

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Town Board Meeting on Thursday, March 21, 2024 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

Absent: Nathan Gilbo Councilman

Others Present: Bill Trybendis, Patricia Montgomery, Robert Stevenson, Mark Lashway, Jamie Wilson, Joseph & Carol Chiarella and Son, Rick Lewis and Rose French-Town Clerk

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

The Supervisor explained that the Public Hearing on the EMS Tax District has been cancelled.

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

APPROVED Ayes Brassard, Salerno, Anderson  
Nays 0  
Absent Gilbo

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

**Floor Open to the Public:**

Patricia Montgomery reported on the M3 Music Festival; it will be Saturday, September 7, 2024; 5 bands; 4 vendors; will be at Port Henry Beach.

Carol Chiarella-Chair of Finance Committee-Moriah Chamber: Ms. Chiarella went over the Moriah Chamber 2024 funding request from the Town of Moriah.

Farmer's Market: \$9,000 (Bidge View Harbour Marina (6/14/24-8/30/24))

Champ Day: \$2,300 (August 3, 2024)

Labor Day Fireworks: \$4,500 (Town pays directly)

Labor Day Parade \$3,995  
\$19,795

Councilman Salerno asked Ms. Chiarella if the 12 bands were at \$525 each and Ms. Chiarella said yes. He then asked if the money could be given as needed as receipts are received. Ms. Chiarella stated the Chamber could always return what money is not used. The Supervisor stated this funding comes from bed tax money. He stated we could do each event separately. Ms. Chiarella stated that the Port Henry Fire Department pays \$1,200 for the bag pipes. Councilman Anderson stated he has a lot of questions; were the fireworks \$4,500 last year, Ms. Chiarella said yes. Rick Lewis stated they are always looking for cheaper pricing.

**Department Head/Town Board Reports:**

Supervisor Brassard stated Tom Cowin has been excused.

Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent stated they are getting ready for the storm this weekend; they have been clearing brush from the last storm; they have a few vehicles that they have been working on. Rick Lewis thanked Mr. Wilson for all his help; had an issue and it was fixed the next day.

Councilman Anderson stated they have begun working on the Summer Program. Steve Pelkey will not be back this year so they will be looking for a Director. They will advertise for Counselors in April; everything should be taken care of by the end of May; 4-week program; tentative dates are July 8, 2024-August 2, 2024.

Councilman Salerno read the police report: Over 45 calls for February, 2024: 6 domestic, 14 traffic tickets, 5 car accidents and assisted State Police and Sheriff's Department on several other calls.

Councilman Salerno stated the water and sewer program needs a jetter and camera; Art Morgan is working on getting a 2<sup>nd</sup> quote; will put off for one more month.

Councilman Salerno stated the campsite workers will return April 8, 2024 and work through the Sunday before Columbus Day. In the process of getting quotes for a new maintenance building; will have those for the April meeting.

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Brassard, Salerno, Anderson
	Nays	0
	Absent	Gilbo

**RESOLVED** to award bid for the maintenance building at Bulwagga Bay Campsite if proposals come in before the next board meeting on recommendation of the campsite committee.

Councilman Salerno stated Billy Allen would like to stay on FT; after the campsite closes he could stay on as a floating position for the rest of the year.

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Brassard, Salerno, Anderson
	Nays	0
	Absent	Gilbo

**RESOLVED** to keep Billy Allen on as a FT floating position through December 31, 2024.

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Brassard, Salerno, Anderson
	Nays	0
	Absent	Gilbo

**RESOLVED** to keep Rich Lapier on as 40 hrs/wk at Bulwagga Bay Campsite for the 2024 season.

Discussion: Councilman Salerno stated Mr. Lapier was not sure he would be able to stay on at 40 hrs/wk last year due to health concerns but that is not an issue this year. Councilman Salerno stated that Billy Allen stated we need Mr. Lapier to work 40 hrs/wk.

Councilman Salerno stated he is still adamant that the Town use some stimulus money to do something with the Beach House at Port Henry Beach. Supervisor Brassard stated we have to have the stimulus money under contract before December 31, 2024.

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

The Supervisor stated there will be another lifeguard training in Schroon Lake on April 19, 2024-April 21, 2024.

The Supervisor reported there will be a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day in Lake Placid on July 6<sup>th</sup>, Elizabethtown July 20<sup>th</sup>, North Hudson August 3<sup>rd</sup> and Ticonderoga August 24<sup>th</sup>.

The Supervisor stated we received \$1,100 donation from Stewart's from their Holiday Match; this money will be used to help pay for the Youth Commission Counselors this summer.

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Brassard, Salerno, Anderson
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Nays 0  
Absent Gilbo

**RESOLVED** a resolution of appreciation to Stewart's Shops for their donation of \$1,100.00 to the Town of Moriah.

The Supervisor stated that the Town Offices will be closing at noon on Friday, March 29, 2024.

The Supervisor reported the Town received their first FEMA check for all the flooding in the amount of \$6,113.08.

The Supervisor stated he had a meeting with the IDA, DOCS, Empire State Development, Mike Mascarenas-County Manager, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, former Town Supervisor Tom Scozzafava regarding Moriah Shock. Confirmed this site will not be used for housing. BOCES wants it but the state will not give it to them because they are not a state agency; they are working on a constitutional amendment; this could take years; will continue with quarterly meetings regarding Moriah Shock.

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

APPROVED Ayes Brassard, Salerno, Anderson  
Nays 0  
Absent Gilbo

**RESOLVED** a resolution of congratulations to the Moriah Boys Basketball team and Coach Cross on making it to the final 4.

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

APPROVED Ayes Brassard, Salerno, Anderson  
Nays 0  
Absent Gilbo

**RESOLVED** a resolution of congratulations to the Moriah Girls Basketball team and Coach Olcott.

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

APPROVED Ayes Brassard, Salerno, Anderson  
Nays 0  
Absent Gilbo

**RESOLVED** a resolution to pay J Hutchins \$246,286.78; Invoice #2024-008-001 for work done on Golf Course Way 12/27/23-2/9/24.

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

APPROVED Ayes Brassard, Salerno, Anderson  
Nays 0  
Absent Gilbo

**RESOLVED** to upgrade youth baseball & softball equipment; not to exceed \$500 out of Johnny Podres funds.

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

APPROVED Ayes Brassard, Salerno, Anderson  
Nays 0  
Absent Gilbo

**RESOLVED** to purchase 10 picnic tables from Essex Industries for the Bulwagga Bay Campsite and Champ RV Park in the amount of \$2,700.00; includes delivery.

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

APPROVED Ayes Brassard, Salerno, Anderson  
Nays 0  
Absent Gilbo

**RESOLVED** for the Supervisor and Town Clerk to meet with Spectrum Business regarding mobile service; currently have AT & T and coverage is horrible.

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Brassard, Salerno, Anderson
	Nays	0
	Absent	Gilbo

**RESOLVED** to pay Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP \$3,275.00 for professional services rendered for the \$750,000 Bond Anticipation Note 2024 (Golf Course Way).

**Resolutions:**

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Brassard, Salerno, Anderson
	Nays	0
	Absent	Gilbo

**RESOLVED** to accept quote from Overhead Door to replace door at the Highway Shop in Port Henry in the amount of \$3,545.00.

84. **TABLED** to approve funding for Champ Day, Labor Day and Farmer's Market events using bed tax money.

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Brassard, Salerno, Anderson
	Nays	0
	Absent	Gilbo

**RESOLVED** to accept the Map, Plan and Report for the proposed Town of Moriah Ambulance Squad EMS Tax District.

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Brassard, Salerno, Anderson
	Nays	0
	Absent	Gilbo

**RESOLVED A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING PURSUANT TO TOWN LAW §209-d REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AMBULANCE DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF MORIAH**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has determined that, given the increasing costs of providing emergency medical and ambulance service, the creation of an ambulance district in the Town is in the public interest pursuant to Article 12-A of the Town Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board finds that the Map, Plan, and Report has been filed in the Town Clerk's Office and is available for public inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, the boundaries of the proposed Ambulance District shall encompass the Town and include the geographical boundaries of the Town of Moriah; and

**WHEREAS**, the annual cost for operating the Ambulance District will be placed upon the taxable parcels located within the Ambulance District; and

**WHEREAS**, under the provisions of Town Law §209-d, a public hearing upon said project and said map, plan and report estimates is required.

**NOW THEREFORE**, and upon due deliberation, it is hereby resolved as follows:

1. That the Map, Plan, and Report is available for public inspection at the Town Clerk's Office.

2. That the Town of Moriah will conduct and hold a public hearing upon notice duly published and posted pursuant to Town Law §209-d regarding the establishment of an Ambulance District in the Town of Moriah.

3. That the said hearing is to be held at the Knights of Columbus, 4253 Main Street, Port Henry, Essex County, New York on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024 at 5:00PM in the evening of said day when all persons present shall be heard.

4. That the Town Clerk of the Town of Moriah are hereby authorized and directed to cause a copy of the Notice of Public Hearing herein after provided to be published once in the Plattsburgh Press Republican, the official newspaper designated for this purpose, and also to cause a copy thereafter to be posted on the sign board of the Town, such publication and posting to be made not less than ten (10) nor more than twenty (20) days before the date designated for the hearing.

5. That the Supervisor, Town Clerk and other members of the Town Board of Moriah be and are hereby authorized and powered to take all acts necessary and proper to give effect to this Resolution.

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Brassard, Salerno, Anderson
	Nays	0
	Absent	Gilbo

**RESOLVED** to sign lease agreement with Paraglide New England for the summer of 2024 for use of the point at Bulwagga Bay Campsite; \$1,250.00 payment; excluding July 4<sup>th</sup> and Labor Day Weekend; includes one site.

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Brassard, Salerno, Anderson
	Nays	0
	Absent	Gilbo

**RESOLVED** to purchase a portable mound system for the new ball field on College Street from Tri-State; \$6,571.27; payable out of Stimulus money.

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Brassard, Salerno, Anderson
	Nays	0
	Absent	Gilbo

**RESOLVED** authorization to pay J. Hutchins once we receive the final bill for Golf Course Way.

The Supervisor introduced Michael Mackin; will submit 2<sup>nd</sup> attempt for Restore NY Grant for the Witherbee Mansion and needs Town support.

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Brassard, Salerno, Anderson
	Nays	0
	Absent	Gilbo

**RESOLVED** to support Michael Mackin's application for the Restore NY Grant for the Witherbee Mansion on Broad Street, Port Henry.

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Brassard, Salerno, Anderson
	Nays	0
	Absent	Gilbo

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

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Brassard, Salerno, Anderson
	Nays	0
	Absent	Gilbo

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

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Brassard, Salerno, Anderson
	Nays	0
	Absent	Gilbo

**RESOLVED** to approve payment of end of month and monthly warrants.

**Floor Open to the Public:**

Councilman Salerno asked if there was a camera at the new ball field and the Supervisor stated we are trying to get a quote for one. Councilman Anderson asked if there was a sign for after dark and Jamie Wilson said there is one there already. Mr. Wilson stated it is a busy spot.

The meeting adjourned at 7:03pm.

**Abstract Distributions:**

February 27, 2024

General	\$4,503.86
Highway	\$1,346.00
Water District #1	\$396.44
Water District #2	\$278.66
Water District #4	\$39.25
Sewer District #1	\$699.57
Sewer District #2	\$141.03

**Claim Numbers:**

2024/241-263

March 21, 2024

General	\$45,186.13
Highway	\$64,234.10
Water District #1	\$6,436.42
Water District #2	\$4,425.23
Water District #3	\$4,189.94
Water District #4	\$558.67
Sewer District #1	\$261,652.01
Sewer District #2	\$3,860.38

2024/268-419

Capital Project-Sewer District #1 Improvements

Denton Publications	\$43.76	#1
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Town Clerk