

The Town of Moriah Town Board held a special Town Board Meeting on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 4:00pm at the Town of Moriah Town Hall, 38 Park Place, Port Henry, NY.

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

Absent: Nathan Gilbo Councilman

Others Present: Rose French-Town Clerk

The Supervisor opened the meeting at 4:00pm by saluting the flag. He then read the legal notice calling for the special meeting.

The Supervisor stated Councilman Brassard asked for this meeting; he then turned the meeting over to him.

Councilman Brassard stated he asked for the meeting because the morning after the last meeting he was presented with new information regarding salaries from Becky. A Clerk at the County makes \$16.49; not \$18.48. \$18.48 is for an Account Clerk.

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

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

RESOLVED rescind Resolution #125 of June 8, 2023 Town Board Meeting raising both Clerks to \$18.48 effective 1st payroll in July 2023.

Discussion: Councilman Anderson asked where the \$18.48 came from and Councilman Salerno stated it was in the packet that Judge Venne gave the Board before the last meeting. Councilman Brassard stated this is not a true salary at the County; it is for Account Clerk's not Clerk's. Councilman Salerno asked Councilman Brassard if he had spoken to Justice Carpenter and Councilman Brassard stated yes. Councilman Salerno stated the Court Clerk position was created at the County and Councilman Brassard said yes at the County level, but it has not been approved at the State level yet. Councilman Salerno asked what happens after the vote is rescinded; what if the Court Clerk position is approved prior to the budget. Councilman Brassard stated each town will be responsible for setting the Court Clerk salary; County won't put a dollar amount on it. The Supervisor stated any Board can create a position and send to Albany for approval as civil service. He stated the Court Clerk position is different; separate out; Albany approves; Town Board sets salary and then revisit issue prior to the budget. Councilman Salerno asked if we would have to come back next week and go over it again; the Supervisor stated leave it alone until budget time. The Supervisor reminded the Board that they made LeeAnn Sprague wait for a raise.

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

Approved	Ayes	Anderson, Brassard
	Nays	Scozzafava, Salerno
	Absent	Gilbo

FAILED to raise both Clerk's to \$16.49/hr in conjunction with the County effective first payroll in July 2023.

Discussion: Councilman Anderson stated he wants to see both Clerk's get a raise, they both work hard; he would like to see them get it. The Supervisor stated you never give out a raise in the middle of the year. Look at salaries at budget time; will have to look at every salary; we are way off the mark with a lot of salaries. Councilman Salerno asked how much, 6%? The Supervisor stated the workers just aren't there; current employees are taking on extra work. Councilman Salerno asked how many other "Court Clerk's" there were and Councilman Brassard said several. The Supervisor stated the Justices

appoint the Court Clerk if the title passes in Albany. Councilman Anderson stated the Court Clerk isn't approved now and the Supervisor said no; he said it could take a few days or a few months. The Supervisor explained the Essex County Board of Supervisor's created the Court Clerk position, it passed; waiting on Albany-Civil Service to approve it. Councilman Brassard stated this resolution is a \$1.42 an hour raise.

Councilman Salerno moved a resolution to give both Clerk's \$18.48/hr and after a brief discussion he withdrew the motion. Councilman Salerno stated he has had no influence on his decision. If they get \$18.48/hr leave salaries alone at budget time. The Supervisor stated you will be setting a horrible precedence. The Town Clerk stated if you give the Clerk's the \$18.48 now LeeAnn Sprague will ask for retro pay because you made her wait. Councilman Brassard stated she asked for a raise before she took the test. Councilman Brassard suggested the \$16.49 now and look at it again at budget time, the Supervisor thought this was a fair resolve.

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

Approved	Ayes	Salerno, Anderson, Brassard
	Nays	Scozzafava
	Absent	Gilbo

RESOLVED to raise both Clerk's to \$16.49/hr effective first payroll in July 2023.

Discussion: Councilman Brassard stated we are meeting halfway. The Supervisor reminded the Board that the Justices do not run the Town Board.

The meeting adjourned at 4:19pm.

Town Clerk