

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Board Meeting Thursday, October 11, 2012 at 6:00pm at the Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, NY.

Present:

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

Others

Present: John Easter; Diana Stevenson; John Viestenz; Rod Boula, CEO, ECH; Michelle Meachem, HR Director, ECH; John & Jackie Viestenz; Jamie Wilson, Highway Supt.; Richard LaPier, Building Code Officer; Elaine Adkins, Town Clerk

The Supervisor called the meeting to order by saluting the flag.

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 approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

Bid Opening: Scrap Metal

George Moore Truck & Equipment Corp.: Pile A - \$75.00/net ton; Pile B - \$0.10/lb.
New England Quality Service Inc. (dba Earth Waste Systems): Pile A - \$120/net ton
Pile B - \$0.12/lb.

Special Guest:

The Supervisor introduced Rod Boula, CEO, Elizabethtown Community Hospital (ECH), who gave an update on what has happened in the last year. ECH has had a good year financially. They have a couple new physicians; Dr. Macco, OB/GYN and Dr. Disney runs a drug rehab program.

The hospital has won the distinction as the “most wired hospital in a rural area”. We are way ahead of most small rural hospitals and some larger ones. He explained how the electronic medical records will enable clinics, doctors, hospitals (with the patients permission) and the patients as well, to have access to these records, but still be secure; kind of like how you are able to access your banking information on line.

This year they also started their own transport program for patients to take them to other hospitals for tests etc. They purchased a used ambulance from CVPH to use until the new one came; so far this year they have made 300 transports. The EMT’s work at the hospital when not transporting.

They are in the process of replacing the CT scanner with a state of the art slice CT scanner that should be here the end of the month. With this scanner there will be less radiation exposure and less repeat scans.

They are in the process of purchasing the Smith House making this their fourth clinic owned by the hospital. Mr. Scozzafava asked if they pay all the costs of running the centers and was told yes, they pay for fuel, electric, cleaning etc. The Supervisor stated that we should look into RFP’s for our clinic when the contract comes due; maybe this is something we can bargain with as we pay for all this now (the Town owns the building). ECH has been awarded a grant to renovate the Westport Health Center. They are adding on; the addition will be home for a dentist and eye clinics.

Dr. Glickman is a new primary care physician and hopes to have another new doctor next year.

ECH is replacing all the lab equipment over a five year period. Telemedicine is a unique program available; we hope to have an open house in December. Patient and doctor or nurse in a room at ECH that can conference with another physician at another hospital. This is unique and state of the art equipment; this is also connected to the ER. This helps save co pays, deductibles and a visit to another doctor. They offer chemo therapy at the hospital now also.

Mr. Boula introduced Michelle Meachem, HR Director. She stated that she came in 2004 and ECH employed 80 employees and by 2012 they employ 218. They now have two Human Resource employees; when she started there were none and employees from the Town of Moriah make up most of the work force.

Mr. Anderson stated that Dr. Caputa has been working with the MCS football team on a concussion program and they really appreciate it.

Mr. Scozzafava thanked Mr. Boula and Ms. Meachem for coming.

Floor Open to the Public: No one spoke.

Department Head Reports:

Jamie Wilson, Highway Supt. had nothing to report.

Richard LaPier, Building Codes Inspector reported that he issued six building permits in September along with regular inspections.

The Supervisor stated that anyone renting an apartment out must get an occupancy permit before anyone moves in.

Councilman Carpenter gave the following police report:

The Police Department handled 183 calls for service of which nine were violation arrests, seven misdemeanor arrests, 19 traffic tickets and handled five traffic accidents.

Councilman Salerno reported that the Water Department had a major water line break on the Moriah Road and that they have been flushing hydrants.

Town Board Committee Reports:

Councilman Salerno reported that they have been working on campsite clean up. Richard and Kenny have installed new spigots and valves at the campsites and all the water lines have been flushed out. Richard marked all the panel boxes and building and grounds the prisoners have been helping move all the picnic tables and cleaning up. The Board discussed why there were still trailers down near the water front; they thought they were supposed to be moved every year. Mr. Salerno stated he is not sure why they weren't moved; he took the blame as he didn't get a letter sent out this year. The Supervisor stated that they knew they were supposed to be moved. Next year they will have to address the erosion problem down there; if they don't get the grant they will have to bond.

Councilman Garrison had nothing to report.

Councilman Carpenter reported that he checked into the cost to remove street lights in order to save the Town money. If we were to remove a street light it would cost the Town \$250.00 and to shut one off without removing it would cost between \$66 and \$75 with a savings of about \$70 -\$100 per year. The Board discussed this and will look into it further.

Councilman Anderson had nothing to report.

The Board discussed getting the camera fixed as opposed to getting a new camera (the camera used to film meetings). The Supervisor stated that we need a camera and appointed Councilman Carpenter to take charge and either get this one fixed or have a new one before the next meeting.

Supervisor's Report:

- APA approves the Franken pine for the cell tower Verizon is constructing near the water tower.

Resolutions:

1. **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 rescinding the Town of Moriah Drug Policy effective November 1, 2012.
2. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Carpenter, seconded by Councilman Garrison, the following resolution was
APPROVED Ayes Carpenter, Garrison, Scozzafava, Anderson, Salerno
Nays 0
RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board adopt a new Drug Free Workplace Policy effective November 1, 2012.
3. **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 award the Scrap Metal Bid to New England Quality Service, dba Earth Waste Systems as per their bid of \$120.00/net ton for Pile A and \$0.12/pound for Pile B.
4. **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 give authorization to the Town Justice to submit a JCAP Grant application through the New York State Office of Court Administration not to exceed \$30,000.00.
5. **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 warrants.
6. **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 authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract with Life Flight in the amount of \$200.00.

Mr. Scozzafava announced there will be a budget workshop Tuesday at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. He stated that trash will be going up \$0.50 per 32 gal. bag; we still owe on the Bond to close the old landfill. C&D is a big issue; we are just breaking even. We are charging by volume and paying by weight to get rid of the C&D.

Floor Open to the Public:

Mrs. Viestenz asked how much Verizon is going to pay the Town and Village for putting the cell tower on their property. Mr. Scozzafava stated that he isn't sure it is still going in the place they originally discussed and not sure it's on our property; we haven't heard anything from them since it was first discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:01pm.

Abstract Distributions:

9/25/12

General Fund \$5,623.94
Water & Sewer 162.17

Claim Nos.:

1086 – 1095

10/11/12

General \$28,261.97
Highway 6,004.89
Water & Sewer 10,033.72

1102 - 1185

Capital Projects:

10/11/12

Water District #4 \$1,720.05

Claim Nos.:

18 & 19

Town Clerk