

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Board Meeting Thursday, January 12, 2012 at 6:00pm at the Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, NY.

Present:

Thomas Scozzafava	Supervisor
Richard Carpenter	Councilman
Thomas Anderson	Councilman
Paul Salerno	Councilman

Absent: Timothy Garrison Councilman

Others

Present: John Easter; Rose French; Richard LaPier, Code Enforcement Officer; Jamie Wilson, Highway Supt; Robert Stevenson: John & Jackie Viestenz; Elaine Adkins, Town Clerk.

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

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

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

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

Floor Open to the Public: No one spoke

Department Head Reports:

Jamie Wilson, highway Supt., reported that he met with FEMA and all the paperwork is done. The department has been working on the storms and repairing equipment; we had to tear the loader apart and had someone come in that had the special equipment for the repairs costing us a lot less for the repairs.

Councilman Salerno asked Mr. Wilson if the furnaces that were installed were adequate and Mr. Wilson stated they are doing okay; they set the thermostats at 62 degrees while they are there and when the doors are opened for the trucks to come in they lose a lot of heat and it takes awhile for the garage to heat back up. They turn the heat down to 52 degrees at night.

Mr. Wilson stated that last week a couple of his employees were cutting brush and had a confrontation with one of the residents. The resident thought they were on his property and ended up taking one of the town's chain saws and throwing it on the ground causing about \$400 damage to the saw. Mr. Wilson spoke with Officer Stahl and they are all trying to come to an agreement; the owner will pay for the damages once we get an estimate. The Supervisor stated that the employees did the right thing by walking away.

Richard LaPier, Code Enforcement Officer, gave the following report. He issued two building permits in December, had one complaint on property maintenance code violations. He issued 42 permits for the year of which three were houses, four garages, seven additions, four septic systems and the rest in decks, alterations, wood stoves and demolitions.

Ed Roberts Building & Grounds, Officer Stahl and Dwayne Maye, Water & Sewer Supt., were excused.

Councilman Carpenter Officer Stahl's Police Report. The Police Department handled 153 calls for service in December of which four were violation arrests, six misdemeanor arrests, issued 17 traffic tickets and handled eight traffic accidents.

Town Board General Discussion:

Councilman Salerno stated that the Water & Sewer Department has been working with the inmates clearing brush around the sewer main and have been doing maintenance on the pump station.

The Supervisor spoke with Chip Perry regarding the water line in District #3; because the line is so shallow some of the residents have to leave their water running so the line doesn't freeze. Being the district is on a water meter they are seeing what they can do regarding the usage for their bills. Any money expended in that district has to get charged to the residents in that district and they cannot afford the cost to put in new line.

Town Board Committee Reports:

Councilman Anderson reported that the Youth Commission had another meeting and that Jack Armstrong was named President, Mark Davenport as Treasurer and two new members are Beth Trombley and Larry Wintle.

He wanted to thank Wendy Wintle for all the years she has put in on the Commission and all she has done.

ON MOTION by Thomas Anderson with a Unanimous second, the following was

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town board offer a Resolution of Appreciation to Wendy Wintle for all her years on the Youth Commission and all her work she put into it.

Councilman Carpenter had nothing for the Board.

Councilman Salerno reported that they are preparing a letter for when the campers arrive; he will have it ready for the Board to look at next month.

Mr. Scozzafava stated that the IDA and the Lake Placid Visitor's Bureau are working on requests for interest to see if there is any private interest in operating a campground and do any capital improvements. This will all need Board approval.

Supervisor's Report:

- Update on Water District #4 – we are closing with EFC; construction to start in the spring and finish by mid summer.
- Had notice of a feral cat in the Westport area; if you feed a cat you take ownership of that cat. No one in the Town or Village deals with cats.
- Talked about street lighting and savings; if there is a street light in your area you don't feel is needed we can look into shutting it off.
- Different breweries are interested in McConley's Spring. They ran over 300 tests on it to see if it was suitable and received a great report; there were no pollutants found. Hopefully something will come of this.
- Met with a Village rep, Suzanne Maye and Brian Stratton of the NYS Thruway Authority to look at the pier where the pillars were cut off; they are dangerous for boats pulling up. We are looking at having them taken out completely and not just cutting them off. The State owns the pier we just maintain it. We had two concrete benches there that were donated by Carrara's that someone threw into the lake.
- Received notification from NYS Parks and Recreations turned down our applications for the Iron Center or the campsite erosion; we'll try again next year.
- Have been contacted regarding the rules & regulations for Bartlett Pond. Someone put a shanty on the ice and according to our regulations fish shanties are not allowed. You can bring a tent or clam that you take back with you the same day and you can fish on it. We will explain to them and have some signs put up.
- Contacted Earth Waste Systems regarding the scrap metal at the transfer station. Everything should have been cleaned up by now, but due to Irene they have been busy in Vermont. They assured the Supervisor they would be back to clean it up. Mr. Wilson was afraid if we get a lot of snow they won't be able to clean up like it should be done.

- Had a number of calls during the football playoffs about the cable freezing up. Spoke with John Mucha; they can't pinpoint the problem, it was Queensbury north in tow different areas. It is very frustrating, but they have no competition; we have three more years left on the contract. They also stated that they would not be giving credits due to the problem. He did say people are dropping cable and going to dishes, which is our only alternative.

Resolutions:

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board approve the transfer of \$25,000 from Town General, \$12,500 from Highway, \$12,500 from Water & Sewer Accounts to the Prime Flex Account for the health insurance.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board declare surplus the Honda Three Wheeler from the Water & Sewer as junk and put out to bid with the bid opening at the February 9th Board Meeting.

3. **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 designate Jack Armstrong as Chairman of the Youth Commission and the representative to the County Youth Board as the Town of Moriah representative, Thomas Anderson as the alternate.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board appoint Beth Trombley and Larry Wintle to the Youth Commission to fill the vacancies.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board enter into a contract with National Grid for a 24 month period to change the lighting fixtures at the Town Hall and Town Highway Department; it will be \$58.41 per month additional to the Town Hall light bill and \$181.14 per month for the Highway Department light bill.

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

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

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

Mr. Scozzafava stated that Tub Mill Pond emergency plan has been updated in case there is ever a failure; it is on file at the Town.

Floor Open to the Public:

John Viestenz stated that the EITC Coalition of Adirondack Region is sponsoring free tax return preparation for those that make below \$50,000. They will be at One Work Source, St. Patrick's Parish Center or the Sherman Free Library and at the Schroon lake Senior Citizen Center. You must schedule an appointment by calling One Work Source at 1-800-675-2668; we do not take walk ins.

ON MOTION by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Carpenter the meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.

Town Clerk

Abstract Distributions:

General Fund	\$192,141.54
Highway	9,715.52
Water Dist. #1	1,635.61
Water Dist. #2	1,089.28
Sewer	88,527.20

Claim Nos.:

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