

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, October 8, 2015 at 6:00pm at the Town of Moriah Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, New York.

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

Absent: Timothy Garrison Councilman

Others Present: William Trybendis; Diana Stevenson; John Viestenz; Lou Paris, Captain Moriah Ambulance Squad; Ed Roberts, Building & Grounds & DCO; Chuck Roberts; Art Morgan, W&S Supt.; Jamie Wilson, Highway Supt.; Sandra Lovell; Elaine Adkins Town Clerk

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 6:00pm by saluting the flag.

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

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

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

Bid Opening: Scrap Metal (only one bid submitted)

Earth Waste Pile A: \$6.00 per net ton; Pile B: .05 cents per pound

The Board discussed the scrap metal prices being down. Councilman Salerno said that the price is down to around \$95 net/ton; he thought the bid from Earth Waste was too low. The Board agreed to hold onto the metal until spring.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board reject both the bids from Earth Waste; for the bid of \$6.00 net ton for Pile A and .05 per for Pile B.

Special Guest:

The Supervisor introduced Lou Paris, Captain, Moriah Ambulance Squad. Mr. Paris wanted everyone to know that the Squad is running out of the rear building at the Moriah Fire House; they still have the same phone number. The Supervisor commended the Ambulance Squad, Lou and Moriah Fire Department for sharing services. This is a big cost saving measure for both. Mr. Paris stated that the old building is for sale; the Town does not own the building. They are not part of Moriah Fire Department; they are still their own entity. Mr. Scozzafava said that the County is discussing a County wide system.

Floor Open to the Public: No one spoke

Department Head Reports:

Ed Roberts, Building & Grounds and DCO, reported that his department has been busy with the inmates and getting buildings ready for winter.

As for the ACO there's been a lot going on with them. Mr. Scozzafava stressed that when Ed receives a complaint and issues a summons, that is the end of it for him, it is now in the hands of the Court. The Town appreciates what he does.

Councilwoman Carpenter thanked Building & Grounds and the inmates for the work that was done in the garden of the Angel of Hope.

Art Morgan, W&S Supt., reported that his department has been busy flushing hydrants and putting a new water line in on Hospital Road. The Mt. Springs Project will begin on October 12th. Mr. Scozzafava asked that he check the meter reading for Water District #3, the water is supplied by the Village; we bill them and collect then pay the Village. The Village is raising their rates to almost \$700 for the year and we need to make sure there aren't any leaks in the line. They discussed maybe replacing the water line next year.

Councilman Anderson gave the following Police Report for the month of September. The Police Department handled 166 calls for service of which seven were violations, six misdemeanors, one felony, issued 17 traffic tickets and handled seven traffic accidents.

Town Board Reports:

Councilman Salerno reported that the campsite closes on the 12th; it has been a very successful season. The managers will return next year.

Mr. Salerno reported that Building & Grounds has also been cleaning the boilers in all the buildings. The fence is up at the Mineville cemetery; it looks good. The Johnny Podres mural is now at the old Rexall building across from Buzzy Wright Park. The Supervisor wanted to thank Greg Furness again for donating money for the cemetery fence; he played a big part in getting the fence there and getting it done.

When Jamie Wilson, Highway Supt., arrived Mr. Salerno explained to him that Earth Waste was the only bidder and that the Board had rejected it. Jamie was in agreement that the bid was too low, but he wasn't sure if we can make it to spring depending on how much metal is brought in.

Mr. Wilson reported that his department has been working on equipment during the past month. Paving has been pushed back a few days due to problems at the plant; they will start again next Wednesday then when finished they will work on stock piling salt for the winter.

Mr. Wilson said the 2003 senior's van needs a lot of work and suggested sending it to the County for repairs. The Supervisor told the Board that the van has relatively low mileage and is used mainly to deliver Meals on Wheels (mainly in the Village) and it will probably cost around five or six thousand dollars to repair versus \$30,000 for a new van. The consensus was to repair this van.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorize the County to make the necessary repairs and body work needed on the Town van used for Meals on Wheels.

Councilwoman Carpenter reported that the Historical Society final meeting of the year will be held on October 21st at 7:00 PM.

Councilman Anderson reported that the Youth Commission wrapped up the summer program, came in on budget with the minimum wage increased. We had to cut back this year due to the minimum wage and will probably have to charge campers to attend next year; possibly \$20 each for the entire program. The Supervisor said that the budget will stay with the line item that is in there which is the same as what we have now. It will be set up so no one will be deprived of going. The Board discussed the Youth Commission doing fund raisers and coin drops.

Supervisor's Report:

- We are still waiting for approval from the DEC on the emergency Titus Road pump station. They listed seven items they needed more information on. This is the first time the State has come in with improvements on equipment.
- Received a thank you for the work done on the Pickle Ball Court in Moriah Corners. Most of work was done with grant monies, volunteers and crews from the highway and building and grounds. The court is being used by ages from 16 to 60.
- Had discussion with LaBerge regarding the dissolution; they sent a brochure for our input. They are in process of tuning it up; try to get factual information to Village residents so they have facts in order to make an informed decision.

- Spoke with Jim Beshaw regarding the hydro plant; everything is continuing to move along, permits are in place. The Supervisor believes this project will happen. They bought the mineral rights to the Lyon Mountain property; they wanted to be the first ones in there so no one can pull their interest and investment out from under them.
- The Mountain Spring Road Project went out to bid with Manfred Construction coming in the lowest under bid; we may be able to pave the whole road depending on total costs. The Supervisor and Art Morgan may have to go door to door to get the easements signed. If the weather holds out the project may be completed by the first of the year. Only a part-time inspector is needed as the water department is next door.
- The Town of Moriah Historical Society received a check representing a grant for \$400.00 from the Stephen J. Potter Memorial Foundation, Inc.

ON MOTION BY Councilman Salerno, with a Unanimous second, the following resolution was APPROVED

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board offer a Resolution of Appreciation and Thank You to the Stephen J. Potter Memorial Foundation, Inc. for the donation to the Town of Moriah Historical Society.

Resolutions:

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorize the creation of a second full time permanent civil service title of a Clerk's position within the Moriah Town Clerk's office, and authorizing the immediate of such position.

WHEREAS, it is anticipated the incumbent currently holding the position of Clerk with the Moriah Town Clerk's office will assume the role of the elected Town Clerk on January 1, 2016 and,

WHEREAS, the Board believes it is necessary for immediate training to start for someone to assume the duties of a permanent civil service Clerk within such office,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board authorizes the creation and filling of an additional permanent civil service title of a Clerk's position at the hourly rate of \$12.11 for 30 hours per week, and

The Board further authorizes the abolishment of the vacated civil service title of Clerk on or immediately after such current incumbent assumes the position for the elected Town Clerk position after January 1, 2016.

2. **ON MOTION** by Councilwoman Carpenter, seconded by Supervisor Scozzafava, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board approve the lease of the new copier from Office Systems, Inc. at a cost of \$124.06 per month for 60 months for the Town Hall.

Discussion: They are buying out the current contract and leasing us a new copier cheaper than what we pay now. We have been having a lot of issues with the current copier.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorize the adjustment of the Water & Sewer billing in the amount of \$355.00 per year for Anna Reynolds, 41 Federal Street in Mineville, from a two family unit to a single residence. There is no refund.

4. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilwoman Carpenter, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board renew the contract with Life Flight in the amount of \$200 for 2016.

5. **ON MOTION** by Councilwoman Carpenter, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board set the date November 5th, to hold the 2016 Hearing on the rate increase for Water District #3 starting at 6:00 PM, followed by the Public Hearing on the 2016 Preliminary Budget with a Special Meeting to follow for the adoption of the 2016 Budget. The hearings will be held at the Court House.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board renew the contract with the North Country SPCA for 2016 in the amount of \$6,500.

7. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilwoman Carpenter a resolution for the Bond Anticipation renewal:

WHEREAS, by resolution of this Board duly adopted on the 12th day of September, 2013, the Town Supervisor was authorized to enter into a contract for the purchase of pick-up trucks for town use, for a total cost of \$60,000.00 to be financed by the issuance of obligations pursuant to the Local Finance Law and by a down payment of \$0.00 and such contract has been executed in such amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED THAT:

1. This Town issue its BAN in the aggregate amount of THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$36,000.00) consisting of a BAN, bearing interest at the rate of (1.64%) percent per annum.

2. The specific object or purpose for which said bonds are to be issued is to provide funds for the above-stated purpose.

3. The period of probable usefulness of such specific object or purpose is five (5) years in accordance with the provisions of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, Subdivision 28.

4. It is hereby determined that the proposed maturity of said BAN will not be in excess of one (1) year.

5. There is hereby delegated to the Supervisors the power to prepare said bonds, to determine the exact date thereof, to execute said BAN on behalf of the Issuer and to execute said BAN to Glens Falls National Bank & Trust Company for the principal amount thereof.

6. The BAN hereby authorized is hereby designated a qualified tax exempt obligation" pursuant to Section 265 (b) (3) (B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended the (the "Code"). The Issuer reasonably anticipated and hereby agrees that it will not issue tax exempt obligations in excess of \$10 million during the calendar year 2014. The Issuer further certifies that the sum of the principal amount of this bond and the principal amount of any other tax exempt obligations heretofore issued by the Issuer during 2014 for the purposes of Section 265 (b) (3) (c) of the Code does not exceed \$10 million.

7. Appropriate documents shall be executed to prevent application of the arbitrage provisions of the Internal Revenue code to said bond, and the bond shall contain provisions required by Glens Falls National Bank & Trust Company to assure continued exemption of the interest on the bond from Federal and State Income taxes, and in particular, the Issuer does hereby agree to comply with the requirements for continued tax exemption of such interest as are set forth in the code.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Councilman Salerno	VOTING	Aye
Councilwoman Carpenter	VOTING	Aye
Councilman Anderson	VOTING	Aye
Supervisor Scozzafava	VOTING	Aye
Councilman Garrison	ABSENT	

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

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

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

Floor Open to the Public:

The Town Clerk thanked the Historical Society for having one book each restored for the Town and Village; the cost was close to \$1,000 for each book.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board offer a Resolution of Appreciation and Thank You to the Historical Society for restoring one of the Town's Vital Records books.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Abstract Distribution:

Claim Nos.:

<u>9/15/2015</u>		2015-1001
General	\$252.00	
<u>9/24/2015</u>		2015-1003 – 2015-1019
General Fund A	\$8,794.78	
General Fund B	45.08	
Highway DA	697.94	
Water #1	71.17	
Water #2	49.10	
Water #4	7.36	
Sewer	330.83	
<u>10/18/2015</u>		2015-1024 – 2015-1090
General Fund A	\$45,713.24	
General Fund B	100.68	
Highway DA	2,011.12	
Highway DB	1,152.15	
Water #1	2,471.64	
Water #2	3,486.37	
Water #4	230.60	
Sewer	832.17	

Capital Projects:

Claim Nos.:

Mt. Spring Rd.	\$13,208.05	6-7
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