

The Town of Moriah Town Board held a special Town Board Meeting on Thursday, July 27, 2023 at 10:00am at the Town of Moriah Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, NY to discuss financial issues.

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

Absent: Thomas Anderson Councilman

Others Present: Jamie Wilson and Rose French-Town Clerk

The Supervisor opened the meeting at 10:00am by saluting the flag. He then read the legal notice calling for the special meeting.

The Supervisor thanked the Board for coming; we have some financial issues to take care of.

Resolutions:

142. ON MOTION by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Gilbo, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED authorization for Supervisor to use \$3,000 from Occupancy Tax Revenues to Chamber of Commerce for Farmer’s Market expenditures; Chamber will be required to provide Supervisor with a detailed list of expenditures for the appropriation.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated that the market has grown a lot and people really enjoy it.

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

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

RESOLVED to accept quote from C & E Fencing for chain link fencing for the Port Henry High School Field; Backstop-\$8,463; Field Area/Basketball Court-\$10,973; to be paid for from ARPA monies received (stimulus funds).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to spend \$3,295 on the gate.

Discussion: Councilman Gilbo asked what the \$10,000 was for and Jamie Wilson stated it was for a 3 sided chain link fence around the basketball court. It will have a walk in gate. Councilman Gilbo asked if that was on each end and he stated he assumed the backstop was for the baseball field. The Supervisor stated he has heard some good suggestions for the field; a pavilion and a stage; maybe the pavilion could also be the stage. The Supervisor stated he will get all the electrical supplies next week and will donate his time getting power to the field. Jamie Wilson stated they found a 4-inch valve that fed the old school; they would like to reduce it down to a one-inch line for a water supply on the field. Councilman Salerno asked if they could push it across the road and Mr. Wilson stated it is already on that side of the road. The Supervisor suggested the Board should combine the parcels next year; he believes there 4 or 5 lots there.

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

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

RESOLVED to terminate contract with William Cook as Manager of Bulwagga Bay Campsite effective August 1, 2023 due to health issues.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated at August meeting the Board should do a Resolution of appreciation to Mr. Cook.

145. ON MOTION by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Gilbo, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED to award position of Campsite Managers to Chet & Sandy Woods for remainder of 2023 season (a new contract will be issued).

Discussion: The Supervisor asked if Chet Woods will still clean bathrooms at both campsites for extra money and Councilman Brassard stated yes. Councilman Salerno asked if their pay would be prorated and the Supervisor stated yes. Councilman Brassard stated this will be a good trial run for Chet & Sandy. The Supervisor stated the Board should advertise the position next year and the Board was in agreement with this.

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

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

RESOLVED to contract with Penny Curtis and Larry Hastings as Assistant Managers for Bulwagga Bay Campsite for remainder of 2023 season (a new contract will be issued).

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

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

RESOLVED to repair John Deere X540 as per quote from Wheeling & Dealing Small Engine Repair in the amount of \$1,554.50.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated this is the 2nd mower the campsite has gotten from Building & Grounds; it is well worth the \$1,500 repair. Councilman Salerno asked Jamie Wilson what he thought the equity of the mower was and Mr. Wilson stated \$4,000-\$5,000. The Supervisor stated they do a lot of mowing.

148. ON MOTION by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Gilbo, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED to approve Court Clerk training for Brianna Sargent; \$995.00; Turning Stone; September 17, 2023 – September 20, 2023.

Jamie Wilson would like to send another letter to Fred Pereau; Mr. Pereau never responded to the Town's first letter. Councilman Gilbo asked what letter; the Supervisor stated the Town sent Mr. Pereau a previous letter about repairing his driveway. Mr. Wilson would like to send him another letter outlining the repairs; this would be a one-time deal; the Town would not be maintaining the driveway; repair yes, but that is it. Mr. Wilson stated he walked the property with Mr. Pereau and they would be easy repairs; reshape shoulders, clean ditches, regrade and put gravel down and replace culverts; which are the Town's. Councilman Gilbo stated this driveway is not ours legally; water comes off the hill regardless if the road was there or not. Councilman Gilbo stated he researched case law last winter; the only case law was if the water was not on their property originally. The Supervisor stated the Town has 4 pipes on his property. Mr. Wilson stated this is all debatable; the issue is the Town has been maintaining it and Councilman Gilbo stated we should not have been; it is private property; if the Town does it everybody in Town is going to want the Town to maintain their driveways. The Supervisor stated he will get with Mr. Wilson

and get something typed up; if Mr. Perea agrees it will be a one-time deal, if not, he can take the Town to Court. The Supervisor stated the Town will wait to hear from Mr. Perea, if he agrees we will send it to the Town Attorney for review. Mr. Perea thinks there is an old agreement and if there was it was verbal and it was so the milk trucks could get in. Councilman Salerno asked if there was an agreement and the Supervisor stated he and the Town Clerk can find nothing and neither can the County. Councilman Salerno asked if it goes to litigation will the Town lose and the Supervisor stated he had no idea. Councilman Salerno asked Mr. Wilson what the cost of the repairs would be and Mr. Wilson stated around \$6,000. Councilman Salerno asked if Mr. Perea said no the repairs and crushed the culverts then what and Mr. Wilson stated there is no alternate plan. The Supervisor stated we need to take this one step at a time; wait to see if we get a response from Mr. Perea. Councilman Gilbo stated we should leave it in the lawyer's hands and the Supervisor stated the Town Attorney drafted the first letter.

The Supervisor reminded everyone the Board meetings are now the 3rd Thursday of every month.

The meeting adjourned at 10:23am.

Town Clerk