. It won't be ready until late June or early July. The Supervisor asked the Board what they thought about giving a current seasonal \$50.00 off their site if they refer a new seasonal, who would also get \$50.00.

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

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

**RESOLVED** to offer \$50.00 incentive to all current seasonal campers who refer a new seasonal camper; new seasonal camper would receive \$50.00 also.

Discussion: Councilman Salerno stated that all are involved in the Waterfront Committee and he gives them a lot of credit; they are much appreciated.

The Supervisor stated he has a lot of information available at his office regarding the Corona Virus if you are interested. Essex County has issued a State of Emergency; this is for preparedness only. There is information on the Public Health Facebook page also.

An ad will be going out March 21, 2020 in The Sun to see if there is any interest in leasing the Beach House at Champ RV Park. There is a photo and a brief description.

Currently campsite workers work Monday – Friday. This will change this year; will go to 7 days a week; weekends are very busy. All workers will be expected to work weekends. Councilman Brassard was in agreement with this. He suggested a schedule of every other weekend that way somebody is there every day. Councilman Salerno stated that the cleanliness of the bathrooms is a priority and he was in agreement with workers working the weekend.

#### **Resolutions:**

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

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

**RESOLVED** a resolution calling for a Public Hearing regarding the increase and improvement of the Facilities of the sewer District No. 1 in the Town of Moriah, Essex County, New York; for Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at 6:00pm at the Town Hall.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated this is the first stage to borrow \$550,000. It is a BAN. Part of the money will be for the Tarbell Hill Pump Station; less than a year it will be paid back.

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

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

**RESOLVED** authorization for Supervisor to purchase 2 cabins from “The Shed Guy” Granville, NY; size 12 X 24, windows, petition, heater, doors and deck on 24” side; price delivered \$6,100 per shed; Total \$12,200; \$6,100 down when ordered, final payment upon delivery and set up.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated that Councilman Salerno and Councilman Brassard did all the leg work on this. He saw the pictures. Charlie Bryant looked at plans also. Councilman Brassard stated they have built in bunk beds, sliding door, 10,000 btu heater. Councilman Salerno stated they will come up and see where they will be located. Normal price per cabin is \$7,800 and we are getting them for \$6,100. The Supervisor stated that the cabins will not have running water, no toilet and no shower. Councilman Brassard stated they will have electricity. The Supervisor stated he will volunteer his time to do the electric. The cabins will have table and chairs, mattresses, coffee pot, microwave and refrigerator. Councilman

Salerno stated there will be a grill outside. The Supervisor stated we will require a security deposit. Councilman Brassard stated he would like to limit the length of stay to 2 weeks; that is the state standard; The Supervisor said we will wait and see how it goes. Ronnie Cunningham asked if they would be available this season and the Supervisor said yes, hopefully by the middle of May.

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

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

**RESOLVED** authorization for Highway Superintendent to sign Agreement with NYS DOT for emergency assistance.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated this is so we can share equipment; like during the Halloween storm.

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

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

**RESOLVED** to award proposal for campsite tractor as per highway superintendent recommendation.

Discussion: Jamie Wilson still wants to look at all the proposals. The Supervisor would like to get the tractor on Mr. Wilson's recommendation and the Board was in agreement with this.

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

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

**RESOLVED** authorization for Highway Superintendent to purchase 1,000 yards of beach sand after pricing and availability; hauling to site also included (for Port Henry Beach, FEMA reimbursed).

Discussion: Will be \$12,000 - \$15,000.

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

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

**RESOLVED** authorization to fill position for Temporary Part Time Transfer Station Attendant upon recommendation of interview committee.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** to hire Joe Drake as Temporary Part Time Transfer Station Attendant.

Discussion: Councilman Salerno stated they had 8 – 10 applications. Interviewed 5 people. He will get with the Town Clerk to schedule preemployment physical and drug testing and to send out regret letters. The Supervisor thanked Councilman Salerno and Jamie Wilson for doing the interviews.

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

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

**RESOLVED** to raise returned check fee to \$25.00 per Glens Falls National Bank recommendation.

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

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

**RESOLVED** approval to do transfers in budget as needed.

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

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

**RESOLVED** approval of payment of End of Month Bills and Monthly Warrant.

**Floor open to the Public:**

The Town Clerk would like to remind all newly elected and reelected officials they need to turn their retirement calendars in the beginning of April and she also stated that she heard from Ed Roberts-Animal Control that the Rabies Clinic for March 25, 2020 has been cancelled due to the Corona Virus. When she receives something official she will put it on the website and Facebook page.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.

**Abstract Distributions:**

**Claim Numbers:**

February 25, 2020

General	\$7,819.49
Highway	\$2,918.36
Water #1	\$355.28
Water #2	\$310.24
Water #3	\$1,535.87
Water #4	\$14.64
Sewer #1	\$518.32
Sewer #2	\$248.98

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General	\$24,759.59
Highway	\$48,851.50
Water #1	\$3,006.72
Water #2	\$2,009.95
Water #3	\$2,313.51
Water #4	\$242.95
Sewer #1	\$5,026.73
Sewer #2	\$3,580.68

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Capital Projects:

NYS EFC Master Wastewater	Press Republican	\$69.00	#1
Lamos Lane	Press Republican	\$46.94	#2

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Town Clerk