

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their REGULAR BOARD MEETING on February 9, 2012 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
	Richard Carpenter	Councilman
	Timothy Garrison	Councilman
	Paul Salerno	Councilman

Others Present: John Easter, Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent, Ed Roberts-Building & Grounds Superintendent, Jackie Viestenz, Dwayne Maye-Water & Sewer Superintendent, Rich Lapier-Code Enforcement Officer and Dianna Stevenson, and Rose French-Deputy Town Clerk.

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

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

Bid Opening:

Mr. Scozzafava gave a brief history on the 3 wheeler. Bids were opened. Mr. John Sprague bid \$151.00. Ms. Geriann Caron bid \$107.85. **ON MOTION** by Tom Anderson, seconded by Tim Garrison, all in favor, carried, **RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Town Board accept Mr. Sprague's bid for \$151.00.

Floor Open to the Public:

N/A

Department Head Reports:

Edward Roberts, Animal Control Officer, discussed rabies in Essex County, if you see a raccoon stay away from it.

Edward Roberts-Building & Grounds Superintendent-they have been clearing brush by the railroad tracks as you come in to Port Henry.

Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent reported that the Highway Department has been cleaning intersections, cutting brush, thawing culvert pipes and working on an old dump truck.

He stated that the sander on the new truck has a manufacturer's defect; however it is still under warranty.

Richard Lapier-Code Enforcement Officer issued 2 building permits for the month of January. The office will be closed the first week in March. Mr. Lapier will be attending Codes training in Lake Placid.

Dwayne Maye-Water & Sewer Superintendent-reported that HACH has given him a quote on the turbidity meters, we can no longer get parts for these, it will cost @4,800.00 a piece to start replacing them and we need 6. They are currently working fine. Mr. Maye will look into this further.

General Control Systems would like the Town to sign a Professional Services Contract for 2012. The cost would be \$4,995.00 for the year. We would not have to pay any money up front, only if and when we needed their services. General Control Systems have taken care of the plant for the past 8 years.

Mr. Maye stated that Booster Pump #3 is out of service. There is an electrician looking into the problem. Currently waiting for fuses.

The NYS DEC did an inspection of the Town Sewer collection and everything went well.

There was a sewer plug in the main last night at Essex Industries.

Steve Stahl, Officer in Charge was excused. Richard Carpenter, Councilman, read Police report. Handled 148 calls for service. Made (0) violation arrests. Made 5 misdemeanor arrests. Made (0) felony arrests. Issued 11 traffic tickets. Handled 3 traffic accidents.

The Town of Moriah Police Committee schedule is as follows: March 8, May 10, August 9, and November 8 for the year 2012. They will be held at 5:30 at the Town Hall. The public is welcome to attend.

Town Board General Discussion:

Councilman Salerno asked if Earth Waste has cleaned up the metal at the Transfer Station. Mr. Wilson said no they have not. Mr. Scozzafava asked Mr. Wilson to contact them and tell them they have one week to clean it up or we will pull the contract.

Town Board Committee Reports:

Richard Carpenter: The lighting for the Highway Garage came in, just waiting for the contractor from Vermont to install it. Still waiting on National Grid regarding the Town Hall. Work is still being done on the Town web site. Mr. Scozzafava stated that the Town has to have a web site; there is a new law that requires certain records be made available to the public prior to an open meeting.

Thomas Anderson: Mr. Anderson stated that the Youth Commission would like to hire Megan Smith as the Youth Commission Program Director this year. He would like to move a resolution doing so. **ON MOTION** by Tom Anderson, seconded by Rick Carpenter, all in favor, carried, **RESOLVED** that the Town of Moriah Youth Commission appoint Megan Smith as the Youth Commission Director for the summer 2012.

Mr. Anderson stated that the Youth Commission committee would like to see more promotion of the program by the Town; maybe it could be put on the Chamber of Commerce web site. Mr. Anderson asked if the Youth Commission could donate some of their own money, and Mr. Scozzafava stated that yes they can, as long as they are using their own funds.

Paul Salerno: Ed Roberts will have the inmates scheduled to clean at the Campsite and also on Decker's Flats.

Timothy Garrison: The Moriah Chamber of Commerce is doing a membership drive

Supervisor's Report:

Mr. Scozzafava received a letter from Justice Farnsworth, stating his intent to resign effective March 31, 2012. He discussed options for filling the position, can appoint someone or wait and have whoever is interested run in November. Mr. Scozzafava does not support appointing someone; he feels it should be an elected position. He also discussed increasing Judge Venne's salary if he agrees to take on the extra case load.

State contract price for gasoline for the month of January 2012 was \$3.07.

The primary election will still be held at the K of C. It is too late to do a contract to have them held at the Court House.

Discussed with Mr. Salerno consolidating the rules and regulations for the campsite.

Resolutions:

1. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Carpenter, the following resolution was
APPROVED Ayes Carpenter, Garrison, Scozzafava, Anderson, Salerno
Nays 0
RESOLVED to authorize the Supervisor to pay Riznick Construction \$257,871.06 on the Water District 4 project.
2. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Carpenter, the following resolution was
APPROVED Ayes Carpenter, Garrison, Scozzafava, Anderson, Salerno
Nays 0
RESOLVED to approve Change Order GC-CO.01 for Water District 4; No cost, extend time completion date.
3. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Garrison, the following resolution was
APPROVED Ayes Carpenter, Garrison, Scozzafava, Anderson, Salerno
Nays 0
RESOLVED to authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement with Essex County and Contractor to allow the use of temporary power for the reconstruction of Titus Road Bridge from the sewer plant pump station.
4. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Garrison, seconded by Councilman Carpenter, the following resolution was
APPROVED Ayes Carpenter, Garrison, Scozzafava, Anderson, Salerno
Nays 0
RESOLVED to authorize NYS to install and maintain Commemorative Signs for Lake Champlain Bridge on Town property.
5. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Carpenter, the following resolution was
APPROVED Ayes Carpenter, Garrison, Scozzafava, Anderson, Salerno
Nays 0
RESOLVED to authorize the lease of a copy machine for the Town Hall (NYS contract pricing). Office Systems buys out current lease; this copier goes to the Assessor's office. Difference in price of old copier and new copier is \$466.84 per year; Assessor's have a copier with a maintenance agreement and supplies included and the Town Hall has a new copier with scanning capability.
6. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Carpenter, seconded by Councilman Garrison, the following resolution was
APPROVED Ayes Carpenter, Garrison, Scozzafava, Anderson, Salerno
Nays 0
RESOLVED to approve payment of the warrants and end of month warrants for January and February.
8. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Garrison, the following resolution was
APPROVED Ayes Carpenter, Garrison, Scozzafava, Anderson, Salerno
Nays 0
RESOLVED to accept the agreement with Dollar General to reduce their assessment to \$700,000, The Assessor's are in agreement with this.
9. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Garrison, the following resolution was
APPROVED Ayes Carpenter, Garrison, Scozzafava, Anderson, Salerno
Nays 0
RESOLVED to sign the Professional Services Contract for 2012 with General Control Systems.

- 10. ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Carpenter, the following resolution was
APPROVED Ayes Carpenter, Garrison, Scozzafava, Anderson, Salerno
Nays 0
RESOLVED to put out a request for an Expression of interest in the Town of Moriah Bulwagga Bay Beach and Campsite.

Councilman Carpenter would like to thank Pete Hanson and Rich Lapier for all their hard work at the Court House.

Floor Open to the Public:

N/A

The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Deputy Town Clerk

Abstract Distributions for 2/9/12

General:	\$21,844.27
Highway:	\$17,483.22
Sewer:	\$3,654.63
Water #1:	\$81,081.74
Water #2:	\$79,044.85

Voucher #'s: 111-209