

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Town Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 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: Lohrer McKinstry and Rose French-Town Clerk

Supervisor Thomas Scozzafava called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. He welcomed everyone who was watching the meeting live on Facebook. The Public is not allowed to attend the meeting due to COVID 19.

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

Department Head/Town Board Reports:

All Department Heads excused.

Councilman Brassard stated the Transfer Station is running good. The Supervisor stated that we will be accepting recyclables again tomorrow. He asked the Town Board if they had any comments. Councilman Anderson stated the youth sports program used to store their equipment in the building at the skating rink but they will now start storing it at the school. If any coaches have any equipment, please get in touch with him and/or return it.

Supervisor's Report:

The Supervisor reported he got a thank you card from Ruth Jaquish.

110. **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 condolence to the Jaquish family on the passing of Ralph Jaquish.

The Supervisor stated he got a thank you card from Cheyenne Morin.

He also reported that the State of Emergency will be extended through June 15, 2020.

The Supervisor reported that the Town Hall is open again. We have a plan in place. One person is allowed in at a time and they must have a mask on.

All crews are back up and running; following all social distancing guidelines.

The Supervisor stated that the Essex County Treasurer's Office will not do any foreclosures for 2020 due to COVID 19 hardships.

The Supervisor stated he has had some concerns regarding travel trailers being set up on property; Rice Street being one of them. In the Town of Moriah's Local Law regarding mobile homes there is a \$20.00 permit fee. If you have 2 or more travel trailers, then it becomes an issue with the NYS department of Health; they consider that a campsite. The Supervisor spoke to Codes and they all feel that NYS should handle it. Councilman Salerno asked if you had to pay debt service for a travel trailer. The Supervisor stated everybody has to pay debt service if they are in the

district. Councilman Salerno asked if there was more than one trailer would there be more than one debt service charge and the Supervisor said no, not for RV's.

The Supervisor reported that recycling will start up again tomorrow.

The Supervisor stated that the campsites will be opening June 6th. The Managers will arrive a week early. The work crews were back on Monday. The Supervisor stated he has been down there and it looks good. Water and power are on. There will be reduced rates due to the late opening. No transients are allowed at this time. The Supervisor is looking in to this, if they have a self-contained there shouldn't be a problem. He is wondering if NYS will open their campsites June 1st. He said it is crazy, rules are changing daily; for an example you can play tennis but not pickle ball. The Supervisor said he is taking it one day at a time. He is not sure if the beaches will be open. Waiting to see what Governor Cuomo says. Councilman Salerno asked if Linda Beers could do anything and the Supervisor said no.

The Supervisor stated that we are at about 38% response for the Census. He asks that you please fill it out. It is critical for grant money, and senatorial and congressional districts as far as voting. You are only harming the Town if you don't fill it out. Councilman Salerno asked if there was a penalty for not filling it out and the Supervisor said the penalty would be to the Town, the School and the County. Councilman Brassard stated that the census workers are not going door to door.

The Supervisor stated that there is County COVID 19 testing available. More tests are a good thing; brings you to the next reopening phase quicker. Testing locations are as follows: Elizabethtown Community Hospital; 518-873-3069; Daily by appointment; 10:00am – 2:00PM and Elizabethtown Community Hospital-Ticonderoga Campus; 518-585-3927; Daily by appointment; 10:00AM – 2:00PM.

Resolutions:

111. **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 to go to emergency expenditures only for 2020 budget due to anticipated revenue loss in 2020 budget. Supervisor must approve all purchases.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated the campsite will be a guessing game. If NYS cuts us by 20% worst case scenario we could have a \$270,000 loss of revenue. The Supervisor stated the Town is in good shape; he does not want to lay anybody off; we will cut all extra expenses.

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

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

RESOLVED an order calling for a Public Hearing in the matter of the increase and improvement of the Facilities of the Sewer District No. 1 in the Town of Moriah, Essex County, New York.

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Moriah, Essex County, New York, has caused to be prepared a map, plan and report, including an estimate of cost, pursuant to Section 202-b of the Town Law, relating to the increase and improvement of the facilities of the Sewer District No. 1 in the Town of Moriah, Essex County, New York (the "Sewer District"), being the reconstruction of the Tarbell Hill Pump Station, and master sewer district preliminary planning for other projects in and for Sewer District No. 1, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$300,000; and

WHEREAS, said capital project has been determined to be a “Type II Action” pursuant to the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), the implementation of which as proposed, such regulations provide will not result in any significant adverse environmental impact; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to call a public hearing on the question of the increase and improvement of the facilities of said Sewer District, in the matter described above, and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof, concerning the same, in accordance with the provisions of Section 202-b of the Town Law; NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED, by the Town Board of the Town of Moriah, Essex County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. A public hearing will be held in the Town Hall, in Port Henry, New York, in said Town, on Thursday, June 11, 2020, at 5:30 o’clock P.M., Prevailing Time, on the question of the increase and improvement of the facilities of Sewer District No. 1 in the Town of Moriah, Essex County, New York, in the manner described in the preambles hereof, and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof, concerning the same, and to take such action thereon as is required or authorized by law.

Section 2. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a copy of the Notice of Public Hearing hereinafter provided to be published once in the official newspaper, and also to cause a copy thereof to be posted on the sign board of the Town, such publication and posting to be made not less than ten, nor more than twenty, days before the date designated for the hearing.

Section 3. The notice of public hearing shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A and hereby made a part hereof.

Section 4. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Discussion: Councilman Anderson asked the Supervisor was confident we would get the money and the Supervisor said no, he is very leary.

113. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was
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| APPROVED | Ayes | Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard, Gilbo |
| | Nays | 0 |
| | Absent | 0 |

RESOLVED a resolution designating Chipmunk Street as a snowmobile road for trail connector; also, tax map #96.2-4-7.000 Tom Phelps Way.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated that the Town Board has the authority to do this. Councilman Brassard asked where they are coming from. Councilman Gilbo stated he believes it will only effect the end of Chipmunk Street so they can get to Windy Hill and North Hudson.

114. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Brassard, seconded by Councilman Salerno, the following resolution was
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| APPROVED | Ayes | Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard, Gilbo |
| | Nays | 0 |
| | Absent | 0 |

RESOLVED to set seasonal campsite rates for 2020 Season from June 6, 2020 – October 12, 2020 as follows:

Lakefront:	\$1,550.00 + \$50.00 refundable site deposit = \$1,600.00
Non-Lakefront	\$1,248.00 + \$50.00 refundable site deposit = \$1,298.00
Preferred	\$1,326.00 + \$50.00 refundable site deposit = \$1,376.00

115. **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 officially name the Island south of Port Henry on NYS Route 9N & 22 tax map numbers #107.3-7-1.000 and #107.3-7-2.000 as “Peters Island”.

116. **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 hire a traffic engineer to determine truck route from Broad Street to 9N & 22.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated that the Highway Superintendent makes the final determination. The section of road is down Broad Street. The Supervisor stated that the Town has been “put on notice”. The Supervisor received a letter from an Attorney after concerns from local business owners. The Supervisor and Highway Superintendent would like to hire a traffic engineer and let them make a professional determination.

117. **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 put NYS DOT on notice regarding drainage issues on east side of 9N & 22 South Main Street.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated the area is near Sleeper’s Garage. Water is blowing right up in parking lot. He stated that Rich Lapier did the letter to NYS DOT.

118. **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 that due to COVID 19, the Town of Moriah Town Board make the decision to cancel Summer Day Camps.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated that this discussion has been going on for 6 – 8 weeks; nobody was really sure what to do. At their meeting on Monday, May 18, 2020 the Essex County Board of Supervisors made the decision to close all summer day camps in Essex County. The Supervisor stated it would be very difficult to have 110-130 kids running around and trying to social distance. Councilman Anderson stated plus workers. The Supervisor stated we might still try to do the food program. The Board was in agreement with this.

119. **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 to refund seasonal campers that paid full amount to adjust for new amount.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated this is if they paid the whole amount a head of time.

120. **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 do transfers in budget as needed.

121. **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 of payment of End of Month and Monthly Warrant.

122. **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 pay the Shed Guy an extra \$200.00 for windows in the cabins; total for both cabins \$12,400.00.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated that Councilman Salerno and Councilman Brassard did a great job.

Town Board Discussion:

123. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, unanimous second, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED a resolution of condolence to the family of Mr. Marks; teacher at Moriah Central School.

Councilman Brassard would like to encourage everyone to go look at the cabins up on the hill at Bulwagga Bay Campsite. The Supervisor reminded everyone that Town of Moriah residents get 10% off at either campsite. Councilman Anderson asked if a deposit would be required and Councilman Brassard said yes. The Supervisor stated there is still work to be finished on them. Councilman Gilbo asked about free advertising for the campsites through Time Warner Cable; Councilman Brassard will look in to it.

The meeting adjourned at 6:31pm.

Abstract Distributions:

Claim Numbers:

April 14, 2020

General	\$8,688.08
Highway	\$218.88
Water #1	\$0.20
Water #2	\$0.14
Water #3	\$838.64
Water #4	\$0.01
Sewer #1	\$1,454.53
Sewer #2	\$1,391.52

2020/545-560

April 23, 2020

General	\$1,289.19
Water #1	\$730.39
Water #2	\$529.52
Water #3	\$133.97
Water #4	\$66.93
Sewer #1	\$74.03
Sewer #2	\$92.95

2020/564-580

May 19, 2020

General	\$68,906.11	2020/583-698
Highway	\$18,207.99	
Fire Protection	\$52,000.00	
Water #1	\$4,220.99	
Water #2	\$3,855.47	
Water #3	\$4,351.06	
Water #4	\$127.11	
Sewer #1	\$6,302.30	
Sewer #2	\$3,814.24	

Capital Projects:

Tarbell Hill Pump Station	Environmental Design & Research	\$1,200.00	#3
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Town Clerk