

The Town of Moriah Town Board held a Special Meeting on October 5, 2020 at 6:00pm at the Town of Moriah Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, New York, for the Town Clerk to present the 2021 Tentative Budget to the Town Board.

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

Others Present: Becky Gilbo, Bill Trybendis and Rose French, Town Clerk

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 6:00pm by saluting the flag.

The Supervisor stated social distancing was in effect so masks can be removed. He then read the legal notice calling for the special meeting; for the purpose of the Town Clerk to present the 2021 Tentative Budget to the Town Board.

The Supervisor stated we held the line on taxes. The Supervisor went over the 2021 Budget Highlights. (please see attached)

The Supervisor explained the extra responsibilities in the water and sewer billing process since the Village dissolved. The Town Clerk has agreed to take on the extra duties and along with Julie Ida it will work better. LeeAnn Sprague will be taking over the Deputy Clerk position effective 1/1/21. If and when Becky decides to retire we may have to look at hiring a part time person to take over paying the bills.

Joe Drake-Transfer Station attendant will be full time effective 1/1/21. Effective 1/1/21 the Transfer Station will not close for lunch. The Supervisor stated the landfill BAN will be paid off. The Supervisor suggested raising C & D from \$40 to \$50 a cubic yard and also suggested accepting C & D every day, not just on Tuesdays and Thursdays; should be easier now with two full time employees. The Supervisor stated he talked to Jamie Wilson about crushing the C & D down more often. He also stated that the Town needs to at least break even on the C & D. Councilman Salerno stated there needs to be a machine over there so they can crush it down every day; it is critical. The Supervisor also suggested maybe getting two containers; it would help so we wouldn't have to turn someone around with a load because we don't have room. Councilman Anderson asked if getting another container was fairly easy and the Supervisor said yes. Councilman Gilbo suggested getting more containers if it was just a drop and go type of thing. The Supervisor stated that was a good idea. Councilman Salerno stated a 2nd container is critical. The Supervisor stated he feels we get a lot of people from outside the Town of Moriah.

The Supervisor stated that campsite rates will be increased by 2% in 2021. We lost 5 weeks of revenue this year due to COVID 19 and opening late. Revenues are down by \$34,000. Councilman Anderson stated it is a wash because that is what the summer program would have cost. The Supervisor stated he would like to hire 2 lifeguards for next year and only have one beach open. He stated the Town Board could discuss this at a later date.

The Supervisor stated we will not need a single audit this year so that expense can be reduced by \$3,000; also Assessor expenses are down by \$3,000. Building and Grounds expenses down by \$25,000; Becky explained that we had more in there then what we needed.

Councilman Anderson stated that if next year is anything like this year the campgrounds will work out better.

The Supervisor stated it is impossible to guess at the revenues for next year; you would need a crystal ball. We know that we will be losing 20% from NYS; have no idea what we will be getting for CHIPS money. Councilman Salerno asked what was put in to the budget for these and Becky stated the full amount was put in the 2021 budget until we hear otherwise.

The Supervisor stated that the Highway budget was cut by one employee due to the fact that James Cirrincione's position will not be filled. The Highway Department will be purchasing a

truck from this year's budget. Will go to bid for a 1 ton pickup; \$45,000 - \$50,000; will need more equipment next year; will take out a BAN next year.

The Supervisor stated that water and sewer rates will be going up.

The Supervisor then went over the 2021 Budget Analysis. He explained we have had a taxable status loss due to Mac's and the new Stewart's is not on the roll yet. He is hoping that all new projects like the Solar Farm on Tarbell Hill will help.

Councilman Gilbo asked about Water District #2 tax rate going up. Becky stated we could use fund balance to even it up if that is what the board wants to do. The supervisor would like to see what we have for fund balance first.

The Supervisor asked the board how they wanted to handle any workshops with COVID 19; he suggested using email. Councilman Salerno asked when the 2021 budget had to be adopted by and the Supervisor said by November 12th. Becky asked the Board if they had any questions. Councilman Brassard stated the only question he had was about Water District #2 tax rate. Councilman Gilbo and Councilman Anderson were fine with email. Councilman Brassard stated we can wait and see how many questions the board has through email and then have a workshop if we need one. Councilman Salerno asked if the budget attached is the new one from Fire District #3 and Becky said no; we had just received it at 4:00pm; she has not had a chance to look at it. The Supervisor reminded everyone that the Town Board has no control over fire district spending. He also stated that their first budget was over the tax cap. Councilman Salerno asked if their budget was public knowledge and the Supervisor said yes. Becky stated she didn't feel they fully understood the tax cap. Councilman Salerno asked about campsite appropriations for next year and Becky stated if we had been able to open on time this year we would have been ok; she stated she kept the appropriations the same for next year. The Supervisor stated if next year is like this year we will be talking cuts. Becky stated unless you use all the fund balance. The Supervisor stated we did have some good things in the budget; health insurance pretty much stayed the same and worker's comp is down. Councilman Brassard stated he heard health insurance is stable everywhere. Councilman Salerno asked what was on the 2nd floor of the Town Hall and the Supervisor stated RSVP and the Town Clerk said Code Enforcement is also up there. The Supervisor is hoping once the project is complete on the Town Hall it will be more energy efficient.

The meeting adjourned at 6:26pm.

Town Clerk