

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, May 12, 2016 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

Absent: Lucille Carpenter Councilwoman
Timothy Garrison Councilman

Others Present: Diana Stevenson, William Trybendis, Sharon O'Connor, Richard LaPier-Building Codes, Sandra Lovell, John & Jackie Viestenz, Ann Tesar, Erik Wilhelmson and Rose French-Town Clerk.

Supervisor Scozzafava opened the meeting at 6:00pm.

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson
	Nays	0
	Absent	Garrison, Carpenter

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorize the Town Clerk to correct the minutes from the March 10, 2016 regarding Resolution #3.

Corrected Resolution:

3. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Garrison, the following resolution was

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Carpenter, Garrison, Anderson
	Nays	0
	Absent	0

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED that Thomas Scozzafava, Town Supervisor is authorized to execute a Grant Agreement with NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation and any and all other contracts, documents and instruments necessary to bring about the Project and fulfill the Town of Moriah's obligations under the Engineering Planning Grant Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah authorizes and appropriates a minimum of 20% local match as required by the Engineering Planning Grant Program for the Inflow and Infiltration Study Project. Under the Engineering Planning Grant program, this local match must be at least 20% of the total project cost. The maximum local share appropriated subject to any changes agreed to by the Town Supervisor shall not exceed \$6,000.00- based upon 20% of the total project costs based upon a total estimated maximum project cost of \$30,000.00. The Town Supervisor may increase this local match through the use of in kind services without further approval from the Town of Moriah.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah hereby determines that the proposed Inflow and Infiltration Study Project is a Type II action in accordance with 6 NYCRR Section 617.5 (c) subparagraph(s) 18 and 20 which constitutes the *information collection including basic data collection and research, water quality and pollution studies, traffic counts, engineering studies, surveys, subsurface investigations and soil studies that do not commit the agency to undertake, fund or approve any Type 1 or Unlisted action; routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment* and therefore not subject to review under 6 NYCRR Part 617.

Discussion:

Have to spend the \$6,000 in order to be eligible for the \$30,000 grant.

Floor Open to the Public: N/A

Department Head Reports:

Richard LaPier- Building Codes: Issued one (2) building permits for the month of April. Issued (2) notices of Violation for rubbish & garbage, issued (2) appearance tickets for rubbish & garbage and issued (2) not to be occupied notices, (1) for failed septic system and (1) for improper wiring and failing foundation on an addition.

Supervisor Scozzafava reported that there will be no more violation notices for repeat offenders of garbage, they will have to go to court. We have seen some progress in the clean up.

Councilman Anderson read the Police Report: Handled 153 calls for service.

Violations (2)

2-Harassment 2nd degree

Misdemeanors (7)

1-Illegal burning

1-Criminal contempt 2nd degree

2-operating with a suspended license

1-petit larceny

2-issuing bad checks

Felonies (0)

Issued 14 Traffic Tickets and handled 4 traffic accidents.

Town Board Reports:

Councilman Salerno reported that the Campsite has 156 Seasonals booked already this year. Transient sites are full through Memorial Day Weekend. Rich Lapier reported that the boat and kayaks went over to the beach today. The Lifeguards will be in charge of renting them. The Supervisor will meet with the Managers to see if they can rent them out now before the Lifeguards arrive.

Building and Grounds have been busy mowing. The chain link fence at Raymond Wright Park is being repaired. The terminal dock is all cleaned up. The Supervisor reached out to the Canal Authority about the Pier. The lights have been fixed. They have additional aluminum dock sections for sale; \$600.00 for each section. There will be a tour boat off of the pier this summer.

Councilman Salerno asked if there was any progress on the expansion of Time Warner Cable and the Supervisor said no, they are in a lawsuit right now, will have to wait and see.

Councilman Anderson reported that Valerie Wykes has taken another position and will no longer be the Director for the Youth Commission. Steve Pelkey has agreed to take it.

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson
	Nays	0
	Absent	Garrison, Carpenter

RESOLVED to hire Steve Pelkey as Town of Moriah Youth Commission Director for the 2016 Season.

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Scozzafava reported that the Hydro Project is moving forward. Close to receiving permit. Once Application is received, work will begin. Property owners as listed on the boundary map will be receiving a registered letter from the Albany Engineering Corporation regarding the project and who they can contact if they have any questions.

The hydro project will bring \$300 million in taxable value to the Town of Moriah. This has no impact on the Village of Port Henry. The Supervisor also commented that it will impact Water District #2 and The Mineville/Witherbee Fire Department. There will be some disruptions during the project, but that is to be expected. The Town of Moriah owns the water rights, Solvay won't try to fight that anymore. Erik Wilhelmson asked if they could have a visitor center so people can see how the project is going to work. The Supervisor said he would ask.

The new STAR PIT check program is out. Residents are encouraged to call the Assessor's with any questions. The number is (518) 546-3098.

The Supervisor received an email from people who live in Vermont; they asked if you have to be a resident of the Town of Moriah to attend the 2016 Summer Youth Program.

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson
	Nays	0
	Absent	Garrison, Carpenter

RESOLVED that a child has to be living with a Town of Moriah Resident in order to attend the Summer Youth Program.

The Supervisor has had a request from Martin Mischenko to Adopt a Highway. It would be from Raymond Wright Park to Bryant's Lumber. The sign would read "Adopt a Highway-By Residents who Care".

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson
	Nays	0
	Absent	Garrison, Carpenter

RESOLVED to authorize the Supervisor to Sign an Adopt a Highway Agreement with Essex County DPW.

Discussion: The Town would provide the bags, gloves and vests. The Supervisor would like to get green bags to distinguish road side clean up bags.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

TABLED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson
	Nays	0
	Absent	Garrison, Carpenter

RESOLVED to table the resolution for the Town of Moriah Town Board support and endorse the dissolution plan for the Village of Port Henry.

Discussion: The Supervisor would like to wait until there is a full board to do a vote.

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson
	Nays	0
	Absent	Garrison, Carpenter

RESOLVED to establish a \$1.00 a day fee for any campers/boats for sale in storage lane Campsite. Fee must be paid before unit is removed.

Discussion: Campers and Boats only.

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson
	Nays	0

Absent Garrison, Carpenter
RESOLVED to increase the flower fund for Raymond Wright Park by \$100.00.

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

APPROVED Ayes Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson
Nays 0
Absent Garrison, Carpenter

RESOLVED to authorize Dawn Waters to use the Bandstand on Saturday, July 16, 2016 for a music festival.

Discussion: John Viestenz reported that he heard Ms. Waters might be moving the date to sometime in August.

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

APPROVED Ayes Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson
Nays 0
Absent Garrison, Carpenter

RESOLVED authorization for final payment to Manfred Construction for Mountain Spring Road Water Project-includes retainage. \$32,586.75 (includes change order #GC-CO03).

Discussion: Art Morgan, Water & Sewer Superintendent met with the Engineers. Not seeded yet, need more top soil. The Supervisor reported that we will be audited tomorrow on the project.

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

APPROVED Ayes Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson
Nays 0
Absent Garrison, Carpenter

RESOLVED to authorize the Supervisor to appoint himself and Councilwoman Carpenter to Police Committee.

Discussion: Police Committee meetings will remain the same.

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

APPROVED Ayes Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson
Nays 0
Absent Garrison, Carpenter

RESOLVED to authorize the Supervisor to set date for Public Hearing to amend Local Law #1 of 2008 to increase aged exemption income from \$28,000.00 to \$29,000.00 per year and also exclude Veteran Disability Income. Hearing date: Thursday, June 9, 2016 at 5:45pm.

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

APPROVED Ayes Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson
Nays 0
Absent Garrison, Carpenter

RESOLVED to authorize Supervisor to set date for Public Hearing to amend Disability Local Law #1 of 1998 and increase income from \$25,000.00 to \$29,000.00 per year. Hearing date: Thursday, June 9, 2016 at 5:45pm.

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

APPROVED Ayes Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson
Nays 0
Absent Garrison, Carpenter

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board does not have an issue with Fred Pereau subdividing a piece of property on the Elk Inn Road.

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson
	Nays	0
	Absent	Garrison, Carpenter

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board approve payment of the warrant.

Floor open to the public:

The Supervisor reported that we do need a zoning/planning Board in the Town of Moriah. Something to look at in the near future.

The burning ban will be lifted May 15, 2016. The Supervisor was at the Transfer Station and it was very busy. George Moore, who has been taking the metal, found a freezer with dead animals in it. Authorities are looking into that. The question was asked if we are still taking electronics, yes we are, \$15.00 for TV's/Monitor's.

Sharon O'Connor asked how many times the old landfill is monitored in a year and how long do we have to do it for. The Supervisor stated that it is tested a couple of times of year and it will probably be tested for the next 30 years or so, they will probably never stop testing it.

The meeting adjourned at 7:09pm.

Abstract Distributions:

Claim Numbers:

April 28, 2016

General	\$2,576.64	2016/4989-5010
Highway	\$172.46	
Water #1	\$585.50	
Water #2	\$416.86	
Water #4	\$56.22	
Sewer	\$457.90	

May 12, 2016

General	\$38,694.36	2016/5016-5102
Highway	\$4,910.61	
Water #1	\$2,836.22	
Water #2	\$2,053.87	
Water #4	\$260.09	
Sewer	\$908.08	

Capital Projects:

Manfred Construction	\$32,586.75	Mt. Spring Road Water Project	#3
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Town Clerk