

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Moriah was held at the Town Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, NY on Thursday, January 9, 2014 following the Organizational Meeting.

Present: Thomas Scozzafava Supervisor  
Paul Salerno Councilman  
Thomas Anderson Councilman  
Lucille Carpenter Councilwoman

Absent: Timothy Garrison Councilman

Others Present: John Easter; Jamie Wilson, Highway Supt.; Richard LaPier, Building Codes; Elaine Adkins, Town Clerk

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

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

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

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

**Department Head Reports:**

Richard LaPier, Codes Officer gave the following report. Building Codes issued two building permits in December and one Certificate of Occupancy. In 2013 issued 45 permits of which were eight new homes, 10 septic systems, eight garages/storage buildings, two additions, five decks, seven alterations, one pool, three wood stoves and one commercial building. Also completed fire/safety property maintenance inspections on 15 properties for the year.

Jamie Wilson, Highway Supt., reported that his department has been busy working with all the storms; they worked 27 out of 31 days in December and so far in January they have worked eight out of nine days. Salt was an issue for the whole county; with all the storms the supply was delayed getting here. We receive three loads of salt today; things are moving now. We are asking the public to stay out of the sand pit. Our insurance carrier doesn't want anyone in it. We have a designated area by the transfer station gate where residents can get sand for their walkways and driveways. We have had to have the police keep people out of the salt. The Board appreciates the hours everyone is putting in.

**Town Board General Discussion:**

Councilman Salerno stated there is a lot of optimism on the energy project going forward. The Supervisor stated that engineering is in need of the Water District #1 & #2 maps for the project. There is no impact on the prison as their water comes from a separate mine. There is a minor problem in that Solvay Corp. filed a letter with the federal government regarding concerns they own the surface and who owns the mines. The Supervisor spoke with Albany Engineering and they said this won't hold up the project; no one is mining or after ore. The project is dealing with four different entities, the Town (egress and ingress), Solvay Corp owns the surface and X-Earth owns the mineral rights. We are optimistic the project will happen. R. Salerno asked if the project will take ten years because of tax breaks. The Supervisor stated that all involved are private investors; there is no federal or state government money involved.

**Town Board Reports:**

Councilman Anderson gave the following Police Report. The Police Department handled 137 calls for service in December of which two were violation arrests, two misdemeanor arrests, issues 19 traffic tickets and handled 12 traffic accidents.

Councilman Anderson reported there was no Youth meeting in December, but one is scheduled for Monday. They haven't found anyone to run the ski club, but are still looking.

Councilwoman Carpenter gave the Animal Control's Report: Mr. Roberts had 27 complaints in December and issued seven tickets.

**Supervisor's Report:**

- Had Ed Roberts ride with Art Brassard at night to get a complete listing of all the street lights that are out; a total of 71. List will be sent to national Grid.
- Have a rodent problem at the Town Hall; had Orkin come and give us an estimate. A lot of holes had to be plugged. We have to get rid of the mice, they are on every floor.

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

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

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorize to contract with Orkin for pest control at the Town Hall at a cost of \$285 for the initial treatment and one month at \$76 for as long as needed. We can cancel anytime.

- The Supervisor stated that there is a mess of pigeon droppings in the cupola on the third floor which creates a health hazard for anyone that goes up there. The siren for Port Henry Fire Department is located there. Orkin is licensed to do this and will come in and clean and sanitize the area at a cost of \$927.00.

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

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

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorizes Orkin to clean the pigeon droppings in the cupola on the third floor of the Town Hall at a cost of \$927.00.

**Resolutions:**

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

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

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorize to renew the Maintenance Contract with Office Systems for the copier at the Town Hall.

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

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

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

The Supervisor spoke with the Paul Mazzotte, Assessor, regarding the Cold War Veterans Exemption; he doesn't believe it will have a big impact on the taxes. If the Board decides to do this it needs to be done in February. The School Board can approve a combat vet exemption; if they do it would raise taxes about 55 cents per thousand. This is up to the school board.

Old Chimney filed a suit on the marina assessment and we received our appraisal on the property. Our appraisal came in at 700,000 plus; assessment is over a million. The Town Board was given a copy of the appraisal and will vote next month on what they want to do.

Councilman Salerno asked the Supervisor about the weighted votes at the County and their budget. The Supervisor stated that some of those that voted on the budget had only 15 days left on the Board due to elections. He has talked to the Senator about how budgets should be adopted prior to elections. It is a problem everywhere.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

**Abstract Distributions:**

January 9, 2014

**Claim Nos.:**

3083-3106

General	\$35,863.64
Water #1	1.10
Water #2	11.08
Water #4	1.02
Sewer	90,412.86

**Capital Projects:**

**Claim Nos.:**

Beach Erosion	\$2,714.36
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Town Clerk