

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Board Meeting Thursday, June 13, 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

Others

Present: John Easter; Diana Stevenson; Debra Bessette and Trish DeGuire, Lord Howe Estates & Moses Circle Sr. Apartments; Lucy Carpenter; Ed Roberts, Building & Grounds; Jamie Wilson, Highway Supt; Ethan Snyder, Asst. Water & Wastewater Supt.; Richard LaPier, Building & Codes; John & Jackie Viestenz; Andrea Anesi, Librarian; 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 Garrison, the following resolution was

APPROVED Ayes Salerno, Garrison, Scozzafava, Anderson
Nays 0

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

Special Guest:

Supervisor Scozzafava introduced Jackie Viestenz and presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the Town Board for her years of service as the Librarian for the Sherman Free Library. She has done an outstanding job and will be missed as she retires. Mrs. Viestenz thanked the Board.

The Supervisor introduced Debra Bessette and Trish DeGuire from Lord Howe Estates and Moses Circle Senior Apartments. Ms. DeGuire stated that they are accepting applications for the new senior housing in Ti; completion should be sometime in July. The new building is on the site of the old Moses Ludington Hospital. There are 31 new one bedroom units with full kitchens and baths, large living areas and spacious closets. They have a community room in the building along with a computer room/library and also a fitness center. The units are pet friendly and there are a few handicap accessible units. The apartments will be for anyone 55 or older and income limits apply; a single household can make \$20,800 and a couple can make \$23,750 and rent would be \$455/month. The higher income would be \$24,960 for single and \$28,500 for a couple with rent being \$550/month. Heat is included in the rent. Vouchers are available for Section 8. Preference will go to the frail and eligible and also veterans. They will have support services available to the Vets. Applications are being accepted at the Lord Howe Estates or on line at www.crmrentalmgmt.com; there will also be applications available at the Town Hall. You can also call Debra at 585-6696 with any questions. By mid-July they will start pulling names by lottery. The first year will be a one year lease and after that it will be month to month. Mr. Scozzafava stated the need is huge for this type of housing. He would like to get something like this in Moriah, but they need room for a minimum of 25 units. Mr. Scozzafava thanked them both for coming.

Floor Open to the Public:

Mrs. Viestenz introduced the new librarian, Andrea Anesi; she stated that the assistant is now Gail Baker. The Supervisor stated they look forward to working with them and welcome to the community.

Department Head Reports:

Jamie Wilson, Highway Supt., reported that they have started their summer projects; they had an excavator on site so he decided to finish Champlain Drive and are doing Federal Street in Grover Hills. They did total excavation of the roads and the digging is done; they are working

on the storm drains now. The County will help them with the paving. We are receiving \$95,000 from CHIPS and Mr. Wilson thought the cost would be over \$150,000. If there is any money left after the Grover Hills project we will use to it black top and patch other roads.

Mr. Scozzafava stated that he has had a lot of calls from residents on Silver Hill concerning the bad condition the road is in. He stated that they chose Grover Hills because the roads there are the worst of all of them. We only have so many dollars to do things. He stated that no one in Grover Hills has called complaining about the noise or the work being done there and they will be patching pot holes and maintain roads the best they can.

Mr. Wilson reported that his department has been working at the beach with the erosion problem; more of the shore is washing away with all the rain. They also helped clean up around Roe Pond and helped stock fish for the tournament. His crew will be helping the County on Deckers Flats next week and have been pouring a pad for the metal pile at the transfer station. Mr. Wilson thanked MCS Bill Larrow, the Board and Tom Breeyear for donating the sander for truck to the highway department.

Ethan Snyder, Assistant Water and Wastewater Supt., reported that his department has been cleaning up and patching roads from they had leaks this winter, fixing curb stops and valve boxes and rebuilding fire hydrants. They have also been helping Building & Grounds and helping out at the campsite.

Steve Stahl, OIC, Police Department, gave the following report. His department handled 173 calls for service in the month of May of which they made nine violation arrests, nine misdemeanor arrests, one felony arrest, issued 16 traffic tickets and handled five traffic accidents.

Richard LaPier, Coded Enforcement Officer gave the following report. He issued four building permits in May, did one inspection for occupancy certificate and did five fire and safety property maintenance inspections.

Ed Roberts, building & Grounds reported that he has been down a man since February and he has been busy mowing and weed whacking.

As far as animal control, Mr. Roberts dealt with a couple of dog bites and has been having a problem with dogs running at large and being unlicensed. The Town has a huge cat problem, so if you feed stray cats you own them. In July Mr. Roberts will be attending a seminar in Plattsburgh.

Town Board General Discussion:

Councilman Garrison stated that a while ago the Board sat with the Mayor and Trustees discussing the consolidation of the water in the Village and the Town and asked if anything ever became of that. Mr. Scozzafava stated that nothing ever happened and that the Village could easily tie into the Town's main at the top of Broad Street. There is enough water with the new plant for both the Village and the Town.

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

APPROVED Ayes Garrison, Anderson, Scozzafava, Salerno
Nays 0

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board approve the Supervisor into looking into the feasibility of a consolidating the water in the Town and Village.

Town Board Committee Reports:

Councilman Garrison reported that the Iron Ore Challenge went well with about 30 participants; we will do it again in the fall. The Chamber came up with a motorcycle sticker using the Tracy Road; this will help get business in from the Northway.

Councilman Anderson reported that the Youth Commission has been working on the summer program; they had 25 applications for the 15 positions. He stated that they were all great, well qualified candidates and it was tough to choose. He thanked everyone on the Youth Commission, Jack Armstrong, Krissy Allen, Larry Wintle and Beth Trombley for all their help. Applications for the summer program are available at the school and he will get some to the

Town Hall. The program will run July 8th – August 9th (8th for the campers). There won't be swimming at the school, but once a week we will take them to the beaches.

Councilman Salerno reported that there are 160 seasonal campers. They have done \$7,490 worth of pump outs. Memorial Day weekend was bad due to the weather, we only had two transients. Mr. Salerno thanked everyone that helped at the campsite, the highway, water & sewer, building and grounds and the inmates. Right now we are booked for July 4th. Everything is looking good at the campsite.

Mr. Salerno stated that Ed Roberts and Water & Sewer (who helped when they had time) have done a heck of a job getting things mowed.

Mr. Salerno stated that the van at the campsite won't pass inspection and that we should get another van for the campsite. Mr. Scozzafava stated that he is looking into the possibility of using the grant money left from the Water District #4 project to replace the water & sewer truck. The Board discussed going to bid for a van for the campsite.

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

APPROVED Ayes Salerno, Garrison, Scozzafava, Anderson
Nays 0

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board approve getting three quotes for a work van for the campsite and paying up to \$5,000.00.

Supervisor's Report:

- We can't submit an application for round two of the CFA grant because we haven't expended the monies from the first round for the shoreline erosion. They are encouraging us to do a waterfront plan. We are limited as to what we can do with all the agencies involves. Once the water recedes we will try to do something on the shoreline. The Project for the revetments will go out to bid soon to be done in the fall. The other part of the grant received (\$25,000) will be used to hire a consultant to come in and look at the best options for the campsites (Village beach too), be it leasing them out or whatever it may be.
- Had calls from resident on Silver Hill regarding the condition of the road. Will get back to them and explain that the road will be patched this year and do what we can; with the Grover Hills project we don't have the money to blacktop this year.
- Received a letter from Bill Owens, he is endorsing the natural gas line for International Paper.
- The State is reluctant to issue the burn permit for the transfer station; we sent in all the paper work and haven't heard back. They want communities to chip which is very expensive to do.
- Received notice from Glens Falls Bank that the interest rate has dropped from .25 percent to .15 percent.
- First aid training will take place shortly and Mr. Anderson stated the kids are aware of it. The background checks have been done; everything on that end is taken care of.

Resolutions:

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

APPROVED Ayes Garrison, Salerno, Scozzafava, Anderson
Nays 0

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board require that the Councilmen, Assessors and Town Justice keep a three month calendar (July, August and September) of their hours worked to amend the resolution for the NYS Retirement System.

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

APPROVED Ayes Anderson, Garrison, Scozzafava, Salerno
Nays 0

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board approve the renewal of the liquor license for the Old Mine business establishment.

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

APPROVED Ayes Garrison, Anderson, Scozzafava, Salerno
Nays 0

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board award the Engineering Contract for the Bulwagga Bay Shoreline Erosion Project to AES Northeast in the amount of \$29,501.00.

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

APPROVED Ayes Garrison, Salerno, Scozzafava, Anderson
Nays 0

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board set the date for the public hearing to consider adoption of Sec 458B of the New York State Real Property tax law (Cold War Veteran's Exemption); hearing to be held July 11, 2013 at 5:45pm prior to regular board meeting.

Discussion: This exemption is for anyone in the service from September 2, 1945 through December 26, 1991 that did not serve in combat and was honorably discharged. Whenever there is a tax exemption there is a tax shift. Having the hearing will see if there is any interest.

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

APPROVED Ayes Salerno, Garrison, Scozzafava, Anderson
Nays 0

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board require any resident of the Town of Moriah only that wants to take parts from the scrap metal pile at the transfer station must first sign a waiver releasing the Town from any liability.

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

APPROVED Ayes Garrison, Salerno, Scozzafava, Anderson
Nays 0

WHEREAS, the General Municipal Law, §53 requires towns to file with the Secretary of State designating the Secretary of State as an agent for service of a notice of claim; and

WHEREAS, General Law, §53 requires the certificate to include the applicable time limit for filing the notice of claim and the name, post office address and electronic mail address, if available, of an officer, person, for the transmittal of notices of claim served upon the Secretary as the Town's agent; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to General Municipal Law, §50-e(1)(a), the applicable time limit for the filing of a notice of claim upon a town is 90 days after the claim arises, or in the case of a wrongful death action, 90 days from the appointment of a representative of the decedent's estate;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Moriah, County of Essex designates the Town Clerk in her capacity to receive notices of claims served upon the Secretary of State by mail at 38 Park Place, Port Henry, NY 12974 and/or e-mail at moriahtownclerk@nycap.rr.com

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby directs the Town Clerk to file the required certificate with the Secretary of State informing him or her of the Town's designation and applicable time limitation for filing a notice of claim with the Town on or before July 14, 2013.

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

APPROVED Ayes Anderson, Garrison, Salerno
Nays 0
Abstain Scozzafava

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board approve the hiring of the following Counselors for the Summer Program per the recommendation of the Youth Commission: Sarah Burbank, Kayla Patenaude, Kati DeSimone, Amanda Ida, Ryan Shpur, Hayden Fernandez, Ariel White, Brooke Dever, Alexandra Lashway, Dylan Scozzafava, Clifford Raymond, Cory Porter, Thomas Rancour, Tyler Pratt, Elizabeth Decker

8. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was
 APPROVED Ayes Salerno, Anderson, Scozzafava, Garrison
 Nays 0
RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board give authorization to the Supervisor to have the Town Attorney draw up paperwork to acquire an easement from John Neggia on Wasson Street so we can provide water to Nathan Heald's property.
9. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Garrison, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was
 APPROVED Ayes Garrison, Anderson, Scozzafava, Salerno
 Nays 0
RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board approve the payment of the warrants.
10. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Garrison, the following resolution was
 APPROVED Ayes Salerno, Garrison, Scozzafava, Anderson
 Nays 0
RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract with Phone Review in order for them to look into our National Grid power bills including street lighting to see if we are being overbilled.
11. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, with a Unanimous second, the following resolution was
 APPROVED Ayes Salerno, Scozzafava, Anderson, Garrison
 Nays 0
RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board offered a Resolution of Appreciation to the three volunteer Fire Departments for their work on the Broad Street fire.

Mr. Scozzafava wanted the Board to be aware that we have the right to go across John LaForest's neighbor's property to give him water; he and his neighbor are having a dispute about the right of way and him putting in a water line.

Floor Open to the Public:

Mrs. Viestenz stated that from June 26th through August 28th the Farmer's Market will be held every Wednesday from 9am – 1pm at the Bistro parking lot on Main Street.

Mrs. Viestenz asked if it is on the highway department's schedule to alleviate the water problem at the library. Mr. Wilson stated that he hasn't had a chance to get with the Village crew. Now that the new superintendent has started he will get together with him and see when they can do it; hopefully when things dry up.

The meeting adjourned at 7:08pm.

Abstract Distribution:

Claim Nos.:

May 22, 2013	
General	\$27,920.43
Highway	1,272.97
Fire Protection	54,000.00
Water #1	48.82
Water #2	33.12
Water #4	5.24
Sewer	251.18
June 11, 2013	
General	\$1,600.00
Highway	3,600.00
Water #1	448.00
Water #2	304.00
Water #4	48.00
Sewer	800.00

2099-2119

2125-2141

Abstract Distributions:

June 13, 2013

2142-2248

General	\$31,579.23
Highway	15,915.27
Water #1	3,277.69
Water #2	2,382.46
Water #3	2,985.21
Water #4	305.93
Sewer	40,174.70

Town Clerk