

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their REGULAR BOARD MEETING on April 10, 2014 at 6:00 PM at the Town of Moriah Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, New York.

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

Others Present: John Easter, Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent, John and Jackie Viestenz, Rich Lapier-Code Enforcement Officer, Steve Stahl-Officer in Charge, Dianna Stevenson, Bill Trybendis, Sandra Lovell, and Rose French-Deputy Town Clerk.

Mr. Scozzafava called the meeting to order at 6:00pm by saluting the flag.

ON MOTION by Paul Salerno, seconded by Tim Garrison, all in favor, carried, **RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

Floor Open to the Public:

N/A

Department Head Reports:

Steve Stahl-Officer in Charge: Grover Hills has been having issues with people knocking on doors and windows and then running away. Believes it is kids, he is aware and is working on it. Will increase night patrol, State Police and Sheriff's department have also been made aware of the situation.

There will be a run that the teachers are putting on, on April 26th at 9:00AM, starting at the school and going out Forge Hollow Road, Steve will handle the traffic for this run.

Police Report for February 2014:

Received 151 calls for service. 4 violation arrests, 6 misdemeanor arrests, 17 traffic tickets and 5 traffic accidents.

Police Report for March 2014:

Received 164 calls for service. 3 violation arrests, 6 misdemeanor arrests, 16 traffic tickets and 4 traffic accidents.

Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent: The highway department has been busy with all the storms. Several machines are down, working on them. They have been working with the County patching holes. The highway department is getting ready to begin sweeping. Thank you to Ed Roberts for picking up garbage on the road side.

Tim Garrison asked if we were going to be paving this year. Jamie stated it depends on what we get for money. Tim also asked if Jamie could do an inventory and assessment on all roads, then they could be graded on importance. Jamie said he would work on it.

Tom mentioned the piece of property next to the Water Filtration Plant that the County turned over to the town. He said it is in terrible condition. Jamie is working with the Town of Jay to get a Track Hoe down here to tear it down and haul it away.

Richard Lapier-Code Enforcement Officer: issued 2 building permits for the month of March, did 2 annual fire/safety inspections and attended 24 hours of Codes training in Lake Placid.

Tom Anderson asked if there was anything the Town could do regarding burned out houses. Rich said there needs to be a Local Law to remove or have someone take it down, and it has to be enforced. It has to be a court procedure and we don't have a full time Attorney. It would be very costly.

Ed Roberts-Building & Grounds Superintendent (absent-read by Councilman Salerno): Ed and the inmates have been picking up road side garbage. Found numerous syringes. Luci stated that heroine is a huge problem in this area. Tom agreed. Paul stated we would no longer be doing the road side clean up due to this problem. Dog feces and cat litter are also a big problem. Ed and the inmates finished chipping brush at the south end of town. Ed replaced an electric motor on the furnace at the Water Filtration Plant. John will begin lawn work. Ed and John will also help out at the Campsite to get it ready for the Season. Ed and Luci will meet with a representative from Ags and Markets on Monday to discuss various issues.

Town Board Committee Reports:

Luci Carpenter: Luci will meet with Chris Lobdell regarding the public access channel.

Thomas Anderson: Still hiring for the Youth Commission this month and next month.

Tim Garrison: Brought up the Village tax rate, would like to see the Town and Village have more shared services to cut down on cost, like shared water services, shared fire department and shared Full Time Code Enforcement Officer. Tom said he will be sending letters to all the Fire Departments about consolidation. Tim is still waiting on RFP's regarding the waterfront. Tim stated he feels that small businesses are driven out of the area by high assessments. Tom would like to see new homes be allowed the assessment step program, where it takes 5 years to get up to the full assessment. We would need a public hearing on this. Tim has created a Face Book page for open communication with the community. Tom suggested having open meetings in each hamlet for any concerns. Police Committee Meetings are May 8, August 14, and November 13, 2014, 5:30 at the Town Hall.

Paul Salerno: Paul asked if the Water for the Village and the Town were combined would anybody lose their job. Tom said no, there has to be 2 operators anyway. There was discussion on Campsite Rule #8 regarding how many people are allowed to sleep in a tent on a site.

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

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

RESOLVED to approve Campsite Rule #8 to read: "The maximum number of people allowed on a site is (at the discretion of the Managers) 6; 2 adults, 4 children under the age of 18. (ALL OVERNITE VISITORS "OVER THE AGE OF 18" MUST REGISTER AND PAY \$28.00 PER NIGHT TO SET UP A TENT ON AN EXISTING SITE).

Supervisor's Report:

Tom, Randy Douglas, Bill Grinell from Ticonderoga, and Charlie Harrington from Crown Point, attended a meeting in Middlebury regarding IP's request for a natural gas line from Vermont to New York. It was approved, 16 yes, 10 no.

On April 23, 2014 Tom will meet with Time Warner Cable regarding renewing the franchise agreement for 10 years. Tom would like to see an extension of services.

Tom said the Hydro Plant is moving forward. Should have permits submitted by September. This plant could be huge for the town. It is clean energy and it would expand the tax base. The highway garage would get a new garage and the VFW might also be able to benefit as well, regarding heating if it could be piped.

The Town Hall has been very busy. We have 3 audits going on right now. 2011 and 2012 single audits and our annual report. These are all State mandated.

The County Real Estate Auction will be April 30, 2014 at 11:00AM at the Best Western in Ticonderoga. The old Mineville Health Center will be included in this auction. Tom would like to see something actually done with the building.

New York State EFC is offering a refinancing initiative for Municipalities that have funded projects through the State Clean Water & Drinking Water Revolving Funds. Does not pertain to us, we do not pay interest anyway.

Tom received a letter from Governor Cuomo. He is really pushing the 2% tax cap.

National Grid bills have gone down. The town submitted paperwork to MEGA energy, a broker, to see if they could get us a cheaper price per KWH.

The youth baseball uniforms have been ordered.

The Town Board has been invited to the Sherman Free Library on April 15, 2014 from 12:00PM – 4:00PM for refreshments for National Library Week.

Resolutions:

1. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Garrison, the following resolution was
APPROVED Ayes Carpenter, Garrison, Scozzafava, Anderson, Salerno
Nays 0
RESOLVED to authorize the Supervisor to sign Post Closure Agreement with Adirondack Landfill in the amount of \$3,390.00 (2014 Spring & Fall Samplings).
2. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Garrison, the following resolution was
APPROVED Ayes Carpenter, Garrison, Scozzafava, Anderson, Salerno
Nays 0
RESOLVED to terminate Dwayne Maye as of April 7, 2014 due to health reasons.
3. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was
APPROVED Ayes Carpenter, Garrison, Scozzafava, Anderson, Salerno
Nays 0
RESOLVED to approve payment of the warrants and end of month warrant for March.
4. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Garrison, seconded by Councilman Salerno, the following resolution was\
APPROVED Ayes Carpenter, Garrison, Scozzafava, Anderson, Salerno
Nays 0
RESOLVED to create a laborer position at the Campsite and Building & Grounds for 40 hours per week, seasonal work.
5. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Garrison, the following resolution was
APPROVED Ayes Carpenter, Garrison, Scozzafava, Anderson, Salerno
Nays 0
RESOLVED to hire Keith Ida for the new Laborer position at the Campsite and Building & Grounds.

Floor Open to the Public:

N/A

The meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.

Deputy Town Clerk

Abstract Distributions for 3/26/14

General:	\$10,726.70
Water #1:	\$2,110.82
Water #2:	\$1,522.35
Water #4:	\$196.15
Sewer:	\$469.46

Voucher #'s: 3369-3385

Abstract Distributions for 4/10/14

General:	\$73,196.72
Highway:	\$8,687.90
Water #1:	\$3,439.03
Water #2:	\$2,499.60
Water #4:	\$320.55
Sewer:	\$40,076.29

Voucher #'s 3393-3482