

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Town Board Meeting on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 6:00pm at the Town of Moriah Court House 42 Park Place, Port Henry, NY.

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

Others Present: Bill Trybendis and Rose French-Town Clerk

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 6:00pm by saluting the flag. He stated that next month the board meeting will be back at the K of C and the public will be allowed to attend.

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

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

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

**Floor open to the public:**

N/A

**Department Head/Town Board Reports:**

Councilman Salerno reported that the Water Department has been busy with water breaks. There was one on Raymond Wright Ave., College Street, Spring Street and Center Road.; he stated that the whole crew did a great job. He also reported that all 4 modine heaters have been installed and are up and running at the Highway Garage. Councilman Anderson asked if it was a lot warmer in the garage now; the Supervisor stated he believes it is in the 60's now. Councilman Salerno stated it runs between 58 and 62 degrees; more comfortable now than it has ever been.

Councilman Brassard reported Apex Solar has reached out to the Town; we are eligible for two (2) car charging docks. After a grant from NYSERDA; cost to the Town would be \$636.40. Now we just need a place to install them. The Supervisor stated he reached out to Stewarts and he also mentioned Church Street. Councilman Gilbo suggested the old Village Hall. The Supervisor stated there is parking in the back; he also suggested Broad Street.

65. **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** to move forward with proposal from Apex Solar to install two (2) EV Car charging stations in Port Henry.

Councilman Gilbo reported the Campsite website is up and running for reservations. He is continuing conversations with solar developer regarding the old dump on Pelfishire Road. The Town and the Solar Developer on Tarbell Hill have come to an agreement for payment in lieu of taxes; \$12,500 per year. The Supervisor stated the property owner still pays the taxes.

Councilman Anderson reported they are moving forward with the Summer Program. He stated there will be a lot of restrictions; a lot of cleaning will be involved. Sports will be an issue; temperatures will have to be taken and all balls will have to be cleaned. Councilman Brassard asked if it was the same requirements for a day camp and Councilman Anderson said yes. The Supervisor stated they will be having the food program again this year. Councilman Anderson stated it is a work in progress.

**Supervisor’s Report:**

The Supervisor reported that we received \$52,591.35 from NYS as part of the empowerment money; it was cut substantially. Becky Gilbo is looking at the numbers, she thinks they are still off.

The Supervisor received a letter from the Board of Fire Commissioners in Moriah. They need to replace a water line and will need to repave the parking lot. They are asking for assistance from the Town and the Board had no problem with this.

The Supervisor stated that Councilman Gilbo had some questions regarding what Mountain Lake Services pays in lieu of taxes. The Supervisor stated that in 2020 if they had paid regular Town & County taxes it would have been \$16,732 and what they paid in lieu of taxes was \$14,600. The Supervisor wanted to remind everyone that they don’t need to pay anything. The Supervisor will meet with Jack Mudge the Director to see if they can bring it up so it is comparable. Councilman Anderson stated that they employ a lot of people in this community. The Supervisor stated yes, but when you take property off the tax roll other people have to pick up the slack.

The Supervisor reported the Hydro Project is moving along. Jim Besha will meet with the Governor’s office tomorrow. The DEC will do water sampling again; regarding the impact on fish. Councilman Salerno stated it is crazy what Jim Besha has had to go through. The Supervisor stated NYS wants this project to go through. He feels it all revolves around the bat issue. Councilman Anderson asked if it was too many regulations and the Supervisor stated they have submitted everything that they have asked for and they just keep adding things that they need. FERK has the final authority. Need all documentation from DEC. Hopefully the permit will go through this year.

The Supervisor stated that the Board of Elections has agreed to move Voting Districts #1 and #4 back to the K of C in Port Henry. Voting Districts #2 and #3 will remain at the Moriah Fire Department.

The Supervisor stated that the COVID stimulus the Town will be getting was \$846,660 but now he thinks it is down to @\$400,000. Councilman Anderson asked if this money would be coming directly from the Federal Government to the Town and the Supervisor said yes. We can only spend it on COVID related issues or for economic development; such as the campgrounds. The Supervisor stated once we know more we will hold a couple of workshops on it.

**Resolutions:**

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

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

**RESOLVED** a resolution adopting the Police Reform & Prevention Plan.

67. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Brassard, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was

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

**RESOLVED** authorization for Supervisor to sign lease agreement with Delaware & Hudson Railway (CP Rail) for \$800.00 per year and Town will pay for electricity. Power approximately \$1,800 per year. Amtrak pays for fuel.

Discussion: This has been on going, the Senior Citizens use the building.

68. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Brassard, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was

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

**RESOLVED** authorization for Supervisor to hire Griffins Junk Removal Company Queensbury, NY for the emergency removal of garbage from property after ordered by health officer; this would be for removal of garbage only; cost would be included in property owners tax bill.

Discussion: The Supervisor gave the Cunningham building on Main Street as an example; the only problem is if the property owner does not pay their taxes the County ends up with the cost. Still have to get Court Order to get cost on property tax. Will be for health issue only and will be for garbage only not junk. Councilman Salerno asked if every town was going through this and the Supervisor stated he has mixed feelings about it because he sits on the County Board of Supervisors.

69. **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 amend contract with Fred Keil & Associates to include pre-renovation asbestos and lead based paint inspection in the amount of \$1,203.00.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated this is part of the Town Hall Project.

70. **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 of pilot agreement between Town of Moriah and NY789 Tarbell Hill LLC in the amount of \$12,500 per year.

71. **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** authorization for Chamber of Commerce to use Champ Bach for Champ Day August 7, 2021; 8:00am to 5:00pm.

Discussion: The Supervisor asked Councilman Brassard if there were any issues with parking last year and he said no.

72. **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 change bid opening date for Town Hall Project to March 26, 2021 at 10:00am at the Court House.

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

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

**RESOLVED** a resolution of condolences to the family of Louise Wheelock.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated she was a great lady and her late husband Bumper was Town Supervisor. Also, condolences to Councilman Salerno on the loss of his Aunt.

74. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Brassard, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was

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

Absent 0

**RESOLVED** to go to bid for a new riding mower, liquid cooled, 48” deck for Building & Grounds and to surplus old mower to campsites.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated this will be replacing a 2010 mower.

75. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Brassard, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was

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

**RESOLVED** to close off Church Street from traffic from 8:00am to 4:00pm June 19<sup>th</sup> for a craft fair and Sherman Free Library Annual yard sale.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated it isn’t all of Church Street, just to the Fire Department.

76. **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 re-open Town Board Meetings to the public at Knights of Columbus Building beginning April 8, 2021 at Regular Board Meeting.

77. **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.

78. **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** approval to do adjustments in water and sewer as needed.

79. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Brassard, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was

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

**RESOLVED** approval of payment of End of Month and Monthly warrants.

80. **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** to renew contract with Adirondack Landfill Services LLC for Post-Closure Monitoring Services at the Town of Moriah Landfill for 2021 in the amount of \$2,433.00.

Discussion: Cost is same as last year.

**Floor open to the public:**

Councilman Brassard asked when 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> water line bid would be going out and the Supervisor said end of March or early April.

The Supervisor stated we have received 3 campsite laborer position applications. He will look through the budget and see what we budgeted for; make sure we need 3. He is not sure when the

campsite workers will be called back yet. Would like to do a new bathroom at Champ RV Park this year; he stated to contract out the work it would cost a fortune. The Supervisor stated the campsite website is a work in progress.

Councilman Salerno wanted to clarify that we will be receiving \$830,000 stimulus money and the Supervisor stated it started at \$900,000 and it is now down to around \$400,000. Councilman Salerno asked if other towns were the same the Supervisor stated he is sure they are all dropping like we are; based on population size.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.

**Abstract Distributions:**

**Claim Numbers:**

February 25, 2021

General	\$6,909.31
Highway	\$2,112.36
Water #1	\$174.12
Water #2	\$125.51
Water #3	\$112.50
Water #4	\$16.20
Sewer #1	\$66.38
Sewer #2	\$98.33

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General	\$32,745.21
Highway	\$37,165.94
Water #1	\$3,431.78
Water #2	\$2,463.47
Water #3	\$3,585.51
Water #4	\$249.00
Sewer #1	\$7,484.79
Sewer #2	\$4,446.17

2021/272-411

Capital Projects:

CDBG 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street W & S Main Replacement	Cedarwood Engineering	\$1,358.70	#3
CDBG Town Hall Project	Denton Publications	\$53.34	#2
	Denton Publications	\$64.27	#3

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Town Clerk