

The Town of Moriah Town Board held a Special Meeting on November 6, 2023 immediately following the Public Hearing on the 2024 Preliminary Budget at the Town of Moriah Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, New York.

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

**Others Present:** Becky Gilbo, Carol & Joe Chiarella, Bill Trybendis and Rose French, Town Clerk

The Supervisor moved right in to Resolutions.

**Resolutions:**

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

Approved	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard, Gilbo
	Nays	0
	Absent	0

**RESOLVED** to increase water rates from \$295.00 to \$310.00 per year/per unit; effective January 1, 2024; Water Districts #1, #2 and #4; operation and maintenance only (operation & maintenance remains the same for Water District #3 at \$295.00 and debt remains the same for Water District #3 at \$103.00 per year/per unit); metered rate: \$6.64 per first hundred thousand gallons and \$2.63 per remaining gallons.

Discussion: Carol Chiarella questioned if Water District #3 was going up and the Town Clerk and Becky Gilbo stated no, that was an error on the agenda.

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

Approved	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard, Gilbo
	Nays	0
	Absent	0

**RESOLVED** to increase wastewater rates from \$241.00 to \$246.00 per year/per unit; operation and maintenance only; debt remains the same at \$184.00 per year/per unit; metered rate: \$4.05 per first hundred thousand gallons and \$1.96 per remaining gallons for Sewer Districts #1 and #2.

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

Approved	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard, Gilbo
	Nays	0
	Absent	0

**RESOLVED** to adopt the 2024 Town Budget.

Discussion: The Supervisor asked Becky Gilbo if she had anything to add, she did not. The Supervisor stated there is no tax increase.

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

Approved	Ayes	Scozzafava, Salerno, Anderson, Brassard, Gilbo
	Nays	0
	Absent	0

**RESOLVED** authorization to pay MJ Engineering \$35,800.00 for services provided through September 29, 2023 for the Sewer District #1 Collection System Upgrades.

**Floor Open to the Public:**

Councilman Brassard stated he and the Supervisor met with an Engineer regarding the collapsed culvert on Golf Course Way; Town has sewer main that runs right below it; will need to be repaired. Viking Lane should be repaired by the end of the week. Viking Lane is emergency repairs. 25% of cost or if State decides, 12%. The Supervisor stated it would destroy the Highway budget for a complete rebuild. Councilman Brassard stated the Engineer recommended a bridge. The Supervisor stated the Town can't afford it. He stated Golf Course Way was an emergency situation; if that does not get repaired the Town will have thousands of gallons of raw sewage leaking all over; FEMA could take up to 18 months. Councilman Anderson stated the Engineer recommended a bridge on Viking Lane and not a culvert and Councilman Brassard stated yes; Councilman Brassard is afraid if we don't put a bridge in and have a catastrophic event and lose the culvert he is afraid FEMA will say we told you to put a bridge in. The Supervisor stated a bridge would be a huge debt for the Town. Councilman Gilbo stated another Engineer could recommend something totally different. Councilman Salerno asked if we could put a slinky inside the culvert and the Supervisor stated the culvert was not the issue, the culvert was blocked, that was the issue. Councilman Anderson asked about preventative work and the Supervisor stated Moriah Central School has a lot of ownership in the problem, they own the property around the culvert. Councilman Brassard stated we will get 75% of the cost back of the emergency work. Councilman Salerno stated he thought it was 12 ½% and 12 ½% and the Supervisor stated it used to be. Councilman Anderson asked if the school was helping at all and the Supervisor said yes. Councilman Anderson asked when it was going to be finished and Councilman Brassard stated hopefully the end of the week and the Supervisor stated then the lane would be opened. Councilman Salerno asked about Federal and State money and the Supervisor stated it is FEMA money; the Governor is the worst, doesn't care about the North Country.

The meeting adjourned at 6:22pm.

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Town Clerk