

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Board Meeting Thursday, May 10, 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; Jackie & John Viestnenz; Rose French, Deputy Town Clerk; Richard LaPier, Code Enforcement; Arnold McMurtry; Tom & Georgiana Scott; Steve Stahl, OIC; 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, Garrison
	Nays	0

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

Bid Opening: Aluminum Docks

Dock Doctors: \$21,900.00

DH&MF of New England: \$26,515.00

Department Head Reports:

Richard LaPier, Code Enforcement Officer gave the following report: Building Codes issued six building permits for the month of April and two violation notices.

Mr. LaPier stated that people don't know when a permit is required; he thought the fee schedule should be posted on Channel 17. Mrs. Adkins stated it was posted on Channel 17 and the website. An announcement will be in the Times of Ti stating what is required to get permits, but that we would have to take out an ad to put the fee schedule in the paper.

Mr. LaPier recommended approval on a mobile home permit for Arnold McMurtry; it has been re-habed to HUD standards and will go on the back of Mr. McMurtry's lot.

Mr. Scozzafava stated that he is checking into getting a couple of dumpsters for the Town to have a free "Dump Day". This will be for junk not household garbage and will not be limited to a few items. We will however limit the number of tires as we pay quite a bit to dispose of them. We will coordinate with Jamie and different areas of the town will go on different days. He asked if the Board want to pursue this and they said yes they do. Mr. Scozzafava will check into prices and get back to them.

Jamie Wilson, Highway Supt., thanked those that participated in the clean up day. His department has been helping at the beach removing trees and bringing in tailings to the washed out areas. They have also been cleaning out and repairing the storm drains in Grover Hills. They also worked on the FEMA project on the Mountain Spring Road, but are waiting for Westport to meet them at the line before they can finish. They had the inmates help them with the storm run off on Bridal Row.

The Supervisor asked if any of the Chips' money will be used to repair a road in Grover Hills this year. Mr. Wilson stated that they are only getting about \$70,000 in CHIPS and feels they should use the money to pave the roads in Water District #4 after the work is completed. They agreed this would be best, but Mr. Scozzafava stated that the roads in Grover Hills really need to be done, but it would cost about a million dollars to do them all. Sooner or later we will have to address the Grover Hills roads.

Mr. Scozzafava stated that the Board did a resolution last month to pay off the Bond we took out with the FEMA money, but that we never received the money. The money has been approved, but not released yet.

Steve Stahl, OIC gave the following report: the Police Department handled 174 calls of service in April of which seven were violation arrests, 10 misdemeanor arrests, issued 25 traffic tickets and investigated six traffic accidents.

Town Board General Discussion: No one had anything

Town Board Committee Reports:

Councilman Garrison stated there will be a Chamber of Commerce meeting May 16th at 5:30pm here at the courthouse.

June 2nd will be the Chamber sponsored event of the opening of the Cheney Mountain Trail. The grand opening will be at 9:00am and the Iron Ore man event will begin at 9:30am.

The Supervisor stated that we found the trails road property is not ours and we can try to negotiate something with the owner or move where the trail begins. After discussion the Board decided they would move the parking and the trail head up the hill to the old own landfill.

Councilman Carpenter stated the next Police Committee meeting is scheduled for June 14th at 5:30pm at the Town Hall.

Councilman Anderson thanked those who helped for cleaning the trail up.

Mr. Anderson reported he will be doing a resolution to hire Michelle Woodard as Co-Director and Julie Wykes as Activities Coordinator for the summer program. The applications for the Counselor positions were due April 27th and interviews will be on the 16th and 17th of May. The program will run from July 9th through August 10th; five weeks this year. Registration packets are available at the elementary office and the after school program and soon at the Town Hall. The food program is also up and running. Councilman Salerno asked if there has to be a certain number of lifeguards per set amount of kids; he was told there is.

Councilman Salerno stated there are 158 seasonals at the campsite with a capacity for 166, there is no waiting list; we are ahead of last year. The campsite opening went well; everything looks good. Will be looking into a grant for the playground. Due to leaking valves and the campsite being metered we need to replace some valves. Will have to go out to bid for this or get three quotes.

The roadside cleanup went well, but we didn't have as many helping this year; we only picked up 150 bags.

As far as Building & Grounds, we will concentrate on the cemetery cleanup for Memorial Day weekend. We will need to purchase some weed whackers as the ones that we have are no longer repairable. Mr. Salerno will look into and get three quotes.

Supervisor's Report:

- Gas for last month was \$3.07 per gallon through CITGO and the state contract price was \$3.47 per gallon
- The new signs should be going up soon. Violation notice has been sent to the owners of Vic's to clean up and address the problem there.
- The mock accident at the school today went well; the turn out was good.
- CPR First Aid training will be at Moriah School on June 26th from 9 – Noon, registration at 8:45.
- The website is doing very well; Mike will help with it when we need documents scanned to put on.
- There will be a ceremony on June 9th when the Johnny Podres sign goes up on 9N & 22. We expect a good turn out and there may be celebrities there also.

Councilman Salerno asked when the inmates cut the brush along the railroad along Rte 9N & 22, will it be removed or can we burn it? He was told that we can't burn it; the railroad would have to get the permit from the DEC to do that. We don't have a chipper big enough to take care of it. The Board discussed different possibilities, but will check into some of the options they discussed.

Resolutions:

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board award the bid for the Aluminum Docks to Dock Doctor's LLC as per their bid of \$21,900.00 upon review by Mr. Scozzafava and Mr. Wilson.

2. **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 authorize the payment to Riznick Construction in the amount of \$268,775.89 for the Water District #4 project.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorize to grant an easement to the Village of Port Henry to install a pump station on Town property (by the train station).

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorize the Supervisor to grant a refund in the amount of \$150.00 for deposit paid on campsite to Jack Donavon due to illness.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board authorize the Supervisor to sign the Consent Enforcement Processing with DEC regarding the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board approve the mobile home permit for Arnold McMurtry on Wall Street as per Mr. LaPier's recommendation.

7. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Garrison, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board renew the maintenance agreement with Twinstare for the telephone system at the Town hall in the amount of \$690.00 for the period of June 2, 2012 through June 1, 2013.

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

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

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

9. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Garrison, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board declare surplus and junk the old school bus at the highway department.

Discussion: With the sale of this junk as scrap metal, Mr. Wilson will purchase tools for the shop. He would also like to junk an old paver, pick-up and tandem with no box. They aren't in any working condition and if put them out to bid we probably wouldn't get as much for them as we can by selling as scrap metal.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board declare surplus and authorize Mr. Wilson to sell as scrap metal the old pick-up, tandem and paver.

11. **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 authorize Mr. Wilson to purchase tools for the highway shop from the sale of the scrap metal which will be itemized after purchasing.

12. **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 authorize to surplus of the three phase generator at the highway department.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board offer a Resolution of Appreciation to Chris Maron, Executive Director Champlain Area Trails for all his help, dedication and knowledge in assisting the Town of Moriah in creating and opening the Cheney Mountain Trail and for his continued assistance in maintaining the trail. (To be presented to him on the June 2nd grand opening of the trail.)

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board approve the Town of Moriah to write and submit a grant application to NPS (National Park Service) through the Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership. The grant is requesting

monies in the amount of \$6,200.00 for the purpose of purchasing interpretive signs, sign in box and trail head development for the Cheney Mountain Trail.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board appoint Michelle Woodard as Co-Director of the 2012 summer program.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board appoint Julie Wykes as Activities Coordinator of the 2012 summer program.

Floor Open to the Public: No one spoke.

ON MOTION by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Carpenter to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 PM.

Abstract Distributions:

For End of Month

General Fund	\$6,065.88
Highway	1,986.54
Water #1	119.00
Water #2	79.29
Sewer	131.16

Claim Nos.:

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For 5/12/12

General	\$22,085.22
Highway	24,280.73
Water #1	3,754.34
Water #2	2,524.91
Water #3	2,970.00
Sewer	48,044.25

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Capital Projects:

Water District #4	\$278,117.89
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Claim Nos.:

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Town Clerk