

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Town Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 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
	Nathan Gilbo	Councilman
	James Curran	Councilman

Others Present: Bill Trybendis, Paul & Nancy Tromblee, Cecelia Wojciukiewicz, Susan Williams (and Spouse), Vicki Sargent and Rose French-Town Clerk

The Supervisor opened the meeting at 6:00pm by saluting the flag. He thanked everyone for coming.

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

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

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

Floor Open to the Public:

N/A

Department Head/Town Board Reports:

The Supervisor reported that Building & Grounds have been busy putting up the farmers market banner; mowing & weed whacking; they are down a mower; getting cemeteries ready for Memorial Day; getting 3 quotes for mold removal at the Iron Center Museum. Councilman Salerno asked if that will be covered under the Town’s insurance and the Supervisor stated the Town Clerk has already gotten a hold of the insurance and they are sending an Engineer to look at it.

Councilman Salerno stated the campsites are off to a good start. 168 seasonals at Bulwagga Bay Campsite; garbage stickers are up; transients are up; cabins are already being rented. Neal Larkin has been doing a good job. Bill Cook, Manager at Champ RV Park stated there are 68 seasonals; up from last year.

Councilman Salerno reported the Water & Sewer Department has been dealing with a lot of water and sewer breaks; the new machine is paying for itself.

Councilman Salerno stated he has no police report.

106. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Gilbo, seconded by Councilman Curran, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED to hire 12 Counselors for the 2025 Summer Youth Program; program to run July 7, 2025 – August 1, 2025; Holi Rivera-Shantz, Makennia Bombard, Ryan Drake, Alexis Mascarenas, Lydia Trybendis, Emmalee Johnson, Damion Holbrook, Hailee Cutting, Owen Bobbie, Alexis Cheney, Morgan Finnessey and Melissa Slattery.

Discussion: Councilman Anderson stated they are all good kids. It is getting harder and harder to compete with Camp Dudley and what they pay. Will be able to handle 150 kids; we usually get around 100 per day.

Councilman Anderson stated there is a youth board meeting tomorrow night; Counselor's will need training. The Supervisor stated he got an email from Dee Olcott, Bouquet Valley is looking for Counselor's for their summer program if anybody knows a child who is still looking for employment.

Councilman Gilbo had nothing to report.

Councilman Curran reported they are working on a community garden down at the train station. The Supervisor stated the seniors go down there for lunch and dinner meals they could grab some fresh veggies while they are there.

Councilman Salerno stated the lake water is very high at Bulwagga Bay Campground between the point and the brook; there are 17 campers that it is affecting. The Supervisor stated we received a \$50,000 engineering grant for this issue; it will start this summer; Beth Gilles Lake Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board will go after money for the project. Councilman Salerno wondered if now or the Fall is the best time to start this project and the Supervisor stated we are currently at a medium/high level. Councilman Anderson asked about the Core of Engineers and the Supervisor stated he thought it was 2013 the last time they were here. Councilman Salerno suggested a berm; he stated we definitely need to look in to it. Councilman Gilbo suggested big rocks to slow the water down. Councilman Salerno stated he wanted to mention it because we need to start thinking about a plan.

Supervisor's Report:

The Supervisor reported that the YCC Program will run same dates as the Summer Program; 7/7/25-8/1/25; you have to be 14 years old and have a working card; you can get the working card at the school. Applications are available at the Town Hall and the School.

The Supervisor stated Moriah had a rabies clinic on May 14th, had 187 people registered and 178 people showed up; good turnout.

Resolutions:

107. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Curran, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED to hire Sawyer VanBuren to work as campsite laborer 40 hours a week; \$19.01 per/hr.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated he and Neal Larkin did the interviews. Sawyer has worked with the campsites under YCC for the last 3 years; he is a great worker; will start 2nd week in June.

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

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

RESOLVED to hire Bruce Vargo as part time transfer station attendant effective immediately; 24 hr/week position; \$19.17 per/hr.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated Steve Hart retired; we lost both Brett Thompson and Steve Hart; they will be missed; took from the applicants who applied for Brett's job.

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

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

RESOLVED that Richard Lapier work 40 hours a week at campsites until Sawyer VanBuren can start work in June.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated Mr. Lapier was in the budget for 30 hours; when Sawyer gets here and the cabin is done, he will go back to that. The Supervisor also stated that Rich Lapier and Bob Clark have done a great job on the cabin.

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

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

RESOLVED to accept grant in the amount of \$2,000 from NY Swims Program.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated he applied for this grant; Governor set aside money for it; use towards lifeguards.

111. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, unanimous second, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED a resolution of congratulations to Steve Hart on his retirement from the Town of Moriah Transfer Station.

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

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

RESOLVED to pay Home Shield Spray Foam \$2,697.42 for spray foam installation on the new cabin at Bulwagga Bay Campsite.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated they called 4 outfits and Ron Schofield was the only one to get back to them; he did a good job and it was a great price.

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

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

RESOLVED to accept Terri Northup's resignation from the Board of Assessment Review effective April 17, 2025.

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

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

RESOLVED to advertise for one Board of Assessment Review member to replace Teri Northup; term expires September 30, 2028.

Discussion: The Supervisor asked the Town Clerk what the pay is for sitting on the Board of Assessment Review and she said \$300.00. The Supervisor stated there is a class you have to take. Grievance Day is the last Tuesday in May. Councilman Salerno asked what happens if the vote is 2-2 and the Supervisor stated the assessment would stay the same.

115. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Gilbo, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED to sign agreement with Adirondack Landfill Services for routine monitoring at the old landfill; \$2,475.00 for 2025.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated this is routine.

116. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Curran, seconded by Councilman Salerno, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED to pay \$29,764.00 to Curvco Steel Structures for new salt shed at the Highway Garage.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated the storm in February collapsed it; insurance covered the whole thing; it was delivered yesterday morning.

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

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

RESOLVED to pay \$5,575.00 to Backyard Outfitters for gazebo at Miner’s Park.

Discussion: Councilman Salerno stated this will be paid for out of stimulus money and he wanted to make sure some stimulus money went to different hamlets. Councilman Gilbo stated he thought there was an issue with a hole there and the Supervisor stated they can move it back towards Gangi’s or closer to the pond side. Councilman Gilbo asked when it was coming and the Supervisor said mid-summer.

118. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Curran, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED to pay Sheri Goodroe monthly for cleaning the bathrooms at Bulwagga Bay Campsite and Champ RV Park for 2025 Season; \$3,480.00 total.

Discussion: Councilman Salerno stated the cleanliness of the bathrooms makes a big difference and the Supervisor stated we have had no complaints.

119. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Curran, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED to appoint Darrell & Vicki Tucker as Assistant Managers at Champ RV Park for the 2025 season.

120. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Gilbo, seconded by Councilman Salerno, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED to appoint Penny Curtis and Larry Hastings as Assistant Managers at Bulwagga Bay Campsite for the 2025 season.

121. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Gilbo, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED to refund Darrell & Vicki Tucker \$150.00 for deposit on site at Bulwagga Bay Campsite; get free site at Champ RV Park for Assistant Manager.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated they were at Bulwagga Bay; Bill Cook asked them to be the assistants at Champ RV Park; get free site as assistant managers.

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

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

RESOLVED to refund Susan Williams \$336.00; Champ RV Park; won't be camping this year.

Discussion: Councilman Salerno stated in the rules you are allowed 2 dogs per campsite; the new manager at Champ discovered they have 5; neighbors were complaining. Ms. Williams stated she is sad she is leaving; this would have been their 4th season at Champ RV Park. She stated the refund amount is wrong, she paid \$1,200 on April 22nd and \$336.00 on March 21st.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED after further investigation into the payments made a refund will be issued to Sue Williams in the amount of \$1,536.00.

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

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

RESOLVED approval to do transfers in budget as needed.

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED approval to pay end of month and monthly warrants.

The Supervisor stated he spoke to the Town Clerk about doing a dog census. The Town Clerk stated we only have 133 dogs registered in the Town of Moriah; a lot of people think they only have to do it once but it is done yearly. The Supervisor stated it is very helpful for the dog catcher if a dog is running loose or lost to find the owner. Councilman Gilbo asked if it was a Town law and the Town Clerk stated no, it is a state law. Once the Town Clerk has an idea how much it is going to cost she will let the Board know.

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

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

RESOLVED to appoint Julie Anderson to the Town of Moriah Youth Commission Board.

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

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

RESOLVED to pay Pat Brandner \$17,800.00 for erection of the salt shed at the Highway Garage.

The Supervisor stated all 3 lifeguards are out of college already and ready to start work. The Supervisor asked the Board if they want to use the money from the NY Swims Program to open the beach a week earlier or put it towards the lifeguard’s hourly rate.

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

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

RESOLVED use the \$2,000 grant money from the NY Swims Program to open the beach a week early; beach will open June 20, 2025.

The Supervisor stated the NYS Department of Health will have to do a walkthrough of the new cabin at Bulwagga Bay before renting; it is already rented 20 of the 31 days in July. The Supervisor asked the Board what they wanted to charge for it; current cabins get \$100 for Friday and Saturday and \$90.00 for Sunday – Thursday.

129. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Curran, seconded by Councilman Gilbo, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED to charge \$150.00 for Friday and Saturday night and \$130.00 Sunday – Thursday for the new cabin at Bulwagga Bay Campsite; minimum 2-night stay.

Floor Open to the Public:

Paul Tromblee asked the Supervisor about the ambulance deal, is the Town going to form a district. Mr. Tromblee stated we need to get rid of these people, too much controversy, don’t need those people in our Town. The Department of Health mandates you only need one EMT on the ambulance. We need to look at hiring young people who want to be EMT’s. The Supervisor stated they are not Town employees; if they were there would be unions, retirements like in the big cities; it would be a much bigger cost. Mr. Tromblee stated there are 38,000 residents in the County; 50% are on fixed incomes; it all trickles down to the communities. Mr. Tromblee wants the Board to control the ambulance squad; he feels there should be more investigation. The Supervisor stated the Comptroller is involved. Mr. Tromblee stated “I will shoot every one of them” he doesn’t know how Billy feels but there has been a lot of time and effort put in to building the squad, became a critical care unit. Mr. Tromblee stated the ambulances are not theirs, they belong to the local people. Mr. Tromblee stated he supports the Town Board 100%. He stated people are saying the same thing, they want locals to handle it. Nancy Tromblee asked if there were any bylaws regarding the equipment, she asked if they can just take it and the Supervisor stated too much has changed, it is a private company now; they have their own Board of Directors. Mr. Tromblee stated when he was in the ambulance squad they had 25 members and had a core group of 12-15 that they could depend on; day or night and they never asked for anything. The Supervisor stated just gas and worker’s compensation. Nancy Tromblee asked again do the ambulances belong to them and the Supervisor stated legally it would be a tough, he stated the Town Attorney is looking in to it. Paul Tromblee asked if the Town was stuck with them for the rest of the year and the Supervisor said yes, through 2025 and then it would be a Board decision what happens in 2026; definitely looking at a district. Paul Tromblee stated a lot of people in Town are PO’d. Councilman Salerno stated the Essex County grant opened up a can of worms; volunteers went bye bye. The Supervisor stated Moriah is 1 of 6 towns dealing with this problem. Paul Tromblee stated the County EMS never should have happened; they should have supported the Town EMS. Councilman Salerno asked if a district would be assessed value of the home and the Supervisor stated it could be set up anyway we want. Councilman Salerno stated if it is based on parcels a resident could end up paying \$6,000 compared to \$150; he feels that is not fair. Paul Tromblee stated the Town should have the right to say how the squad functions.

Paul Tromblee asked if the Highway Garage had enough manpower now and the Supervisor stated we are still down 1 guy. Mr. Tromblee stated construction pays too much; they get the workers.

The Supervisor stated 4 wheelers and dirt bikes are out again; he wants to remind everyone that we have a 1-man police department; he asked parents to please ask your children to be respectful when they are riding.

The meeting adjourned at 6:57pm.

Abstract Distributions:		Claim Numbers:	
<u>April 18, 2025</u>		2025/574	
General	\$20,000.00		
<u>April 25, 2025</u>		2025/575-586	
General	\$2,687.55		
Highway	\$19.20		
Water District #1	\$234.89		
Water District #2	\$169.20		
Water District #3	\$651.93		
Water District #4	\$21.89		
Sewer District #1	\$141.93		
Sewer District #2	\$462.50		
<u>May 20, 2025</u>		2025/587-763	
General	\$121,955.23		
Highway	\$7,728.13		
Fire Protection	\$52,000.00		
Water District #1	\$4,659.94		
Water District #2	\$3,370.00		
Water District #3	\$4,855.35		
Water District #4	\$241.97		
Sewer District #1	\$32,069.42		
Sewer District #2	\$17,417.42		
Sewer District #1A Improvements	MJ Engineering	\$9,697.50	#4
Sewer District #1B Improvements	Kenyon Pipe Line Inspection	\$4,350.00	#1
Champ Beach Event Space (COVID \$)	AES Northeast	\$7,351.00	#4
Cabin-Bulwagga Bay (County COVID \$)	Bryant’s Lumber	\$6,504.19	#2
Cabin-Bulwagga Bay (COVID \$)	FW Webb Company	\$1,139.59	#3
Cabin-Bulwagga Bay (COVID \$)	Home Shield Spray Foam	\$2,697.42	#4
Cabin-Champ RV Park (COIVD \$)	Miller’s Family Builders	\$40,825.00	#3
Miner’s Park Gazebo (COVID \$)	Backyard Outfitters	\$5,575.00	#1

Town Clerk