

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Board Meeting Thursday, August 8, 2013 at 6:00pm at the Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, NY.

Present:

Thomas Scozzafava	Supervisor
Paul Salerno	Councilman
Thomas Anderson	Councilman

Absent: Timothy Garrison Councilman

**Others**

**Present:** John Easter; Diana Stevenson; Richard LaPier, Building & Codes; John & Jackie Viestenz; Luci Carpenter; Jamie Wilson, Highway Supt.; Elaine Adkins, Town Clerk.

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 6:00pm by saluting the flag.

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

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

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

**Fuel Bid:**

Griffith Energy (Superior Plus Company)

#2 Fuel	.1190 above rack price
Ultra Low Diesel	.1500 above rack price
Kerosene	.1500 above rack price

All prices will fluctuate based on the change in JOC (Journal of Commerce) Albany, NY rack average plus a fixed mark up (above).

Avery Energy

#2 Fuel, Kerosene and On Road Diesel: \$0.095 over JOC Albany, NY rack price including delivery

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Anderson, Salerno, Scozzafava
	Nays	0
	Absent	Garrison

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board award the fuel, kerosene and on road diesel to Avery Energy in the amount of \$0.095 over rack price based on the Journal of Commerce, Albany, NY rack price including delivery.

Discussion: We need to check to make sure we have enough fuel to hold us, if not we only get the minimal amount to get us through until September.

**Floor Open to the Public:**

Luci Carpenter stated that she is working on bringing an Angel of Hope Monument to the lower Champlain Valley. The monument is erected in memory of children of any age that has passed. She thought she had secured a spot for the monument, but that fell through. She asked the Town if they would consider allowing a space for the Angel in the park across from the Town Hall. Mrs. Carpenter stated that the space needed is 66ft. x 54ft.; with landscaping it will be private for those that wish to go there. This would allow for future expansion without having to request additional space in the future.

She was willing to purchase land from the Town, but found that there is a lot to selling property to individuals. Mr. Scozzafava stated that there is a piece of property the Town owns that she should look at; it is behind Salerno's next door. They discussed the old hospital property also. Mrs. Carpenter stated that she has been working with realtors to find property she is

willing to purchase for the monument. She would have fund raisers selling pavers and benches to keep up the maintenance on the property,

Mrs. Carpenter asked the Board to consider her request and the Board suggested she mark out where in the park she would like the memorial section to be and then they can look at it and decide. She thanked Board.

### **Department Head Reports:** Ethan has been excused

Jamie Wilson, Highway Supt., reported that the Grover Hills project has been completed; the lawn areas have been addressed and cleanup is complete. He thinks we will come in way under the original estimated cost which was about \$130 – \$150,000, right now they are at \$75,000, but not all the bills are in. He believes the total cost will be about \$90,000. They used a lot of material that was stored at the Water Department so they didn't have to purchase what they used from there.

The highway has also been working on the chipper, mower and pickups, cutting roadside brush and grass.

Mr. Scozzafava stated that we are not accepting brush at the transfer station will have to do something with what is there now. Mr. Wilson said it can't be chipped because it's been moved around with equipment and has dirt and stones mixed in which will dull the knives on the chipper. We will have to leave it and let it rot. Mr. Scozzafava is looking into a law where the fire department can do training and burn it. We've had a lot of complaints that people can't leave their windows open due to people burning. The Supervisor stated he has a meeting coming up soon with someone from the DEC regarding this matter. This all came about after we ran the ad in the paper about why we weren't accepting anymore brush; the Governor heard about it and called saying a meeting would be set up with DEC.

Richard LaPier, Building Codes, gave the following report. In July Building & Codes issued two building permits, did one inspection for occupancy certificate, and did four fire and safety property maintenance inspections. Had two complaints and served one violation notice.

### **Town Board Committee Reports:**

Councilman Salerno gave a special thanks to all the YCC kids; they worked this summer for Water & Sewer, Campsite, Highway and Building and Grounds departments along with the counselors.

Mr. Salerno gave the following report for the water department. The department worked with Ross Valve on the pressure reducer and relief valves; they marked areas for Dig Safely, did maintenance on the Titus Road pump station and worked getting the surveys from residents on Mountain Spring Road for the water line grant.

Mr. Salerno reported that building and grounds has been mowing the cemeteries, Pepper Field and Town property.

The Councilman reported that we needed to get a Help Wanted worded for the paper for the 2014 season; we hire for three year increments. This will be run sometime in September or October. The Supervisor explained that this cannot be a political appointment. The letter is prepared for campers that will need to move off site for the erosion project; just need to give them out. Mr. Scozzafava stated that the letters can be handed out now. He reported that we are waiting for the electronic survey; surveys are a big part of engineering. If the lake is too high we won't be able to do the project this fall. The Board discussed how far back they should go for campers that will need to be moved in order to have enough room for the equipment to do the work. It was decided to go from Pratt's camper back. The owners will be responsible for moving the campers.

Mr. Salerno stated that the Town will hold the free junk day at the transfer station on August 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> for Grover Hills, Mineville and Witherbee; Moriah and Port Henry will be August 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. There will be no C&D taken those days; this will not include household garbage. The Board discussed the need to make sure that we can get extra containers for those days. These days are for Town of Moriah residents only; proof of residency is required. Residents will be allowed two tires only.

Mr. Salerno stated that we should go to bid for the scrap metal at the transfer station with a bid opening at the next Board meeting in September. The Board discussed the need to be more specific in the notice that goes in the paper as to the time frame the work has to be completed and cleaned up in. Also we should allow the contractor to take the metal to any certified weigh station to get the weigh slips as long as the station is not their own.

Councilman Salerno stated that they are closer to finishing the campsite rules and regulations; they are down from 55 to about 12.

Councilman Anderson stated the summer program ended today for the kids. We had 170 campers registered with anywhere from 80-110 per day. The directors and counselors did a great job. We received our report from the Department of Health for the camp and there were no violations which speak highly of the staff. They had a great season and he thanked everyone involved. The Supervisor stated that we run one of the largest programs in the County for the least money.

**Supervisor’s Report:**

- The Supervisor gave Councilman Garrison’s report for him in his absence. The Police Commission has met twice so far and Mr. Anderson handled the meeting tonight. So far Mr. Viestenz has been the only person to show up; there have been no complaints or concerns, past or present. The Edge group is working on an economic plan, we are making some progress. The one issue everyone agreed on is that the Town, Village and community have to come together and start working and planning together in order for positive development and growth to occur. Mr. Garrison stated in his report that he will start attending all Village meetings in hopes of opening lines of communications between the two levels of government. August 24<sup>th</sup> is Moriah Stock; we have PAC entertainment wrestling starting the show off at noon then Loose Connections, White Hot Monkey Love and RJ Walker performing. There will be local food vendors on hand; it should be a great day!
- Received letter from the Village requesting additional patrols at the Village beach due to the recent reports of break-ins of campers. They believe extra police presence and patrols will help to deter future incidents.
- Had a meeting to get a grant to establish a playground next to Linney Field. Supervisor has asked the following people to be on the committee to establish work groups for installation and seek area business investors: Tom Anderson, John Boyea, Kelly Cross, Bill Larrow, Ruth Laing, Marty & Sue Nephew, Mike Speshock and Meg Parker.
- The Supervisor and Highway Supt. are looking into a grant to resurface the tennis and basketball courts in Moriah Corners and Linney Field.
- There is a piece of property next to the Water Filtration Plant on Kelsi Way that is going up for taxes and the Supervisor stated that in his opinion the Town should own this property because it is so close to the plant. He will check into it further to see if we need to pay what is owed.

Discussion: Councilman Anderson stated that cost is a big thing. The Supervisor stated that he can’t approach the County Attorney to check into this without the Board’s authority to do so. If we were to buy it the money would come from the water districts.

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Anderson, Salerno, Scozzafava
	Nays	0
	Absent	Garrison

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorize the Supervisor to go to the County to negotiate to buy the property on Kelsi Way next to the Water Treatment Facility that is going up for taxes.

- The Chamber is sponsoring the Labor Day Parade on September 1<sup>st</sup> and asked the Town to join them. Councilman Salerno will get Champ there for the parade.
- Had a public hearing last month on the Cold War Exemption; it is impossible to get a number of people that would qualify for the exemption so we don’t know how it would affect the tax rate or what impact it would have. We have until March 1<sup>st</sup> to decide if the Board wants to do this. Once we give it it’s there for 10 years.
- Effective October 2013 smoking will be prohibited on any playground in New York State including private ones such as Six Flags and water parks.

**Resolutions:**

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Anderson, Salerno, Scozzafava
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Nays 0  
Absent Garrison

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorized the hiring of Armstrong Appraisals LLC, for the appraisal of the Van Slooten Marina as per the court order in the amount of \$3,900.00.

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

APPROVED Ayes Anderson, Salerno, Scozzafava  
Nays 0  
Absent Garrison

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board approve Gary and Faylene Rancour's request to name the roadway into their property on Edgemont Road "Dragonfly Way".

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

APPROVED Ayes Salerno, Anderson, Scozzafava  
Nays 0  
Absent Garrison

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorized the use of the Bandstand by the Healing Water Church of God on September 14<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 6 PM.

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

APPROVED Ayes Anderson, Salerno, Scozzafava  
Nays 0  
Absent Garrison

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to contract with National Grid for an HPS Floodlight, 250 Watt for the pickle ball court in Moriah Corners at a cost of \$230.00 per year.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated the court gets a lot of use by the community and with all the vandalism that has taken place he thinks the light is a good idea. The court is leased from the Moriah Fire Department.

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

APPROVED Ayes Anderson, Salerno, Scozzafava  
Nays 0  
Absent Garrison

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board gives authorization to the Mineville VFW Post 5802 to renew their liquor and entertainment license.

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

APPROVED Ayes Anderson, Salerno, Scozzafava  
Nays 0  
Absent Garrison

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign the contract with AES Northeast for engineering services for the Bulwagga Bay Erosion Project in the amount of \$29,501.00.

7. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Scozzafava, seconded by Councilman Salerno, the following resolution was

APPROVED Ayes Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson  
Nays 0  
Absent Garrison

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute a Grant Agreement with NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation and any and all other contracts, documents and instruments necessary to bring about the Project and to fulfill the Town of Moriah obligations under the Engineering Plan Grant Agreement.

Authorization and appropriation of Local match (20% local match).

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah authorizes and appropriates a minimum of 20 percent local match as required the Engineering Planning Grant Program, this local match must be at least 20 percent of the total project cost. The maximum local share appropriated subject to any changes agreed to by the Town Supervisor shall not exceed \$7,500 based upon a total estimated maximum project cost of \$37,500. The Town Supervisor may increase his local match through the use of in kind services without further approval from the Town of Moriah.

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Anderson, Salerno, Scozzafava
	Nays	0
	Absent	Garrison

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board approves the payment of the warrants.

Councilman Salerno asked if we heard anything more on using the money left from the Water District #4 project to purchase equipment. The Supervisor stated that we are waiting to hear on the cost of a new backhoe. Mr. Wilson filled the Supervisor in on an offering through New York where the municipality pays for equipment based on the number of hours used; it is a lease with the option to buy after three years or trade in for a new one. The lease includes all maintenance; the company comes to the town's facility to do the work. This way we would be able to replace equipment on a regular schedule and also save the taxpayers money. We are looking into this option.

**Floor Open to the Public:**

Mrs. Viestenz asked what happened to channel 17. Mr. Scozzafava stated that about four or five years ago we bought the equipment we've had nothing but problems; Chris Lobdell has sent the equipment back to be worked on which is under warranty. Technology changes so quickly that the equipment is obsolete. He will set up a meeting with Chris Lobdell (Tech teacher at school) and Time Warner to see if we can get the cable company to pay for new equipment.

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.

**Abstract Distribution:**

**Claim Nos.:**

<u>July 19, 2013</u>		2353-2360
General	\$5,937.00	
<u>July 22, 2013</u>		2361-2373
General	\$7,161.06	
Highway	734.83	
Water #1	66.74	
Water #2	46.09	
Water #4	6.88	
Sewer	221.93	
<u>August 8, 2013</u>		2393-2471
General	\$54,905.73	
Highway	70,897.84	
Water #1	3,509.86	
Water #2	2,551.67	
Water #4	326.78	
Sewer	1,620.11	

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Town Clerk