

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Town Board Meeting on Thursday, October 16, 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
	James Curran	Councilman
	Richard Lapier	Building Codes
	Tom Cowin	Building & Grounds
	Neal Larkin	Campsite Foreman
	Jamie Wilson	Highway Superintendent
	Carl Perry	WWTP Chief Operator
	Rose French	Town Clerk

Absent: Nate Gilbo Councilman

Others Present: Bill Trybendis, Cecelia Wojciukiewicz, Mark Lashway, Ned Phinney, George Clark, Mark Lashway, Ric Lewis

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 Curran, the following resolution was

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

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

Bid Opening-Shoreline Stabilization

We received two (2) bids.

GEI Consultants:	\$49,912.00
LaBella Associates, D.P.C.:	\$49,695.00

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

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

RESOLVED after review and recommendation by the Lake George Lake Champlain Regional Planning Board award bid to appropriate bidder for the Shoreline Stabilization project.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated we received a grant in the amount of \$50,000 for this project.

Floor Open to the Public:

N/A

Department Head/Town Board Reports:

Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent reported they have been busy paving streets with FEMA money; Bridge, Spring, Ormsbee, Greeley, Silver Hill and Viking Lane. They have been cutting brush and hauling sand and they have also been working on a truck for about a month now. They have been helping out other towns and in return they have been assisting us. Docks were pulled at the pier.

Mr. Wilson stated he has been pricing used and new loaders; a used one is \$100,000; it is 8 years old and has no warranty. He just got a quote for a new one and it is \$172,000.94; 3 year/5,000 hr warranty. Councilman Salerno asked if he wanted to use leftover money and was it a necessity. Mr. Wilson stated at this point he has no choice; he needs one. Councilman Salerno asked Mr. Wilson if he looked in to leasing one and Mr. Wilson stated the days of leasing are getting less and less due to the interest rates. Councilman Salerno stated if we buy a used one and it breaks down we are out \$100,000. He also asked if we buy a new one could we sell the old one and Mr. Wilson stated yes; probably get \$20,000. The Supervisor stated Mr. Wilson would like to use \$40,000 from surplus sales and also there were 2 people allocated in the 2025 budget but were not hired, can use that money. Mr. Wilson stated the new loader has \$55,000 in discounts. Councilman Salerno asked if it was adequate enough and Mr. Wilson said yes; it is a mid-size loader.

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

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

RESOLVED to purchase one DL220-US10 Loader from Equipment Rentals, Inc. in the amount of \$172,000.94; 3-year warranty; 5,000 hrs for the Highway Department.

Discussion: Councilman Curran stated a used one just doesn't make sense. Councilman Anderson stated it will be paid for out of the 2025 budget. Councilman Salerno asked Mr. Wilson if he will be needing the 2 positions this winter and Mr. Wilson stated yes, latest hire just received his CDL.

Rich Lapier-Building Codes reported he had 5 permits for the month of September; numerous building code inspections; met with Solar Farm on Tarbell Hill today; it will be a couple of weeks for National Grid to do a performance test then they can start producing power. The Supervisor stated the Town and the School have a pilot agreement with the Solar Farm; once they start producing power they have to pay \$12,500 to each. Councilman Salerno asked about the rates going up, could we benefit from that and the Supervisor stated Councilman Gilbo would know more.

Carl Perry-WWTP Chief Operator had nothing to report.

Tom Cowin-Building & Grounds reported the banners are down; installing heater at the Iron Center. Councilman Salerno asked how many banners they do and Mr. Cowin stated almost 400. Councilman Salerno asked if he rented a bucket truck and Mr. Cowin said yes, took them 3 ½ days to take the banners down. Councilman Anderson asked how much it was to rent a bucket truck and the Supervisor stated it was through a private company and Mr. Cowin Stated it cost \$3,100. The Supervisor stated we did use it for other things. Councilman Salerno stated we do the banners twice a year that's a total of \$6,200 a year; we should look in to buying one. The Supervisor stated yes, a good used one. Councilman Curran asked about using the County's and Mr. Cowin stated it is hard to get and you have to get an employee to come with it. Jamie Wilson stated that person has to be certified also.

Neal Larkin-Campsite Foreman stated we need to decide where the new cabins are going at Champ RV Park so we can start the site work; also, there is a bathroom at Bulwagga Bay that needs work; he also stated that the causeway at Champ RV Park is in rough shape; the Supervisor stated an engineering firm is looking in to it; possible Fall FEMA project. Mr. Larkin stated they have been cleaning up debris, they are one man short; bathrooms are winterized.

Councilman Anderson had nothing to report.

Councilman Curran reported Trunk or Treat will be Thursday, October 23, 2025 from 5pm-7pm at 4300 Main Street put on my Mountain Lake Consignment Store and Vintage Reimagined.

Small Business Saturday is November 29, 2025; festivities begin at 9am; tree lighting in Pocket Park at 6pm and parade of lights at 6:30pm.

Councilman Curran reported that the people who own Vic’s Restaurant have paid their taxes; the Supervisor asked what their plan was and Councilman Curran stated they would like to do a restaurant and cabins again.

Councilman Salerno read the police report: 1 misdemeanor-petit larceny, 1 violation-harassment 2nd, 1 dog complaint-running at large with ACO Ed Roberts, returned 1 lost dog to owner, handled 3 traffic accidents, issued 8 traffic tickets, assisted ambulance 4 times, assisted fire departments 5 times, handled 43 calls of service.

Councilman Salerno gave Art Morgan-Water & Sewer Superintendent’s report-Witherbee sewer project is wrapping up, will be installing 600 feet of drainage on Meachem Street next week, the new excavator is used almost every day, they will not be flushing hydrants this fall due to the water ban so if you have cloudy water contact the Town Hall and they can arrange to have the Water & Sewer Department flush a hydrant near you.

Councilman Salerno reported there were 169 seasonal sites at Bulwagga Bay Campsite this year; \$445,367.00 revenue; have 36 people on the waiting list; Chet and Sandy Woods would like to thank their assistants for all their help this year.

Councilman Salerno stated he would like to have the cabins at Champ RV Park ready to go by May 1, 2026. Neal Larkin stated they are short 1 guy; he would like to thank the next step kids for all their help this year; they did a good job.

Councilman Salerno stated the BBQ pit was a huge success for Labor Day; he wondered if the Chamber could put on a fall event/end of year type thing and Neal Larkin suggested an Octoberfest.

Supervisor’s Report:

The Supervisor reported that the County Auction will be November 12, 2025 at the Best Western in Ticonderoga.

The Supervisor stated ROOST will be assisting with the NY Forward Grant; \$5 million; there will be a presentation at the Court House on Wednesday, October 29, 2025 from 5pm-6:30pm.

The Supervisor stated that Meachem Street will be the next FEMA project, will be starting next week.

Resolutions:

190. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Curran, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was
- APPROVED

Ayes

Nays

Absent
- Brassard, Salerno, Anderson, Curran

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Gilbo
- RESOLVED** for the Supervisor to sign Memorandum of Understanding with North Country Ministry Incorporated and Family YMCA of the Glens Falls Area to use space at the Town Hall on the 2nd floor every Wednesday.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated he will post a flyer with more information; they will pay the Town \$400 a year to use the space.

191. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution to award the police station renovation bid to AJ Catalfamo in the amount of \$142,000 was discussed at length:
- The Supervisor stated we would have to use \$40,000 out of the general fund. Councilman Salerno wants to modify the bid; the Supervisor stated we would have to go out to bid again. Councilman Salerno stated he would like to see the tax payer benefit from the money if we don’t have a police force here. The Supervisor stated the Sheriff’s Department would like to use the space as a processing center. Councilman Salerno stated he would like to see the Sheriff’s Department and the NYS Police lease it. The

Supervisor stated once Officer Brassard retires the Sheriff’s Department and the NYS Police will have to answer the calls in Moriah. Councilman Anderson stated he does not want to use \$40,000 for the space; Councilman Curran does not either. Councilman Salerno would like to see it done for \$100,000, what we have left of the grant money. Councilman Anderson asked if we can ask the County for help and the Supervisor stated he will ask the Sheriff’s Department to pay rent.

ON 2nd MOTION by Councilman Anderson, and seconded again by Councilman Salerno the resolution was **TABLED**, the Town Board wants to rebid the project.

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

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

RESOLVED to amend water and sewer map plan and report bid to also include water district #3 to see if it is a benefit to consolidate all districts in to a benefit district at a cost not to exceed \$6,400.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated if we consolidate Water District #1, #2 and #4, #1 and #2 would save and W4 would increase; the sewer portion of the consolidation has not been done yet.

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

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

RESOLVED in accordance with NYS Retirement System, Matthew Brassard and Rose French record time for work on a calendar for the period of November 2024-January 2025.

Discussion: The Supervisor asked the Town Clerk if this was already done and she said yes, just need to fix the wording.

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

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

RESOLVED approval to do transfers in budget as needed.

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED approval of payment of end of month and monthly warrants.

Floor Open to the Public:

Mark Lashway asked about the water being pumped out of the mines; is it safe and the Supervisor stated that all the samples that have come back so far look good; we are pumping with a 4-inch pump first, see how that goes and then will pump a full day and see how that goes. Mr. Lashway asked which mine we were pumping from, Cookshaft or Sherman and the Supervisor said the

Sherman mine. Neal Larkin suggested leaving the pump set up for future in case we are in this situation again and the Supervisor said yes, they are looking in to it; there are grants out there but due to the Government being shut down we can't get any information right now. The Supervisor stated we have renewed the State of Emergency; hopefully we will be able to pull the water ban soon. Councilman Salerno stated Art Morgan Water & Sewer Superintendent said the pond is up 4 ½ inches.

Rich Lapier asked the board to approve keeping the campsite workers on another week until Halloween. The Supervisor stated there is money in the budget for it because one employee did not work the whole summer.

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

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

RESOLVED to keep campsite workers on through October 31, 2025.

The Supervisor stated the Town of Moriah, including Port Henry, will be celebrating Halloween on Friday, October 31, 2025 from 5:00PM to 7:00PM. For the safety of all children, we are asking those that trick or treat in Grover Hills to park at Linney Field. Thank you!

Executive Session at 6:57pm

The Supervisor stated Rick Carpenter wants the single buyout. The Supervisor then read correspondence between the old Supervisor and Mr. Carpenter's attorney explaining why he was not entitled to it. Councilman Anderson stated no more buyouts; he feels Mr. Carpenter is only trying to get it again because we have a new Supervisor. The Supervisor read resolution #5 of November 8, 2007 in which Mr. Carpenter voted for "effective January 1, 2008 all elected officials beginning their first term of office will not be eligible for the buyout offer on the health insurance if they choose not to opt for the town health insurance". The Supervisor states that Mr. Carpenter claims he never broke service but he did hand in a resignation letter for his councilman position. Councilman Anderson asked what year Mr. Carpenter challenged it and the Supervisor stated 2017. Councilman Curran would like the Town Attorney to look at it. Councilman Anderson stated he is not in favor of Mr. Carpenter getting the buyout. Councilman Curran stated he is not in favor of Mr. Carpenter getting the buyout. The Supervisor stated he has the County insurance and wants a single buyout. Councilman Anderson stated it is unethical. The Supervisor stated he had to resign to take the Justice position. Councilman Anderson stated he voted against it; he should stand by his vote. Councilman Salerno stated he spoke to the previous Supervisor and Mr. Carpenters attorney was Garfield Raymond and he said Mr. Carpenter did not have a leg to stand on. Councilman Curran again suggested to have the Town attorney look at it.

Came out of Executive Session at 7:09pm

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

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

RESOLVED that Rick Carpenter will NOT receive the Single Buyout; he is not eligible for it.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated the numbers are clear from the vote on Resolution #5 of November 8, 2007; its black and white.

The meeting adjourned at 7:04pm.

Town Clerk

Abstract Distributions:

Claim Numbers:

September 19, 2025

General	\$100.00	2025/1479
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September 26, 2025

General	\$30,747.73	2025/1480-1493
Highway	\$1,208.13	
Water #1	\$1,808.06	
Water #2	\$1,336.52	
Water #4	\$164.90	
Sewer #1	\$138.41	
Sewer #2	\$76.97	

October 16, 2025

General	\$49,094.59	2025/1494-1661
Highway	\$23,835.99	
Water #1	\$7,769.07	
Water #2	\$3,357.91	
Water #3	\$5,729.13	
Water #4	\$344.68	
Sewer #1	\$22,351.27	
Sewer #2	\$11,356.57	

Capital Projects

All States Construction	Sewer District #1 Improvements	\$565,835.49	#13
All States Construction	Sewer District #1 Improvements	\$644,239.96	#12

Stimulus

AES Northeast	Champ Beach Event Space	\$17,240.50	#6
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