

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Town Board Meeting on Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 6:00pm at the Knights of Columbus, 4253 Main Street, Port Henry, NY.

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

Others Present: LeeAnn Sprague, Bill Trybendis, Robert Stevenson, Werner & Jean Kull, Diana Stevenson, Rich Lapier, Ronnie Cunningham, Tim Rowland and Rose French-Town Clerk

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 6:00pm by saluting the flag. The Supervisor announced that the CDC just announced that if you are fully vaccinated you do not need to wear your mask.

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

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

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

Bid Openings:

Generator Installation Bid-WWTP: No bids were received. The Supervisor stated that generators are very hard to get right now.

Used Dump Truck Bid-Water & Sewer Dept.: The Supervisor read the legal notice of bid. 4 bids were received from Clark's Truck Center:

2011 International 7400	77,500 miles	\$44,900
2013 International 7400	39,000 miles	\$48,500
2012 International 7500	65,000 miles	\$49,500
2014 Freightliner 108SD	57,000 miles	\$61,000

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

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

RESOLVED authorization for Supervisor to purchase Dump Truck after review of bids by the Supervisor and Water & Sewer Superintendent.

Department Head/Town Board Reports:

Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent: Excused.

Rich Lapier-Code Enforcement Officer: Read Report-Issued 4 building permits for the month April. Has trailer application for Andrew Arno; replacing trailer; 107 Joyce Road; recommends approval. Also 2 lot subdivision from Jacqueline Goralczyk for Fred Perea; tax map number 97.6-1-2.000; non APA jurisdictional; recommends approval.

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

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

RESOLVED approval of trailer permit application for Andrew Arno, replace existing trailer, 107 Joyce Road.

Councilman Salerno reported the Water & Sewer Department have been flushing hydrants; they have been dealing with water breaks and sewer issues. They will be repairing all areas they had water breaks at this winter. Councilman Salerno reported that Building & Grounds have been mowing; getting the cemeteries ready for Memorial Day. Banners are all up. Councilman

Salerno reported that he has been working with Rich Lapier and has learned a lot. The Supervisor stated that when the Water & Sewer Department flushes hydrants we have about 288 in the Town of Moriah; it takes a while. He also stated that we should be getting small crews from Moriah Shock to help with roadside clean up. He said he doesn't understand, Decker's Flats was all clean and 2 days later it is full of garbage again. Ronnie Cunningham stated she thinks garbage is flying out of the back of pickup trucks on their way to the Transfer Station. The Supervisor stated he will have the Police watch for this.

Councilman Salerno asked for an update on the Hydro Project. The Supervisor stated we may have an open shaft; he has been talking to the mining authority. He spoke to Jim Besha today regarding the Hydro Project; Mr. Besha is optimistic; the bats are still an issue; may seal the shaft off.

Councilman Salerno stated that Dan Stec is trying real hard to get internet in rural areas along with Matt Simpson. The Supervisor stated the Public Service Commission has appointed an Attorney to oversee this. COVID made it very obvious how sparse internet is in certain areas.

Councilman Brassard reported the campsites opened last weekend; everything went well. He reminded everyone that locals get 10% off. He reported there are 61 seasonals at Champ RV Park and 137 at Bulwagga Bay Campsite. Transient reservations are on par. He stated Rich Lapier and his crew did a great job. Councilman Brassard reported that Tammy Wright-Champ RV Park stated it is great to have one worker dedicated to Champ RV Park; it has worked out great. The Supervisor stated that we may need to draw the line on seasonals.

Councilman Anderson reported that with great regret we will not be having a Summer Program this year due to construction at Moriah Central School and also BOCES. We can't just have it anywhere because we need a kitchen, bathroom facilities and a medical area. The Supervisor stated this is a large program and without a base camp we would not be able to do it. The Supervisor asked how the Board felt regarding this and Councilman Anderson stated there is no program this year. He will check with Mike Mascarenas at the County to see if there is something else we could offer. Councilman Anderson stated next year we will be back 100%. Councilman Salerno asked where the money would go that we appropriated for the summer program and the Supervisor stated it would go back in the general fund.

Councilman Gilbo stated the application is in process for the solar farm on Decker's Flats; hopefully this will take off this year. The Supervisor stated he spoke to the APA and they don't see any issues with it. He also stated this is a pilot program and the Town and the School will get \$12,500 annually. The Supervisor stated they had one complaint from an environmental group opposing the solar farm and Councilman Anderson asked why an environmental group would be opposed to it and the Supervisor stated apparently it had something to do with bats.

Supervisor's Report:

The Supervisor stated there is Department of State money available; he would like to see a beach to beach trail and work done on the shoreline.

The Town Hall ADA improvement project will begin the first week in June and will hopefully be completed the beginning of August. This includes a ramp, front enclosure and handicap bathroom.

The Supervisor stated that we have 7 tent sites available and 20 transient sites available.

The Supervisor reported that IP is hiring. Starting salary is \$18.32/hr and you do not need to have a high school diploma/GED they are looking for experience. The Supervisor stated the issue is labor supply.

The Supervisor received an email from NYS DOT regarding the traffic circle. The planter will be taken out and the pavement will be reconstructed. DOT will do the striping; they will supply the Town with the plans of the striping. The Supervisor stated we need a small curb; some kind of definition. Jamie Wilson and his highway crew will remove what is left of the existing circle. Jean Kull asked if the miner statue could still be placed there and the Supervisor said no. He does not feel putting a \$50,000 statue there would be a good idea. Councilman Anderson stated it is an

insurance issue also. The Supervisor stated that if you wanted to get your picture next to the statue you would be right in the middle of the road. The Supervisor stated the site on Main Street where the Cunningham building burnt would be a good spot for it. Councilman Salerno stated that each hamlet is going to want it there. The Supervisor reminded everyone that not one penny of tax payer money was spent on the statue. He also stated that we are one community and it revolves around mining.

The Supervisor stated that Ed Roberts will be retiring in September; will be done the end of July. The Supervisor stated he is going to appoint a committee to go over job titles and which direction they think we should go as far as hiring someone new goes. Need to have several skills, plumbing, electrical, carpentry etc. Councilman Anderson asked if Ed would be staying on as Animal Control Officer and the Supervisor said yes.

The Supervisor stated he is still in conversations with the NYS Police regarding using the Building & Grounds site as a Police substation.

There will be a household hazardous waste day in Lake Placid July 10th, Essex County DPW on July 31st, North Hudson Highway Garage on August 14th, and the Ticonderoga Highway Garage on August 28th. For more information, please call the Town Hall.

The Supervisor stated that the Town of Moriah has rented the train station from CP Rail for the past 30 years for \$600.00. The Senior's use it and the nutrition site is there. CP Rail wants to raise the rent to \$800.00 and they want the Town to take over the power bill. The electricity runs between \$2,000 - \$2,500 a year and they also want us to pay a portion of the tax bill, which would be roughly \$2,100 for the school and town. Amtrak would pay half. They would allow the seniors to use their kitchen and the seniors would agree to man the station. It would roughly cost the Town \$2,600 a year. The supervisor will nail a number down and get back to the Board. Councilman Salerno asked if there was some place else the Seniors could go. The Supervisor stated that ACAP is willing to contribute \$400 a year. They can't give the Town the building because DOT law prohibits it; something to do with the main line.

The Town will be having the YCC program this year. We will be hiring 3-4 teenagers for the program. Department Heads will each get one.

Resolutions:

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

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

RESOLVED a resolution of condolence to the family of Joe Drake.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated he was only 64; good employee; he will be missed.

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

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

RESOLVED a resolution to purchase a new entry sign for Bulwagga Bay Campsite to be paid from bed tax money.

Discussion: Bed tax money \$20,000. Supervisor will forward the design to the Town Board. Councilman Salerno asked if we could add the cabins on the sign. The Supervisor said we could; he doesn't want to crowd the sign. The Supervisor stated we did make a mistake on the cabins by not having running water. If we put in another cabin, we need to look at that possibility.

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

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

RESOLVED approval for 2 lot subdivision tax map #97.6-1-2.000 for Fredrick Pereau (APA non jurisdictional).

Discussion: The Supervisor stated this subdivision has been 3-4 years in the making. Rich Lapier stated it started out as a much smaller subdivision.

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

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

RESOLVED authorization for Supervisor to advertise for 1-part time Transfer Station Attendant, 19 hours per week to start after applications are reviewed by the Supervisor and Highway Superintendent.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated he talked to Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent; 2 part time and 1 full time people; keep it under 20 hours per week and no insurance.

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

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

RESOLVED a resolution proclaiming May 2nd from this date forward as Raymond “Buzzy” Wright Day in the Town of Moriah.

Discussion: May 2nd was the battle that he won his medal in.

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

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

RESOLVED authorization for Supervisor to upgrade accounting system through Enhanced Business Systems; \$2,995.00.

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

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

RESOLVED a resolution to not open Port Henry Beach due to low water; COVID restrictions.

Discussion: The Supervisor spoke to Councilman Brassard, the water is very low, this is the 2nd year not to open Port Henry Beach. We will be hiring 3 lifeguards and the beach at Bulwagga Bay Campsite will be open 7 days a week. It has a bigger swimming area. Councilman Gilbo asked about the mouth of Millbrook washing out; are we going to be dredging it. The Supervisor stated the DEC has agreed to look at it; he stated it will probably be 2 years before they actually do it. They will dredge along the pier and Mill Brook. The Supervisor stated it is a huge milestone they are going to look at it.

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

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

RESOLVED authorization to renew agreement with Paraglide New England for 2021 Season at Bulwagga Bay Campsite for \$1,000.00 for Season; all COVID guidelines must be followed; no use on holiday weekends.

Discussion: The Supervisor asked how many times they used it last year and Councilman Brassard stated he believes only 2 times, 6 times the year before; before COVID.

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

APPROVED Ayes Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard, Gilbo

Nays 0

RESOLVED A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF MORIAH TO AWARD THE GENERAL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT (TM-2021-G) TO THE MANFRED CONSTRUCTION, INC.

WHEREAS, the Town Board is undertaking a project called the Town of Moriah Water and Sewer Main Replacement Phase II Project (hereinafter referred to as ‘the Project’) that includes the construction to replace and upgrade existing water, sewer infrastructure along with reconstruction or replacement of existing sidewalk and asphalt at 1st Lane, 2nd Lane, and a portion of College Street in the Village of Port Henry, NY involving one general construction contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Town’s consultant engineer the Project, Cedarwood Engineering (“Project Engineer”) has completed the design for the Project and the Project has been put out to bid as one construction contract: General Construction Contract (TM-2021-G); and

WHEREAS, all members of the Town Board have received copies of the bid documents (or a summary thereof) from the low bidders on each of the contracts and have reviewed those documents, and have conferred with the Project Engineer and discussed the bid documents and elements of each bid; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to proceed in a timely and prudent manner to secure a contract for the General Construction Contract (TM-2021-G), and to commence construction of the Project.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute the Notice of Award for the General Construction Contract (TM-2021-G) to the lowest responsible bidder listed below:

<u>Project Component</u>	<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
General Construction Contract (TM-2021-G)	Manfred Construction, Inc. 5094 NYS Route 9N Westport, NY 12993 (Tel. 518-546-1017)	\$605,000 (Base Bid) *\$68,600 (Bid Alternates) *Town Supervisor shall negotiate chosen bid alternates as required for final award to fully utilize grant funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor or his designee to work with the Project Engineer and Project Attorney to negotiate with the low bidder on the terms, conditions, chosen bid alternates, and final specifications of the Project, and to execute contract with Manfred Construction, Inc. subject to the approvals of the NYS Office of Community Renewal, and other involved agencies as required.

Discussion: The project received 2 bids; other bid was John Kubricky & Sons; \$647,561base bid and \$81,922 alternate bid. The Supervisor stated the alternate bid is for sidewalks. The Supervisor stated they were good tight bids. Councilman Brassard stated the project should be starting soon.

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

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

RESOLVED authorization for Town Residents only to sell wood, drive through only at Bulwagga Bay Campsite and Champ RV Park; must have vendor permit from Town Clerk; no sale of firewood allowed from campsites, must set up schedule with Campground Managers as to when they will be driving through.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated that he and the Town Clerk did some research and it is for residents only. Councilman Anderson asked if we had anybody wanting to sell already and the Supervisor said yes one person right now.

113. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Gilbo, seconded by Councilman Brassard, the following resolution was
APPROVED Ayes Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard, Gilbo
Nays 0
RESOLVED a resolution not to have Summer Day Camp Program due to Moriah Central School and Yandon Dillon will not be available due to construction.
114. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Brassard, seconded by Councilman Salerno, the following resolution was
APPROVED Ayes Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard, Gilbo
Nays 0
RESOLVED to amend Resolution #89 from April 8, 2021 Board Meeting; Assistant Managers at Champ RV Park will receive \$1,000 per season, not \$1,200.
115. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was
APPROVED Ayes Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard, Gilbo
Nays 0
RESOLVED approval to do transfers in budget as needed.
116. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Brassard, the following resolution was
APPROVED Ayes Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard, Gilbo
Nays 0
RESOLVED approval to do adjustments in water and sewer as needed.
117. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Brassard, seconded by Councilman Salerno, the following resolution was
APPROVED Ayes Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard, Gilbo
Nays 0
RESOLVED approval of payment of end of month and monthly warrants.
118. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Brassard, unanimous second, the following resolution was
APPROVED Ayes Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard, Gilbo
Nays 0
RESOLVED to thank Moriah Central School Elementary National Honor Society for roadside clean up on Center Road.
119. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Gilbo, the following resolution was
APPROVED Ayes Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard, Gilbo
Nays 0
RESOLVED approval of Essex County Chapter NYSARC, Inc (Mountain Lake Services) Raffle Consent form.

Floor open to the public:

N/A

The meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

Abstract Distributions:

Claim Numbers:

April 23, 2021

General	\$9,953.92
Highway	\$754.95
Water #1	\$1,778.68

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Water #2	\$1,275.12
Water #3	\$866.35
Water #4	\$102.73
Sewer #1	\$1,940.04
Sewer #2	\$1,736.06

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General	\$75,641.23	2021/621-764
Highway	\$24,506.03	
Water #1	\$2,938.50	
Water #2	\$2,092.35	
Water #3	\$2,582.74	
Water #4	\$242.45	
Sewer #1	\$5,774.23	
Sewer #2	\$3,772.23	

Capital Projects:

Water & Sewer Main Replacement Phase II	Cedarwood Engineering	\$780.00	#4
	Press Republican	\$111.52	#5

Town Clerk