

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Board Meeting Thursday, June 14, 2012 at 6:00pm at the Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, NY.

Present:

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

Others

Present: John Easter; Diana Stevenson: Rose French, Deputy Town Clerk; Richard LaPier, Code Enforcement; Jamie Wilson, Highway Supt.; Elaine Adkins, Town Clerk.

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

Bid Opening: Surplus Bids – Highway

Robert Blaise bid on the following: Ford F-350 Pick-Up - \$753.00; Horse Trailer - \$102.00; 1982 Ford 8000 - \$757.00; Ingersoll Paver - \$757.00

Cory Armstrong bid \$620.00 on the Ford F-350.

Mr. Wilson suggested that the Board not accept the bid on the paver; he thinks it is worth much more than that.

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

APPROVED Ayes Anderson, Carpenter, Scozzafava, Salerno
Nays Garrison

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board award the bid for the Highway Surplus with the exception of the Ingersoll Paver to Robert Blaise in the following amounts: Ford F-350 Pick-Up - \$753.00; Horse Trailer - \$102.00; 1982 Ford 8000 - \$757.00; Ingersoll Paver - \$757.00

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

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

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

The guest that was scheduled was unable to attend.

Floor Open to the Public: No one spoke.

Department Head Reports:

Jamie Wilson, Highway Supt., reported that the water project for Water District #4 is almost complete; they are wrapping up on the next phase. Soon they will be milling and paving. Mr. Scozzafava stated that they had a meeting Wednesday morning regarding the paving on this project. Under the contract there was to be the one lane paved with binder and top. It was decided that it makes more sense to pave the whole road rather than just one lane; we will use the money budgeted for paving roads this year. We are getting a quote from the subcontractor for the paving as they already in the area. Mr. Scozzafava spoke with the Comptroller and because there is a substantial change in the contract, the only way we can do it is to do a change order at no markup and the Town pays their portion. When it is done the roads will be milled with a layer of binder and then the top layer. The increase will be \$112,218 based on the quote provided to the Town Highway Superintendant.

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 Change Order for Water District #4 to provide additional asphalt pavement milling and asphalt pavement binder for the second lane of traffic at unit price rated found in the current Contract. Any services provided by the Town of Moriah Highway Department will be deducted from the Contract upon completion of the work. Work to be paid for out of the existing Contract Allowance. Estimated price increase of \$112,218 based upon the quote provided to Town of Moriah Highway Superintendent.

This will be the highway department's main project this year using the CHIPS money. Spoke with the Supervisor regarding money to do Grover Hills; we can try to get a grant from HUD to do the roads there, but it doesn't look promising. We may have to Bond the project to get it done. Mr. Wilson will come back with figures as to what the cost to do all of Grover Hills would be.

The highway has been working at the beach trying to put it back together; we are losing the shoreline. The Board discussed the shoreline erosion and what to do next.

Richard LaPier, Building Codes Officer, gave the following report: he issued 11 building permits in May, issued two violation notices for property maintenance codes and did three safety inspections on area businesses.

Mr. Scozzafava stated that he gets calls all the time on property clean up; the notices of violations are on file at the town hall. It is difficult to get people to clean up. We should get laws from the Department of State to draft our laws from. Bank foreclosures on property are another issue.

Building & Grounds and Dwayne have been excused.

Councilman Carpenter gave the following police report: the Police Department handled 181 calls of service in May of which four were violation arrest, six misdemeanor arrests, issued 15 traffic tickets and investigated five traffic accidents.

Town Board General Discussion:

Mr. Scozzafava stated that he and Becky will start the budget process sometime I August this year.

Town Board Committee Reports:

Councilman Salerno stated that the campsite had a good Memorial weekend. The campsite is almost full with 163 out of 165 seasonal sites filled.

Councilman Garrison reported that the Chamber/EDGe meeting will be next Thursday at 6:00pm at the Courthouse. The Iron Ore man went well even though it was pouring rain. The Johnny Podres sign event went well and we hope to draw a lot of tourist. Councilman Anderson stated the hike went well and hopes it will be an annual event. Mr. Garrison stated they are talking of doing the event again on Labor Day weekend. Mt. Lakes PBS and Adirondack Trail are doing stories on the event. The Board discussed the need to move the trailhead to the old landfill. Mr. Wilson stated his department cuts the grass at the old landfill around the fourth of July every year so it doesn't grow up. We received the final monitoring report on the landfill and everything is good.

Councilman Anderson stated the Summer Program is ready to start July 9th and will run through August 9th with the last day slated for cleanup. The program will b at MCS and the food program and personnel are in place.

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 approve the hiring of the following Counselors for the 2012 summer program: Dillon Adkins, Alexis Burch, Jasmine Callis,

Emily Cutting, Elizabeth Decker, Megan Evans, Nicole French, Jennifer Gumlaw, Catherine Maye, Kayla Patenaude, Sara Rancour, Tucker Sargent, Ariel White, and Valerie Wykes.

Mr. Anderson stated that there will be no pool at the school, but they will be taking the kids to the beach for four days. We will need to hire an aquatic instructor at an hourly wage even though there are three lifeguards there.

Councilman Carpenter met with Chris Lobdell at the school regarding Channel 17. The reason the board meetings hadn't been on was a problem with the router. The board discussed channel 17 and said it is not being utilized enough. Mr. Carpenter stated that Mr. Lobdell was never trained on the equipment and suggested getting him some training.

Mr. Carpenter asked if a decision has been made on junk day. Mr. Scozzafava just has to call Serkil a week ahead of time to get a couple of dumpsters; we need to set the dates and let them know. This will be just for junk and people won't be able to bring C&D those weekends as the dumpsters will be set up in that spot. This will be for junk only, no garbage. Have heard from some people and they think it's a great idea and way to clean up the Town. Some people are concerned that they have no way of getting it to the transfer station; maybe neighbors can help out. Mr. Salerno asked for two days for each hamlet. If the Board agrees we can set up Friday and Saturday of those weeks and if it works we will do again in September. People will have to show proof of residency if they are not known to the attendants. We need to get the dates set and sign up there will be no C&D those tow days.

Supervisor's Report:

- Received notification form NYS DOT that they will be replacing the bridge by Vic's. Alternating one-way traffic will be allowed through the work zone using a temporary traffic signal.
- We have had signs deface throughout the town; this is against the law and carries a fine of \$500.00. Signs are expensive and the police will be on the lookout.
- Received a letter from campers that would like to camp at Bulwagga, but we don't have WiFi. Mr. Garrison is checking into getting WiFi to the campsite.
- Received a letter form the Lake Champlain Bible Fellowship Church stating they have a mission team coming this summer and they will be doing small jobs around the community for the elderly and people who have no means of doing the work themselves. The information will be at the Town Hall if interested. They are also having a free barbecue for the community on July 26th at 6:00pm.
- Had a sewer back up at a residence caused by a broken tile that plugged the line. It backed up into the home making a huge mess; they were denied by their insurance and we turned into our insurance and they also denied them (because we have a local law on file requiring a back flow preventer). They are now suing the Town. The insurance company is providing an attorney to represent us (they should've paid the claim, probably cheaper) we need to make the Local Law more public; need to put a notice in with the sewer bills next year.
- The electronic recycling at the transfer station is going very well.
- Talked with Dock Doctors today, they won the bid at the campsite, but have not installed the docks yet. If they are not there next week Mr. Scozzafava suggested we pull the bid. Mr. Salerno suggested speaking with an attorney first.
- There will be first aid training at MCS June 25th.

Resolutions:

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorize the Supervisor to submit a grant application to the Local Water Front Department of State for the Campsite Erosion Project. Discussion: the Supervisor will recommend bonding if we don't get the grant.

2. **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 authorize payment to Riznick Construction for Water District #4 in the amount of \$147,707.68.

3. **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 authorize the Supervisor to sign the Consent for Shared Services Water & Sewer and Highway with surrounding towns and villages.

4. **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 authorize the sale of firewood at the campsite by residents, and be it
 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board will allow Anthony Armstrong, by exception, because he is a property owner in the Town of Moriah, to sell firewood at Bulwagga Bay Campsite.

5. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Carpenter, the following resolution was
 APPROVED Ayes 0
 Nays Scozzafava, Garrison, Salerno, Carpenter, Anderson
RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board oppose the Supervisor signing the Memorandum of Understanding with NYS Real Property Tax Service.
 Discussion: The Supervisor recommended not signing the Memorandum because the yearly aid was taken away; they only pay every three years now. They want the assessors to maintain the tax roles at 100 percent, but not help with the cost.

6. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Garrison, seconded by Councilman Carpenter, a resolution to authorize the removal of a light from Pole #78 at 2989 Plank Road and locate the light at 2907 Plank Road. A **MOTION** by Supervisor Scozzafava, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was
 APPROVED Ayes Scozzafava, Anderson, Salerno, Garrison, Carpenter
 Nays 0
RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board **TABLE** the resolution to remove a light from Pole #78 at 2989 Plank Road and locate the light at 2907 Plank Road until they get more input from the residents where the light is being taken from.

7. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Garrison, seconded by Councilman Carpenter, the following resolution was
 APPROVED Ayes Garrison, Carpenter, Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson
 Nays 0
RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorize the Supervisor to submit an application for Safe Routes to Schools through the NYS Department of Transportation.

8. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Garrison, seconded by Councilman Carpenter, the following resolution was
 APPROVED Ayes Garrison, Carpenter, Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson
 Nays 0
RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board approve the payment of the warrant.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board supports a change in the Transportation Law that allows for points of destination signage on the Adirondack Northway,

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board gave approval to Leilani Sprague to attend training in Ithaca from July 16th through July 20th; overnight stays will be included.

The Supervisor stated that he had a call from the State Troopers one night and was told a couple people dug up old motors where the old power house was located and wanted to know if we wanted the items returned. He stated that they were already dug up and it was junk that was buried there when the building was torn down. He wants people to know that you can't go on to Town property and start digging that is a crime. Also he calls and someone wanted to know what we are doing with the old culverts that were left in ditches. Mr. Wilson stated they have no old culverts lying around; they sell theirs for scrap and that maybe they are the counties. He will check into this.

Floor Open to the Public:

Mrs. Adkins reported that there will be a rabies clinic at the Town Hall on July 24th from 6:00pm – 7:00pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

Abstract Distributions:

Claim Nos.:

(For May 1st End of Month (forgot to include in May's Minutes.)

General Fund	\$6,023.68	474-489
Highway	1,986.54	
Water #1	119.00	
Water #2	79.29	
Sewer	131.16	

For May11, 2012

Water #1	\$1.65	576
Water #2	1.10	
Sewer	2.75	

For May 16, 2012 (Refund approved at Board meeting & Postage for Dog Census)

General	\$444.79	578-582
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End of Month Billing (May)

General	\$28,387.27	5584-603
Fire Protection	54,000.00	
Water #1	164.97	
Water #2	109.96	
Sewer	356.20	

For June 11, 2012 (Clothing Allowance)

General	\$1,600.00	609-625
Highway	3,600.00	
Water #1	480.00	
Water #2	320.00	
Sewer	800.00	

Abstract Distributions:

For June 14, 2012

General	\$40,264.03
Highway	8,937.77
Water #1	2,394.95
Water #2	1,589.39
Sewer	1,273.81

Claim Nos.:

626-728

Capital Project:

(6/14/12)

Water District #4	\$157,608.49
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Claim Nos.:

11-12

Town Clerk