

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Board Meeting Thursday, December 12, 2013 at 6:00pm at the Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, NY.

**Present:**

Thomas Scozzafava	Supervisor
Paul Salerno	Councilman
Timothy Garrison	Councilman
Thomas Anderson	Councilman
Luci Carpenter	Councilwoman

**Others**

**Present:** John Easter; Diana Stevenson; Richard LaPier, Building & Codes; Linda Smythe; Jeff Kelly; 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 Anderson, seconded by Councilman Garrison, the following resolution was

APPROVED	Ayes	Anderson, Garrison, Scozzafava
	Nays	0
	Absent	Salerno

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

**Bid Opening:** Sodium Hypochlorite Solution (One bid received)

Slack Chemical Co., Inc. - \$1.294 per gallon delivered.

**Floor Open to the Public:** No one spoke

**Department Head Reports:**

Jamie Wilson, Highway Supt., reported that all applications for funding will be submitted tomorrow for the DHIPS projects; we did very well.

The Water & Sewer pick-up arrived; still waiting for the other truck. The Board and Jamie discussed removing the radios or waiting until the new ones are in and paying only one time to set up the radios. Mr. Wilson asked that highway get the old truck to use as back-up in case they have a truck down. The Supervisor stated the reason we are getting rid of the truck is that it is nickel & diming us to death. Mr. LaPier asked that the campsite have the truck to replace the old blue one that has no floor boards. The Board discussed the option to use the truck for the honey wagon. Mr. Wilson will get the information together as to what we can sell as surplus.

Mr. Wilson thanked all the department heads for what they do. He wants people to know what they do and that they work within their budgets. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday and to drive safe. The Supervisor stated that all departments are great at staying within budget.

Richard LaPier, Building & Codes Inspector, reported that he issued two building permits in November and handled two notices of complaint.

**Town Board Committee Reports:**

Councilman Anderson gave the following police report. The Police Department handled 168 calls for service in November of which there were no violation arrests, made four misdemeanor arrests, 0 felony arrests, issued 17 traffic tickets and handled nine traffic accidents. Mr. Scozzafava stated that he spoke to Officer Stahl who spoke to Officer Brassard about having him and Ed Roberts go street by street and get the pole numbers where the street lights are out. Just wanted the Board and public to be aware of what they are doing.

Councilman Anderson reported that the Youth Commission is looking for someone to run the youth ski club. If anyone is interested they can leave a message at the Town Hall for him or call the school.

Mr. Scozzafava reported that the Viking Ship for the playground has been ordered. They either had to order it now or lose the money wasn't spent by the end of the year.

Councilwoman Carpenter had nothing to report yet. She did want people to know that there are ornaments for sale to help fund the Angel of Hope Project. They have located a contractor to level and grade the land for the Angel on the space they have chosen. January 25<sup>th</sup> there will be a bowling tournament and they plan on a dinner dance at the VFW; she is looking for volunteers if anyone is interested there is a meeting January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 at her shop.

Councilman Garrison reported there will be an Economic Development meeting January 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. The Village received a main street grant which is a matching grant; this is a huge deal. The businesses that take the grant have to match the amount they take; they had to have written commitments from businesses in order to apply for the grant. Mr. Scozzafava stated that the Town received \$31,000 for a waste water study; primary issues are in the Village.

Councilman Salerno reported that the rates at the campsite were the same last year as the year before. He asked the Board if they thought the rates should be raised this year. The Board discussed this and decided for what we have the rates should stay the same. The Board decided they should do some homework on raising rates before doing so. Mr. Garrison stated that governments shouldn't be running business and that is what we are doing. The Board discussed leasing vs. selling the campsite; the Supervisor stated that a referendum is needed to sell. We will keep trying to market the campsite.

Councilman Salerno reported that we took in \$11,375.40 for the scrap metal at the transfer station. Mr. Wilson stated that they did a good job cleaning up with the magnet.

### **Supervisor's Report:**

- Received notification from NYS Real Property that they reviewed the 2013 Aid for Cyclical Aid application for the Town. We did not meet one of the critical standards, reappraisal, and we are not eligible for State assistance on the 2013 assessment roll. This requires a field visit to each piece of property and this wasn't done so we don't get the money. This money was anticipated revenue now we have a whole in the budget.
- Had asked to use the money that was left (\$185,000) from the Water District #4 grant to buy a backhoe for W&S Dept., but was told we can't do that. The money goes back into the fund to be used on another project in other communities.
- Received a call that we received a \$6,000 grant for speed signs for in front of the school.
- Received inspection report from Ag & Markets on the temporary kennel we have set up; all is in order. We need to up-date the animal control law; we are dealing with everything now, the laws are antiquated.
- Gas was \$2.98 through state contract and we paid \$2.90 through Citgo in November.
- Had an audit by the Comptroller for the tax cap for the last three years. We're good, we met it for the last three years. Under the governor's new proposal, if it goes through he wants to award incentives for the tons that meet the tax cap and the state will make up the difference.
- We had been requested to reduce the speed limit on the Moriah Road; the Sheriff's tracked the traffic and the majority is going 55mph. They will increase radar there. It does not warrant changing the speed limit.
- If we do anything with the Cold War Exemption it has to be done by January or February.

### **Resolutions:**

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

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

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorize the Supervisor to renew the Snow Plowing/Removal with Moriah Central School, Moriah Fire Department, Mineville/Witherbee Fire Department and the Town of Moriah Ambulance Squad for January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

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

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

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board reappoint Gary Olcott to the Board of Assessment Review for the five year period beginning October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2018.

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

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

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board award the bid for the Sodium Hypochlorite Solution to Slack Chemical Co., Inc. in the amount of \$1.294 per gallon delivered.

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

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

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board set the date for the End of the year Meeting for December 31, 2013 at 10:00 AM at the Town Hall.

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

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

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board set the date for the Organizational/Regular Meeting for January 9, 2014 at 6:00 PM at the Court House.

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

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

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorize the Supervisor to renew the contract with Convenient Medical Care/Mountain Medical for the medical drug testing for 2014 as per the following fees: Yearly Consortium Fee (onetime fee) \$100.00; Urine Drug Screens - \$48.00; Alcohol Breath Testing - \$25.00; Non-DOT - \$85.00; DOT?CDL Physicals - \$100.00.

7. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Garrison, seconded by Councilman Carpenter, the following resolution was

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

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorizes to increase the maximum income eligibility for the real property Aged Exemption for Senior Citizens from \$25,000 to \$28,000 pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 467.

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

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

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board renew the maintenance agreement on the Assessor's copier in the amount of \$396.00 for 2014.

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

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

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board approve and accept the Corrected Amended Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution for the New York State Retirement System.

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

APPROVED Ayes Garrison, Anderson, Scozzafava, Salerno, Carpenter

Nays 0

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

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

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

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board renew the extended service agreement with Daktronics for the time/temp clock at Raymond Wright Park in the amount of \$850.00 for the period of January 23, 2014 through January 22, 2015.

12. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Garrison, seconded by Councilman Carpenter, the following resolution was

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

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorize the Joint Use of Moriah School District and Town of Moriah for Linney Field Recreation Facility. \*\*See attached Agreement.

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

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

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign the revised Joint WWTP Order on Consent with DEC.

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

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

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorize Richard LaPier to attend Code Enforcement training March 2 through March 4, 2014 at the Crowne Plaza Resort in Lake Placid. (Mr. LaPier will commute back and forth)

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

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

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board give permission for the New York/Vermont Nurses to hold a 5K Fun Run/Walk at Bulwagga Bay Campsite on January 1, 2014.

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

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

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorizes Lucille Carpenter to keep a three month calendar in order to calculate her hours worked to set a standard work day for retirement purposes.

**Floor Open to the Public:** No one spoke.

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM.

**Abstract Distributions:**

**Claim Nos.:**

November 25, 2013

2835-2847

General	\$1,859.08
Water #1	44.58
Water #2	1,396.35
Water #4	178.73
Sewer	334.72

<u>December 10, 2013</u>		2854-2870
General	\$1,000.00	
Highway	2,250.00	
Water #1	280.00	
Water #2	190.00	
Water #4	30.00	
Sewer	500.00	

<u>December 12, 2013</u>		2873-2963
General	\$46,943.54	
Highway	21,668.22	
Water #1	9,611.74	
Water #2	6,617.46	
Water #3	1,005.48	
Sewer	14,930.22	

<b>Capital Projects</b>		<b>Claim Nos.:</b>
<u>December 12, 2013</u>		
Bartlett Pond Dam	\$1,119.62	5 & 6

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Town Clerk