

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, January 8, 2015 immediately following the Organizational Meeting that began 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; William Trybendis; Rose French; Richard LaPier, Building Codes; Arthur Morgan, W&S Supt.; Elaine Adkins Town Clerk.

The Supervisor opened the meeting at 6:24pm.

ON MOTION by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Garrison, all in favor, carried, **RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board approve the minutes from the last meetings.

Floor Open to the Public:

Mrs. Carpenter stated that the Angle of Hope was unveiled on Christmas Eve and is open for the public to see; the dedication will be in the spring.

Department Head Reports:

Art Morgan, Water & Sewer Supt., reported that his department needs to purchase a new turbidity tester; they have been borrowing one when needed. Also, the pump at the plant hasn't been working for eight months now. The Supervisor stated that the turbidity tester was budgeted for and that they have to have it; Mr. Morgan stated that the lowest quote is \$2,500.00 and that the company sends someone to set it up and show them how to use it.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board approve the emergency purchase of a Turbidity Meter at a cost of about \$2,500.

Mr. Morgan reported that we are down to one pump at the Titus Road pump station and are having a problem with the other one. We've had to alternate between the two pumps and are down to one pump which is in need of a propeller; we are having a problem finding one to fit as this pump is so old. The Board suggested getting three quotes for the pump and then purchasing the one that had the lowest quote.

ON MOTION by Councilman Garrison, with a Unanimous second, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board approve the purchase of a pump for the sewer pump station on Titus Road from the vendor that gave the lowest quote of the three required quotes.

Mr. Morgan stated that we've had a couple of water breaks in the main line with the old asbestos pipe; he said that the whole line is so old that it really needs to be replaced. Mr. Scozzafava said this will be a three to four million dollar project and that we are working with AES to try to get grants for this and a sewer line in the Witherbee area.

Richard LaPier, Building Codes Officer reported that he issued two building permits in December. For 2014 he issued 47 permits of which five were new homes, 11 garages and storage sheds, three additions, six septic systems, one pool and the remainder in alterations, decks demolitions and solid fuel devices.

Mr. Scozzafava stated that there is a program available, based on income, if someone's septic system fails; information is available at the Town Hall if anyone is interested.

Mr. LaPier stated that NYS Building Codes now requires that new construction with trusses made from engineered lumber must have an insignia on their dwelling to protect firemen in case of a fire. Owners are responsible to put the insignia on the building, which they must

purchase themselves. Building Codes will inform fire departments of buildings with the trusses made from engineered lumber.

Town Board Reports:

Councilman Anderson stated that the Youth Commission will be starting in February to gear up for another year. They will start advertising for positions in February and March. They will probably use the same Program Director as last year, but will have to vote on it first.

Councilwoman Carpenter stated that we have a new camera and will hopefully be using it soon. Mr. Scozzafava stated that we had discussion with Time Warner on our contract and will continue with our current contract. They are looking at extending service, but they are looking to sell out to Comcast. There is a bill at the federal level that all places must be served with internet, but not sure if or when this will go into effect.

Councilman Garrison had nothing to report.

Councilman Salerno suggested raising the campsite rates; none of the rates have been raised since 2011. The Board discussed the rate changes and that the difference between Lake Front and non-lake front should be quite a difference; lake front sites are prime sites.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board approve raising the 2015 Campsite seasonal rates to the following rates: Lake Front - \$1,900; Non-Lake Front - \$1,530.00; Preferred - \$1,625.00. Daily rates will remain the same. All seasonals must be paid by June 1st, there will be no exceptions.

Mr. Scozzafava adjourned the meeting and immediately called it back to order.

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 Chair of the Youth Commission and as liaison to the County and Tom Anderson as the representative for the Town of Moriah on the Youth Commission.

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

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

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

The Board discussed the cost of the street lighting bills and possibly cutting out some of the street lights; they also discussed solar panels.

Mr. Scozzafava stated that the Hydro Project is waiting for one more federal permit then they will have an informational meeting on the hydro plant in Witherbee.

The meeting adjourned at 6:56pm.

Abstract Distributions:

Claim Nos.:

December 31, 2014

4564 - 4601

General	\$12,091.15
Highway	5,635.42
Water #1	1,825.85
Water #2	578.84
Water #4	168.42
Sewer	401.94

Abstract Distributions (cont.)

Claim Nos.:

January 8, 2015

2015-1 – 2015-21

General	\$99,653.00
Water #1	115.50
Water #2	84.00
Water #4	10.50
Sewer	91,842.39

Town Clerk