

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 6:00pm at the Town of Moriah Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, New York.

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

Others Present: John Easter; Joe Lashway; Diana Stevenson; Rose French; Jamie Wilson, Highway Supt.; James Curran; Elaine Adkins Town Clerk.

The Supervisor opened the meeting at 6:00pm by saluting the flag

ON MOTION by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Garrison, that the Town of Moriah Town Board approve the minutes from the previous meeting a **MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Anderson, to **AMEND** the January Minutes where Councilman Salerno stated that the rates haven't been raised since 2011 to read "the last time the campsite rates were raised \$50 was in 2014" **RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board approve the minutes from the last meetings.

Special Guest:

The Supervisor introduced Lou Paris, Captain of the Ambulance Squad. Mr. Paris stated that the Ambulance Squad is in desperate need of volunteers who can give a 12 hour shift one day a week to the Squad. They also need more EMT's. The problem is the requirements which is now a 190 hour course not counting the ER, operating room and run hours needed. They have 18 members of which only five are EMT's. Now there has to be an EMT on every run that they make. Crown Point no longer has the ambulance service; Lamoille is moving in to take their runs and they are a paid service. Moriah is a volunteer service; once they get their 5031C they will start charging the insurance companies. The Squad is also having a problem with the building; it's not big enough to accommodate the new ambulances.

Mr. Scozzafava stated that this is a huge problem in Essex County and most rural areas. The requirements are a big problem. He talked with Lou regarding the building and their needs and has been talking with different members of the fire departments; the community needs to come together to consolidate the departments and possibly bring in the ambulance; all the duplication doesn't make sense. The Supervisor hopes that the fire departments will invite the Town Board to a meeting to discuss consolidating the fire departments. There are grants out there that would pay for SUNY Plattsburgh to do a study on the consolidation.

Councilman Salerno suggested to Mr. Paris that the Ambulance Squad take a large ad out in the Times of Ti looking for volunteers and donations. Mr. Paris stated that they have a flyer going in the paper soon. The Board and Mr. Paris discussed coin drops and different ways to raise money. Councilwoman Carpenter asked the age requirements and was told they have to be 18 to be an EMT; she asked if he had reached out to the school for those graduating and was told they do. Mr. Paris stated that they have discussed a Jr. Squad and are looking into the possibility; there is a lot involved to do this. The Board thanked Mr. Paris for coming.

Mr. Scozzafava stated that Meg Parker, Healthy Places couldn't make it tonight, but she plans on coming to the March meeting. We were successful in getting another piece of playground equipment, thanks to Jamie Wilson. Ms. Parker also got us a grant to get paddle boards, canoes and kayaks, two of each for Bulwagga Bay Campsite. These will be rented out per day and hourly by the staff. She will be here in March to talk about the Street program which we can get grants for bike paths, sidewalks and plows for the sidewalk maintenance.

Floor Open to the Public: No one spoke

Department Head Reports:

Jamie Wilson, Highway Supt., reported that his department has been plowing and moving snow and working on equipment. Salt is in demand and tough to receive; we've used over three fourths of our sand already. The new truck was delivered and is on the road. We rebuilt the sander at the shop which was a lot cheaper than buying a new one.

Mr. Scozzafava stated that we had a water break on Tuesday; this is the third or fourth break on that line. A basement below the break was flooded due to the break; we are trying to get this covered under the Town's insurance as the homeowner's insurance denied them. That water line was put in back in 1964 and is asbestos pipe. Every time there is a break there are safety issues. When the water is shut off and turned back on we have problems with the pressure reducing valves on Tarbell Hill popping the line. The valves have been rebuilt many times and need to be replaced. We have \$150,000 left from the Water #4 project; these valves affect #4 district as that water comes from District #1 and impacts District #4. AES is helping to try to help us use the money for that purpose.

Councilman Garrison gave the following Police Report: The Police Department handled 142 calls for service in January of which four were violation arrests, two disorderly conduct and two harassment second degree. There were five misdemeanor arrests, no felony arrests, issued 16 traffic tickets and handled seven traffic accidents.

Mr. Scozzafava stated that Art Morgan was excused; he has been busy with the break. Councilman Salerno reported that the pumps at Titus Road are being rebuilt. After the snowstorm the hydrants were cleaned out.

Mr. Scozzafava stated the inmates are being used to shovel the sidewalks. He asked people not to plow onto the sidewalks, and asked people not to park on them which is illegal. The police will talk to those parking on the sidewalks.

Councilwoman Carpenter gave the following Building Codes report. Building Codes issued no building permits in January and responded to two complaints along with routine building inspections. The office will be closed starting March 1st and won't re-open until March 20th due to training and vacation. Mr. Scozzafava is able to sign building permits in the interim.

Town Board Committee Reports:

Councilman Salerno stated that he is preparing the letters to the campers and they should go out next week.

Councilman Garrison stated that the Antique Boat Show will be held on Jul 19th and will rendezvous at Port Henry Marina. Moriah Stock will be held the same day at the pier. Anyone wanting more information or would like to help can contact Mr. Garrison at home, 546-7939 or contact the Town Hall. The Board discussed charging the vendors to set up. Mrs. Carpenter is in charge of figuring out the vendor fees and if the permit fee needs to come from the Village or the Town.

Councilman Anderson stated that the Youth Commission met and will hire Briana McKiernan back as the Director of the summer program.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorize the Youth Commission to hire Briana McKiernan as the Director of the Summer Youth Program this year.

Councilman Anderson stated that they will be advertising for two positions this month and hiring in March; they will hire the Counselors in the spring.

Mr. Scozzafava stated that we may be forced to drop the YCC Program this year because we are being forced to pay minimum wage; it would cost too much to operate. We are looking into alternatives, maybe hiring only 16-18 year olds is one option. Councilman Anderson stated that they may have to decrease the number of counselors as well due to the minimum wage.

Supervisor's Report:

- Received a report from NYS DEC on the WWTP (Waste Water Treatment Plant). Facility was found to be very well managed. The report stated that Chip Perry and Pete Towns have done an outstanding job ensuring that the eight year old plant remains in excellent condition.

- Received an inspection on the temporary dog shelter; everything is in order and satisfactory.
- Rich LaPier made us aware of the new law on the books. A person served with an Order to Remedy must fully comply with the order within 30 days of the order.
- There has been confusion in the past as to water shut offs and the Water & Sewer Clerk not getting the information. The new procedure is when someone wants their water shut off, they need to see Rose, fill out the form and she will contact the Water Dept. and let them know and copy the form to them.
- Received a letter from Governor Cuomo thanking us for the assistance with the storm cleanup in Western New York.
- Lifeguard training will be held at MCS in February and March at a charge of \$125. For more information you can contact MCS or the Town Hall.
- Have been going over the power bills and the rates went down somewhat; in 2013 the bills were 124,289.86 and in 2014 they were 123,831.79. These do not include street lighting.

Resolutions:

1. **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 opening date for the Bulwagga Bay Campsite for May 8, 2015 and the closing date to be October 12, 2015; set up date is May 3rd.
2. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Garrison, the following resolution was
 APPROVED Ayes Salerno, Garrison, Scozzafava, Carpenter, Anderson
 Nays 0
WHEREAS the Town of Moriah Town Board concluded that the payment for all seasonal campsites must be paid in full by June 1st, if not, the option for a seasonal site will be forfeited and any amount paid will be credited toward a monthly site.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that no refunds will apply.
3. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Garrison, the following resolution was
 APPROVED Ayes Anderson, Garrison, Scozzafava, Carpenter, Salerno
 Nays 0
RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board increase the disposal cost for the “Tube Screened TV’s and Computer Monitors from \$10 to \$15.
4. **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 remove Jennifer O’Banion’s Parcel Tax ID# 96.19-1-5.112 from Water District #1 due to the fact that municipal water can’t be supplied without a pump station.
5. **ON MOTION** by Councilwoman Carpenter, seconded by Councilman Garrison, the following resolution was
 APPROVED Ayes Carpenter, Garrison, Scozzafava, Anderson, Salerno
 Nays 0
RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract with Life Flight for 2015 in the amount of \$200.
6. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was
 APPROVED Ayes Salerno, Anderson, Scozzafava, Carpenter
 Abstain Garrison
 Nays 0

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board appoint Luci Carpenter as the Town Representative for the Micro Enterprise Grant Program.

7. **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 appoint Jack Armstrong to act as the Official Representative for the Town of Moriah on the Youth Board and appoint Kristine Allen as the Alternate Representative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board appoints the following to the Youth Commission: Beth Trombley, Megan Smith, Jessica Bosarge, Kristine Allen and Thomas Anderson as the town liaison.

ALSO BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorizes the Director of the Essex County Youth Bureau to sign amendments of no increase/no decrease in state aide for said municipality, and that the Director of the Youth Bureau has agreed to return copies of the amendments to the municipality.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to accept the Grant for the Bulwagga Bay Campsite for two paddle boards, two kayaks, and two canoes including the PFD's for each one.

9. **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 approve the payment of the warrants.

Floor Open to the Public:

James Curran stated that he would like to see the fire department consolidate and he would like the three fire departments to get together to look at consolidation. He says there is money out there for buildings; Port Henry Fire Dept. is in need of a new building and with consolidation you can house all three in one building and save money on heat, maintenance etc. The money saved could be used for equipment and upgrades. Mr. Curran has spoken with some of the firemen; some are for it and some are against it. The Board agrees with Mr. Curran, but has no say in it; the fire departments would have to invite them into any meetings they have on this discussion. Mr. Scozzafava stated that the best way to go is to have the study done and this will show what the best way to go is. He said that he has spoken with the Mayor and he supports the study also. The Village can decide by resolution to do away with their fire department and contract out for fire protection. The taxpayers would save if the departments consolidated because everyone would pay the same amount for fire protection.

The meeting adjourned at 7 PM.

Abstract Distributions:

Claim Nos.:

January 15, 2015

General \$300.00

2015-24

12/31/14 thru 1/23/15

General \$2,099.71

Water #1 974.06

Water #2 730.95

Water #4 88.55

Sewer 323.21

2015-30 – 2015-32

Abstract Distributions (Cont.):

January 23, 2015

General	\$5,418.30
Highway	2,117.77
Water #1	1,239.76
Water #2	895.33
Water #4	129.76
Sewer	231.75

Claim Nos.:

2015-33 – 2015-62

12/31/14 – 02/12/2015

General	\$ 4,913.21
Highway	19,210.98
Water #1	25.00
Water #4	25.00

2015-68 – 2015-74

January 12, 2015

General	\$ 24,129.07
Highway	4,785.76
Water #1	110,111.64
Water #2	49,538.34
Water #3	59.95
Water #4	3,463.96
Sewer	3,273.70

2015-75 – 2015-167

Capital Projects:

February 12, 2015

WWTP Engineering Study	\$2,160.00
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Claim Nos.:

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Town Clerk