

The Town of Moriah Town Board held a Public Hearing on Thursday June 8, 2023 at 5:45pm at the Town of Moriah Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, NY on Local Law #7 of 2019 regarding Unsafe Structure; 19 Rice Lane.

Present:	Thomas Scozzafava	Supervisor
	Paul Salerno	Councilman
	Tom Anderson	Councilman
	Matt Brassard	Councilman

Absent:	Nathan Gilbo	Councilman
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Others Present: Bill Trybendis, Rebecca Badore, Robert Stevenson, Diana Stevenson, Sharon O'Connor, Rich Lapier and Rose French-Town Clerk

Supervisor Scozzafava called the public hearing to order at 5:45pm; he then read the legal notice calling for the public hearing.

He noted that the owners of the property were not present.

Rebecca Badore; property owner of 21 Rice Lane, read a statement regarding the damage that was done to her property as a result of this fire and also the physical ailments her mother-in-law has been suffering due to it. She would like to see this building torn down and cleaned up.

The Supervisor stated this is a legal process that the Town has to follow; it is still private property. This is the 2nd step in the process; the next step would be to go to court. He stated we went through this with the Cunningham building on Main Street back in 2018. On June 5, 2023 the Supervisor stated that the Town Clerk received a letter from Eric Breuer; this property is under contract to be sold; he wants to tear it down and put an RV on the property as a seasonal camp. The Supervisor stated the Town does allow RV's. The Supervisor stated that Eric Breuer and Katy Elizabeth are in the process of buying the property. He stated this will save the Town a lot of money. He stated if the deal falls through then the Town will be able to do something now. Councilman Brassard stated it is a win win situation. The Supervisor stated there is a legal process on everything and the Town has to follow. Councilman Salerno is concerned because the RV will not be assessed because it has wheels but the Town assesses Amish sheds. The Supervisor stated that is a NYS Real Property Tax Law; wheels and tongues you can't assess it. The Supervisor stated that the taxes have not been paid on this property in years; the effects would be felt at the County level and would ultimately trickle down to the Town. A question was asked on Facebook by Charles Farnsworth; can we give the owner a certain time frame to clean it up and then charge daily after that if it is not; the Supervisor wasn't sure we could legally do that.

The meeting adjourned at 5:56pm.

Town Clerk