

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Town Board Meeting on Thursday, May 11, 2023 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, Robert Stevenson, Sharon O'Connor, Jamie Wilson, Tom Cowin, Ann Tesar and Rose French-Town Clerk

The Supervisor opened the meeting at 6:00pm by saluting the flag. He asked the Board to speak loudly so it can be heard on Facebook.

ON MOTION by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Brassard, 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.

Bid opening: Equipment Trailer-2 bids were received.

1-Versatile Trailer Sales & Leasing Inc.	\$18,727.40
2-Trailers LLC	\$17,870.00 (can't accept-did not provide non collusive bid forms)

Councilman Gilbo asked Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent how this trailer would be paid for and Mr. Wilson stated from rollover CHIPS money from last year.

Bid opening: Golf Cart-1 bid was received.

1-Satch Sales:	\$6,799.00-2018 Club Car Precedent Gas-1 year warranty.
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Councilman Salerno stated the price did not surprise him. He stated Facebook market place may a little cheaper; the Supervisor stated then we would have no warranty. Councilman Salerno feels it is a fair and would like to ask for a 2-year warranty.

Floor Open to the Public:

N/A

Department Head/Town Board Reports:

Councilman Salerno stated there was some trouble with a water pump at Bulwagga Bay but it has been fixed; he donated his time to fix it. The Water & Sewer department will start repairing roads that were dug up due to water breaks.

Councilman Brassard stated we have taken in a lot of electronics now that we are not charging; but it is better than them ending up on the side of the road. Campgrounds opened without a hitch; looks like a strong season. The Supervisor asked if both campgrounds were full and Councilman Brassard stated Bulwagga Bay is and Champ RV may have 5 open.

The Supervisor stated we have had equipment break down at the campsite; they need a pickup. The Board should consider replacing a couple of 2013 and 2014 pickups and give the older truck to the campsite. The Supervisor will get with Becky Gilbo and go thru the budget and come up with a game plan for next month's meeting. He stated both campgrounds are self-supporting.

94. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Brassard, unanimous second, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED a resolution of appreciation to Tri State for the donation of 2 basketball hoops for the sports field on College Street; \$5,000 value.

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

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

RESOLVED a resolution to hire Kendra Werber, Jaydon Lafountain, Chase McGinness, Logan Gilbo, Joe Pelkey, Jacob Mascarenas, Isaac White, Jacob Karkoski, Callie Drake, Hannah Gaddor, Tammy Chavez, Alita Garrison and Lance Snyder as Counselors for the 2023 Summer Youth Program at Moriah Central School..

Discussion: Councilman Anderson stated this is a 4-week program; it will run 7/10/23-8/4/23; the school and food program are ready to go. The Supervisor stated he spoke to Mr. Larrow and the food program will be run by BOCES this year. Councilman Anderson stated the big gym will be under construction. The Counselors will be going to training; Steve Pelkey has been working on the paperwork for the Department of Health; just need to order t shirts.

Councilman Gilbo stated he will have more information on a consultant and scope of services for next month's meeting. The downtown security camera has been ordered and they will come next week for a site visit.

Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent stated they are doing their spring cleanup. They have been bouncing around doing different roads to help out the County; they have been working 10 hours a day; they lost 4 days due to training and rain. Equipment is running ok so far.

Tom Cowin reported they have been busy putting up banners and the guys have been doing a good job keeping up with the mowing. The Supervisor asked Mr. Cowin where the Chamber banners were; Mr. Cowin is not sure; Sharon O'Connor thinks they are at Glens Falls National Bank; she and Mr. Cowin will get together and figure it out.

Supervisor's Report:

The Roe Pond Fishing Tournament is Saturday, May 27, 2023 from 9am – 11am. The pond will be posted for no fishing on May 24, 2023. The Supervisor thanked all the volunteers who help to put this on for the kids.

The Supervisor stated in the past 8 days building codes have sent out 6 citations regarding garbage; most have cleaned up already; go to property owner first then the legal route.

We have been getting back a lot of lead surveys; thank you. The Supervisor knows the lines outside of the Village have been replaced; he will meet with Art Morgan and Chip Perry to figure out which ones in the Village have not been replaced.

The Supervisor received more letters regarding ideas for the ARPA money; he will probably form a committee to start working on them.

Resolutions:

96. **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 set date for Public Hearing on the Volunteer Firefighter/Ambulance Worker Property Tax Exemption for Thursday, June 8, 2023 at 5:30pm.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated this is a 10% exemption off of property tax. He did a rough estimate and it would be @ \$300,000.

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

RESOLVED to set fees for building permits effective 7/1/2023 (see attachment).

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

RESOLVED authorization for Supervisor to take ad for Bulwagga Bay/Champ RV Park in North Country Living Summer 2023; \$319.00.

Discussion: Full page ad; brings attention to the area.

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

RESOLVED authorization for Robert Stahl to install a set of stairs from Town property for egress from his apartment building on Main Street.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated Mr. Stahl sent him an email; he didn't realize the Town owned this strip of property between the buildings; needs to cut in a set of stairs to bring it up to code so he can rent the apartment.

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

RESOLVED authorization to extend Water District #2 boundary to west side of Silver Hill to include parcel #86.3-1-35.000 (east side; across road already in district).

Discussion: The Supervisor stated it was not uncommon for a property owner to not want to be in the district if they had a well. Councilman Gilbo wanted clarification what part of Silver Hill was being talked about, the Supervisor stated it was Joe Jacobs old place.

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

RESOLVED to set date for Public Hearing for unsafe building; 19 Rice Lane, Port Henry; #97.72-3-16.000; owners: Dustin Thompson/Abigail Smith for Thursday, June 8, 2023 at 5:45pm.

Discussion: This is the 2nd legal step for the burned out house, then we can start condemnation proceedings.

102. **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 award bid for golf cart to Satch Sales; \$6,799; for a 2018 Club Car Precedent Gas Golf Cart.

Discussion: Councilman Salerno will reach out to them to see if they will warrantee it for 2 years.

- 103. 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 award bid for equipment trailer for Highway Garage after Highway Superintendent recommendations.

- 104. 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 award bid for surplus equipment as per Highway Superintendent recommendations: Water & Sewer-1999 Backhoe-\$23,600; Highway Garage-1988 Loader-\$12,900, Highway Garage-1989 Bulldozer- \$16,500; Highway Garage-2001 Dump truck-\$5,700; General-2003 Chevy Van-\$610; Highway Garage-Equipment Trailer-\$1,525, Water & Sewer-Vac Machine-\$5,100.

Discussion: Mr. Wilson stated that some equipment has accumulated over the years; not running; put on auctions international; for Towns and Counties; own community can bid; we had 7 items and got \$65,935. The Supervisor stated the money will go back in to the District it came out of. Mr. Wilson stated a \$30.00 per piece fee will be taken off the amount paid; it was well worth it.

- 105. 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 contract with an appraiser for value of old Port Henry Fire House; AKA Henry Building.

Discussion: Councilman Brassard stated it is time to roll on this. The Supervisor stated if the Town holds on to this building, it will need a new roof. The Supervisor stated the Port Henry Fire Department is the reason why there is no more Village of Port Henry. The Town cannot continue to house a fire department. First step is the appraisal and then put it up for sale.

- 106. 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 a resolution to sell water to Sabre Construction for demolition at Switchback at the following rate: 0.00632 for first 100,000 gallons; 0.00250 for remaining gallons.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated they will need water for the demolition and clean up; will use hydrant on end of Pilfishire Road.

- 107. 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 approval to do transfers in budget as needed.

108. ON MOTION by Councilman Gilbo, seconded by Councilman Salerno, 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.

109. ON MOTION by Councilman Gilbo, seconded by Councilman Brassard, 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.

110. 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 approve subdivision for Aaron Tur; 2978 Plank Road; #96.2-1-23.000.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated it is non-jurisdictional; has to come to the Board for subdivision approval.

Floor open to the public:

The Supervisor stated there are vacant properties in Port Henry that the Village never charged debt for; people in the Town pay for debt on vacant properties; we will have a Public Hearing on these parcels and then adopt a resolution to start charging.

The meeting adjourned at 6:44pm.

Abstract Distributions:

Claim Numbers:

April 25, 2023

General	\$1,449.40
Water #1	\$1,352.73
Water #2	\$980.93
Water #3	\$674.68
Water #4	\$123.92
Sewer #1	\$141.24
Sewer #2	\$74.08

2023/567-586

May 5, 2023

General	\$64,574.00
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2023/594

May 11, 2023

General	\$108,817.76
Highway	\$12,774.59
Fire Protection	\$52,000.00
Water District #1	\$7,912.67
Water District #2	\$4,039.38
Water District #3	\$2,172.37
Water District #4	\$1,345.56
Sewer District #1	\$8,791.88
Sewer District #2	\$4,844.83

2023/589-593
2023/595-746

Capital Project:

Sewer District #1 Improvements	Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe	\$3,275.00	#8
	MJ Engineering	\$5,240.00	#9
Stimulus Money	Cedarwood Engineering	\$820.00	#5

Town Clerk