

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Town Board Meeting on Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 6:00pm at the Town of Moriah Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, NY.

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

Others Present: Robert Stevenson, Diana Stevenson, Tim Rowland, Rich Lapier, Andrea Anesi, Ann Tesar, Jamie Wilson, Bill Trybendis and Rose French-Town Clerk (Tom & Laurie Cowin arrived at 6:30pm)

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 6:00pm by saluting the flag. There was a moment of silence in memory of September 11th.

The Town Clerk stated there is a correction to last month's minutes. Sharon O'Connor stated "consolidation was not the word used during the fire commissioners meeting".

172. ON MOTION by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Gilbo, the following resolution was

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard, Gilbo
	Nays	0

RESOLVED to correct the minutes from the August 19, 2021 board meeting to read in public comments from Sharon O'Connor; "consolidation was not the word used during the fire commissioners meeting".

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard, Gilbo
	Nays	0

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

Floor Open to the Public:

Andrea Anesi reported on Champ Day; had @500 people attend and 7 businesses. Ms. Anesi thanked the Town for their support of Champ Day; special thanks to Tom Scozzafava, Matt Brassard, Norm & Tammy Wright and crew at Champ RV Park. She also thanked the Town for placing the Champ Float at the entrance to the beach. They will be discussing utilizing part of Bulwagga Bay Campsite next year for part of Champ Day. Ms. Anesi said "thank you!". She also wanted to thank Chuck & Rose French for pulling the Champ Float in the Labor Day Parade, Rose French stated you are welcome, it was fun. The Supervisor thanked Ms. Anesi for all the hard work putting Champ Day on.

Bid Opening: Fuel Oil, Diesel, Propane & Kerosene 10/1/21-9/30/21

The Supervisor read the legal notice of bid. 2 bids were received; all paperwork is enclosed:

Gordon Oil:	Fuel Oil	.35 over rack price
	Kerosene	.35 over rack price
	Diesel	.35 over rack price
	Propane	.40 over rack price
Avery Energy:	Fuel Oil	.195 over rack price
	Kerosene	.195 over rack price
	Diesel	.195 over rack price
	Propane	.195 over rack price

There is a resolution to accept bid at end of meeting.

Department Head/Town Board Reports:

Art Morgan-Water & Sewer Superintendent is excused.

Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent reported the Transfer Station is still collecting brush as long as the fire departments agree to burn it as a training exercise.

The major road projects are completed. Will be hauling winter sand soon.

The Supervisor stated we still don't have a design yet from the County Engineer for the traffic circle. Mr. Wilson stated it is tricky because we have to have approval from 3 different agencies; State, County and Town. There is a permit process. He stated the County wants concrete, they feel it would withstand any damage. It will be an 8' diameter circle with a ramp so trucks could roll right over it if it was hit. The County wants to know if the Town wants the center filled in with concrete or put top soil in there for plants. Mr. Wilson also asked if we were going to leave the power in it. The Board was in agreement with putting top soil in it for plants and leaving the power for lights on a Christmas tree if we put one in there. Mr. Wilson stated that Luck Brothers has the machine for the curbing. The Supervisor stated we will use the insurance money to repair it. Mr. Wilson stated the highway crew will help out as much as they can.

The Supervisor stated we need to address changing the parking on Main Street. NYS DOT has recommended that we do it. We will probably lose 2 spots on Main Street and 1 spot by Fashion Corner. Mr. Wilson suggested the Board write a letter to the State, they would be the ones doing it.

The Supervisor stated the sidewalks are in bad shape. We are trying to figure out what we can use the stimulus money on; hopefully some of it can be used on sidewalks. He wants to have a public meeting for suggestions on what to spend the money on. The Highway Department will start repairing sidewalks that are the worst; we should consider replacing them with blacktop. Mr. Wilson stated there are handicap spots that need work before winter.

Councilman Gilbo had nothing to report.

Councilman Anderson reminded the Board of the ski program he would like to start and keep in mind he will be looking for help financially with transportation. He stated the school is back in shape so it should be good to go next summer for the Summer Program.

Councilman Brassard reported we have had 346 transient sites rented this year, 157 out of 157 seasonal sites are rented and the cabins have been rented 74 days so far. Both campgrounds were sold out over the Labor Day weekend. Councilman Brassard stated that Bill Cook would like to send out the opening dates with the camper letters; he recommends opening May 6th and Closing October 10th next year. Councilman Brassard stated there was an issue with fireworks at Champ RV Park but Norm & Tammy handled it. The Supervisor stated we need to discuss the rates; 2% increase across the board except for storage, the Board was in agreement with this.

173. ON MOTION by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Brassard, the following resolution was

APPROVED Ayes Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard, Gilbo
Nays 0

RESOLVED to increase campsite fees by 2% excluding storage fees.

Councilman Salerno stated that Ed Roberts is done at the end of the month; he has been a great asset to the community. John Hickey and John Aurilio did a great job in Port Henry getting ready for Labor Day.

Councilman Salerno stated the water and sewer department has had a few water breaks; they have been taken care of; will need to be filled in.

The Supervisor stated that Chip Perry and the Wastewater department emptied the raw water reservoir; it will need serious repairs in the near future. Also the backwash water at Bartlett Pond and in Port Henry. He reported we will have huge expenditures going forward; hoping to use

stimulus money. Councilman Salerno asked if there was a time frame and the Supervisor stated there was no consent order, which would have been helpful when looking to borrow money.

Supervisor's Report:

The Supervisor reported the Joe McGinness concert went very well. Looking at starting concerts in the park again for next year; use bed tax money for this. He thanked Joe McGinness for playing.

Will begin the budget process next week. Should be no big surprises. Tax cap is 2%.

The Town Hall project is nearing completion. The main entrance to the Town Hall is now partially open. The Supervisor saw a lot of people due to the fact that the community had to come through his office to get in the building. The project should be complete by October 1st.

The Hydro Project is still moving forward; the Supervisor has been in conversations with Jim Basha; water samples have been approved by NYS DEC now waiting on FERK permit. The Supervisor stated that the Adirondack Council has given full support of the project, which is huge, they are an environmental group.

We are still waiting on clarification on what we can spend the stimulus money on. The Supervisor stated he is scared to spend it in case we use it for something we weren't supposed to and end up having to pay it back. We have until 2024 to use it. We know for sure that it can be spent on Broadband and Water & Sewer.

The Supervisor stated he copied our E-waste bill to the Board; this is for computers, tv's and monitors. We have to pay to get rid of them. Councilman Salerno stated we are charging what we have to pay to get rid of it. The Supervisor stated in the beginning it was a free program from NYS but of course now we have to pay for it.

The Supervisor stated that Spectrum went to both campsites; looking at getting internet and TV at both. Looking at the radius of Wi-Fi. The Town would be billed directly for the service; then we would bill the camper. Councilman Gilbo asked if they have given us a startup cost yet and the Supervisor said no. Councilman Anderson asked if they were still looking at residential areas and the Supervisor said yes.

The Supervisor stated he and Councilman Brassard have been working on the police schedule; very difficult with one officer. He received a response list for the last 30 days. He spoke to the Major today; they are still looking for a substation in the Town of Moriah. We only received one application for a police officer and it was from a gentleman from Ticonderoga and he already works for them so scheduling will be an issue. The Supervisor wanted to make it very clear to everyone that he knows what is going on in Town and he and the Board are doing everything they can with limited power. The problem is bail reform and you need to contact the Governor's Office to get that changed.

Resolutions:

174. ON MOTION by Supervisor Scozzafava, unanimous second, the following resolution was

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard, Gilbo
	Nays	0

RESOLVED appreciation to Kim Kolodzey for her years of service as the Town's Court Clerk.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated she has taken a position at the County. She has been a good employee and we wish her the best.

175. ON MOTION by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Gilbo, the following resolution was

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard, Gilbo
	Nays	0

RESOLVED authorization to hire Brianna Sargent as Town Court Clerk, at 20 hours per week; \$14.20 per hour (hours and wages to be discussed for 2022 budget).

Discussion: The Supervisor stated she is already the Court Clerk in Elizabethtown.

- 176. ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Brassard, the following resolution was

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard, Gilbo
	Nays	0

RESOLVED authorization to approve change order for Town Hall Project; delete removal of old wooden ramp in exchange for half round double hung windows for foyer entrance way; no additional cost in contract.

Discussion: We were going to remove the old ramp on the side of the building for \$2,000 but need the windows more.

- 177. ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Gilbo, the following resolution was

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard, Gilbo
	Nays	0

RESOLVED to set date for the presentation of the 2022 Tentative Budget for Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 6:00pm at the Town of Moriah Court House.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated this should be a 10-minute meeting.

- 178. ON MOTION** by Councilman Brassard, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard, Gilbo
	Nays	0

RESOLVED to award the fuel oil, propane, diesel and kerosene bid to Avery Energy; \$0.195 over OPIS Albany daily average.

- 179. ON MOTION** by Councilman Brassard, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard, Gilbo
	Nays	0

RESOLVED to reappoint Rory Rotella to the Board of Assessment & Review; 10/1/21-9/30/26.

- 180. ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Brassard, the following resolution was

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard, Gilbo
	Nays	0

RESOLVED authorization to advertise for Board of Assessment & Review position to fill unexpired term through 9/30/2025 (Bill Callahan vacancy).

- 181. ON MOTION** by Councilman Brassard, seconded by Councilman Gilbo, the following resolution was

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard, Gilbo
	Nays	0

RESOLVED authorization for Supervisor to sign agreement with Mountain Medical for drug testing services; 1/1/2022-12/31/2022.

- 182. ON MOTION** by Councilman Brassard, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was

APPROVED	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard, Gilbo
	Nays	0

RESOLVED authorization to begin winter hours at the Transfer Station effective Friday, September 24, 2021(8:30am – 4:30pm); last day for summer hours is Friday, September 17, 2021 (10:00am – 6:00pm).

183. ON MOTION by Councilman Brassard, seconded by Councilman Salerno, the following resolution was

APPROVED Ayes Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard, Gilbo
Nays 0

RESOLVED approval to do transfers in budget as needed.

184. ON MOTION by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Gilbo, the following resolution was

APPROVED Ayes Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard, Gilbo
Nays 0

RESOLVED approval to do adjustments in water and sewer as needed.

185. ON MOTION by Councilman Brassard, seconded by Councilman Gilbo, the following resolution was

APPROVED Ayes Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard, Gilbo
Nays 0

RESOLVED approval of payment of end of month and monthly warrants.

186. ON MOTION by Supervisor Scozzafava, unanimous second, the following resolution was

APPROVED Ayes Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard, Gilbo
Nays 0

RESOLVED appoint Tom Cowin as Building & Grounds Supervisor.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated we had 13 applicants for Ed Roberts' position, narrowed it down to 10, interviewed 5; 1 person pulled his name out; starting salary @\$43,000 after 6 months @\$46,000. Tom Cowin stated he is looking forward to it. The Supervisor stated he understands Mr. Cowin will have to give his current employer a two week notice, so Mr. Cowin will probably start in early October. Ed Roberts has agreed to spend some time with Mr. Cowin to go over a few things.

Floor open to the public:

Jamie Wilson gave an update on the cemetery in Mineville, the branch has been cleaned up; will now have to patch the ruts made by the truck.

The meeting adjourned at 6:51pm.

Abstract Distributions:

Claim Numbers:

August 25, 2021

General	\$10,975.13
Highway	\$55.80
Water #1	\$59.16
Water #2	\$41.76
Water #3	\$3,418.85
Water #4	\$5.76
Sewer #1	\$2,367.88
Sewer #2	\$2,240.56

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General	\$44,299.17
Highway	\$64,403.09
Water #1	\$5,129.32
Water #2	\$3,243.76
Water #3	\$2,105.56
Water #4	\$158.29
Sewer #1	\$7,479.62
Sewer #2	\$4,084.44

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