

The Town of Moriah Town Board held a Public Hearing on Thursday August 11, 2022 at 5:30pm at the Town of Moriah Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, NY on the proposed improvements to Sewer District #1.

Present:	Thomas Scozzafava	Supervisor
	Tom Anderson	Councilman
	Matt Brassard	Councilman
	Nathan Gilbo	Councilman

Absent	Paul Salerno	Councilman
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Others Present: Bill Trybendis, Rob Wick, Katrinka Tromblee, Joel Zelinski, Ron Sargent and Rose French-Town Clerk

The Supervisor read the legal notice calling for the Public Hearing.

The Supervisor introduced Rob Wick from Essex County. The Supervisor said there is no need to panic we are not borrowing the whole \$17,300,000; the sewer cost would be way above the threshold. Mr. Wick stated the reason we are having the hearing is to review the documents from the May meeting; discuss state and federal funding and extra bonding capacity. Mr. Wick stated that the cost has increased significantly; the project was originally \$10,000,000, now it is \$17,300,000. He stated we will work backwards from the \$17,300,000; currently have 2.5 million from NYS DEC; use this for critical areas. Other grants are available; they are due early September. Mr. Wick stated we will take it step by step and go after each grant; work as grant funds come in; this will allow us to go after more grant funds; there is a deadline to maintain 0% interest on hardship loan grant.

Councilman Brassard asked if the 49% federal grant would be 49% of the whole project, Mr. Wick said ultimately yes, that's how they work it.

The Supervisor stated that CDBG is \$1.2 million; find funds in other areas first; that would be last chance. Mr. Wick stated for CDBG you have to prove that you went to other areas first.

The Supervisor stated this is for Sewer District #1; Moriah, Mineville, Witherbee; not Port Henry.

The Supervisor stated that the Town of Moriah has the longest sewer infrastructure in Essex County.

Councilman Anderson asked if any of these grants require us to match expenditures and the Supervisor stated the NYS DEC QUIP grant does. The Supervisor stated we will have to spend some money on this project, maybe take out of fund balance.

Rob Wick stated EFC is a loan, allow us to pre finance; do monthly claims; allow claims to be paid every 2 – 3 weeks. The Supervisor stated that the Water/wastewater treatment plant, Water Plant and Manhole 13 were similar projects.

There were no other questions.

The meeting adjourned at 5:42pm.

Town Clerk