

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 6:00pm at the Town of Moriah Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, New York.

Present: Thomas Scozzafava Supervisor
Paul Salerno Councilman
Timothy Garrison Councilman
Thomas Anderson Councilman

Absent: Lucille Carpenter Councilwoman

Others Present: William Trybendis; Richard LaPier, Building Codes; Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent; Linda Smythe; Erik Wilhelmson, Arthur Morgan-Water & Sewer Superintendent, Brian Venne-Town of Moriah Justice, Sandra Lovell and Rose French; Town Clerk.

The Supervisor opened the meeting at 6:00pm.

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Garrison, Anderson
	Absent	Carpenter
	Nays	0

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

Bid Opening-Scrap Metal Bid:

No bids were received.

Discussion: Jamie Wilson, Highway Superintendent will contact George Moore to see if he will give us a price on the scrap metal, if not we will wait until Spring to put out another bid.

Floor Open to the Public:

N/A

Department Head Reports:

Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent: The metal container at the Transfer Station is working out well.

Discussion: The Supervisor reported that he met with Cheyenne Morin, Transfer Station Operator; pedal bikes will be set aside for parts and then given to an organization out of Plattsburgh who takes the parts and repairs bikes to be given away for charity. Also, refrigerators do not need to have the Freon removed, unless the unit is older than 1986, then it would have to be removed and tagged. Air conditioners still need to have the Freon removed and tagged. Tom spoke with Mr. Supernault and he is willing to go to the Transfer Station and do this as needed.

The Highway Department has been busy cutting brush and dealing with the few small storms that we have had. They have also had some equipment break down that they have been dealing with. Councilman Salerno asked if the overhead furnaces seemed to be working, and Jamie said yes.

Richard LaPier- Building Codes Officer reported that he issued one building permit in January. Issued one Not to be Occupied Notice. For 2006-2015 The Town has issued 62 permits for new homes, stick built, modular, and double wides. Also, from 2003-2015 we have issued 54 single wide trailer permits, along with the additions, decks, garages, storage sheds, septic systems, wood stoves, chimneys, and structural alterations. The Town has issued more violation notices, seems to be working, if people do not clean up their property, they will be taken to court.

Art Morgan-Water & Sewer Superintendent: Titus Road project is complete. Pumps are running great, only run about one hour every two days. Should see a savings on the electric bill for the pumps as well. The pump on Tarbell Hill will eventually need to be repaired as well.

Discussion: The Town will not take money out of the fund balance to pay for the Titus Road Pump Station Project. We will not be eligible for EFC money if we do.

Town Board Reports:

Councilman Salerno reported that the campsite letters will be going out shortly and he suggests that the rates remain the same because we had an increase last year, the Board was in agreement.

Councilwoman Carpenter was excused.

Councilman Garrison gave the Police Report. Handled 146 calls for service. 3 Violations: 1 criminal cruelty, 1 failure to control a dog and 1 trespass. 5 Misdemeanors: 3 bad check, 1 criminal trespass, 1 criminal mischief. No felonies. Issued 16 traffic tickets and handled 5 traffic accidents.

Councilman Anderson reported that the Youth Commission met. They have started the hiring process for the 2016 Season. Have not received any applicants for the Director Position, but have received 2 for the Assistant Director and Activities Coordinator.

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Scozzafava reported that the number to call if you did not receive a tax rebate check and are entitled to one is 518-453-8146.

The Supervisor met with the Deputy Mayor and the Port Henry Fire Chief regarding the dissolution plan for the Village. Once this plan has been drafted it will go to the Village Board on February 22, 2016. Once the plan is accepted there will be a public hearing. The public is welcome to attend the meeting when the plan is presented to the Village Board. Eric Whilhemlson asked how this process was going and the Supervisor stated that it was a very close vote and it is a very emotional process.

Supervisor Scozzafava reported that the Hydro Project is still being held up in court; Solvay Corporation and X Earth are fighting for mineral and water rights. The Supervisor stated that he did some research and the Town has the water rights.

Councilman Salerno asked when the money from the Governor will be released for Broad Band service; The Supervisor stated he had no idea. Time Warner Cable sold to Charter, but they will still do the areas in Moriah they have agreed to.

Resolutions:

1. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Garrison, the following resolution was

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Garrison, Anderson
	Absent	Carpenter
	Nays	0

RESOLVED to refund Yandon Dillon for water billing adjustment for 2015, \$3,427.90 due to error in the meter reading.

2. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Garrison, the following resolution was

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Garrison, Anderson
	Absent	Carpenter
	Nays	0

WHEREAS, Champlain Area Trails, a New York not-for-profit conservation organization within the meaning of Article 49, Title 3 of the Environmental Conservation Law of the State of New York and a tax exempt organization within the meaning of

Sections 501(c)(3), 509(a)(3) and 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) of the United States Internal Revenue Code (“Code”), is applying to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for a project grant under the Adirondack Park Smart Growth Program to acquire the Carrow Property (Tax Map Parcel #97.5-6-12.001) adjacent to Town-owned land on Pelfershire Road, a site located within the territorial jurisdiction of this Board; and

WHEREAS, as a requirement of this program, said **non-profit organization** must obtain the “approval/endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located”,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the **Moriah Town Board** hereby does approve and endorse the application of **Champlain Area Trails** for a grant under the 2014 Adirondack Smart Growth Program for a project known as **Cheney Mountain Carrow Tract Acquisition and Protection Project** and located within this community.

3. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Garrison, the following resolution was

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Garrison, Anderson
	Absent	Carpenter
	Nays	0

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 Moriah Sewer District, in the Town of Moriah, Essex County, New York (the “Sewer District”), being the replacement of the pump station on Titus Road, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$80,000; and

WHEREAS, said capital project has been determined to be a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(2), 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 effects and the documentation relating to SEQRA is available in the office of the Town Clerk for inspection during normal office hours; 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 Court House, 42 Park Place, in Port Henry, New York, in said Town, on March 10, 2016, at 5:45P.M., Prevailing Time, on the question of the increase and improvement of the facilities of Moriah Sewer District 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.

4. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Scozzafava, the following resolution was

DEFEATED	Ayes	Anderson
	Nays	Scozzafava, Salerno, Garrison
	Absent	Carpenter

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board disapprove the request by Environmental Groups for a moratorium on oil trains along Lake Champlain.

Discussion: Supervisor Scozzafava stated he feels CP Rail takes very good care of the train tracks. The only other option for transporting the oil is over the highway or on Lake Champlain.

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson
	Nays	Garrison
	Absent	Carpenter

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board approve Justice Venne, Justice Carpenter, Court Clerk Kolodzey attend the mandatory Judicial Training in Potsdam on July 19, 2016 and July 20, 2016 at a cost of \$178.00 per person.

Discussion: Councilman Garrison asked if they could attend the same training in Lewis. Justice Venne stated that is a web conference and you can't ask any questions, if you do, they are answered the next day, not that night. Roughly 120 Justices attend Potsdam and @20 attend the training in Lewis.

6. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Garrison, the following resolution was

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Garrison, Anderson
	Absent	Carpenter
	Nays	0

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board approve payment of the warrant.

Floor open to the public:

Eric Wilhelmson asked if there was any interest from Start Up NY in any of the empty buildings in our area, such as Lowes in Ticonderoga or Nu Way Laundry in Port Henry. Supervisor Scozzafava stated there is interest in the Nu Way laundry building. Sandra Lovell stated that if the Adirondack Park Agency wants to keep the Adirondacks the way they are, the residents should get a tax break.

Linda Smyth reported that ARCH is interested in a walking tour through Port Henry if anybody knew of someone who is knowledgeable and willing to do it.

Archie Rosenquisit reported that the Iron Center Museum is in desperate need of volunteers. The 2016 Season is fast approaching and they need volunteers or it won't be able to be open as much.

Sandra Lovell commented that she thought Catherine Sprague was doing a wonderful job with the Chamber of Commerce.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

Abstract Distributions:

January 20, 2016

General	\$2,628.00
Water #1	\$245.28
Water #2	\$166.44
Water #4	\$26.28

Claim Numbers:

2016/36-37

Sewer \$438.00

January 26, 2016

General	\$2,943.59	2016/4602-4625
Highway	\$1,270.09	
Water #1	\$526.04	
Water #2	\$329.15	
Water #4	\$51.58	
Sewer	\$834.38	

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General	\$26,268.73	2016/4030-4724
Highway	\$27,791.94	
Water #1	\$111,717.23	
Water #2	\$50,279.56	
Water #4	\$3,502.96	
Sewer	\$2,814.68	

Capital Projects:

AES Northeast	\$1,565.16	Iron Center	#1
AES Northeast	\$3,885.80	Mt. Spring Rd.	#2
Emerick	\$26,435.76	Titus Rd.	#1
AES Northeast	\$9,637.09	Titus Rd.	#2
Reale Construction	\$32,150.00	Titus Rd.	#3

Town Clerk