

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their End of Year Meeting on Wednesday, December 30, 2020 at 10:00am 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

Absent: Nate Gilbo Councilman

Others Present: Bill Trybendis and Rose French-Town Clerk

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 10:00am by saluting the flag. He stated that the year 2020 has come to an end; he is hoping that 2021 is better. He encouraged everyone to keep practicing social distancing and wearing a mask to stay safe.

Department Head Reports:

N/A

Town Board Reports:

Councilman Salerno stated that 2 modine heaters at the highway garage will be coming down. Avery Energy will come next week to begin work on the new ones.

Councilman Anderson stated the Board voted to have the Transfer Station open through lunch; when will that begin. The Supervisor stated January 1st.

Supervisor's Report:

The Supervisor stated that the new highway truck was delivered. Will be used on secondary roads in Port Henry; it is all paid for. The old crew cab will be moved to the Campsites next year.

The Supervisor reported that the Town needs to adopt COVID guidelines. He clarified some confusion regarding employees who are in quarantine. If you come in contact with someone who is in quarantine you are fine; if you come in contact with someone who is positive, then you must quarantine. The County has agreed to help out the Highway Department in case they are down in staff due to anybody who is in quarantine. Councilman Salerno asked what an employee should do if their Supervisor tells them to stay home and quarantine and the Supervisor said to stay home until they hear from Public Health regarding quarantine-will use COVID time for this.

The Supervisor discussed the Police Department. Officer Stahl will be retiring sometime in April 2021. Councilman Anderson is working on a plan. Councilman Brassard stated we need to advertise for a committee and the Supervisor said no we don't, we just need to find people to be on the committee. The Supervisor stated there are a lot of guidelines; it is geared for larger communities. He stated that replacing Officer Stahl will be very difficult; he would like to find a couple of part time people. The Supervisor stated he has started some discussion with the State Police; keeping Officer Brassard on and opening up a satellite office in the Town of Moriah; most likely in Port Henry; they could use the old Village garage to store a vehicle. They need support from the Town Board to go any further. Councilman Anderson stated it is a good idea; worth looking in to. He agreed that it is going to be difficult to find people. He asked if we would hire someone local to be a part time cop and the Supervisor stated it would be very expensive to train someone new. Councilman Salerno asked if it was already in the 2021 budget for 2 40 hour per week people and the Supervisor said yes. Councilman Salerno then asked if we would look for 2 part time people at 20 hours per week and the Supervisor stated he would like to hire 3 part time people but it is going to extremely difficult to find. The Supervisor stated he feels the Town needs some kind of police presence. He asked if the Board supported this and they did.

The Supervisor stated he had assigned Councilman Gilbo the job of looking for someone to build the Town a campsite website. He found a company out of Albany; the website would be for both campgrounds. The cost would be \$2,600; hopefully it would be up and running by February or

March. Councilman Salerno asked if it would be combined with the Town website and the Supervisor stated no, only for the campgrounds right now.

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

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

RESOLVED to accept proposal from Madaddie for a website for both campgrounds at a cost of \$2,600.

Discussion: Councilman Salerno stated we can upgrade the Town website at a later date.

Resolutions:

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

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

RESOLVED to review insurance with Rose & Kiernan for property and casualty insurance for 2021, company will be Tokyo Marine HCC Group. Cost will be \$80,423.60 (2020 cost was \$84,602.40).

Discussion: We went with Zurich last year, this year they would have been \$90,000; our broker shopped around and found this new company with the same coverage. The Supervisor stated we need to increase the deductible and the Board was in agreement with this.

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

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

RESOLVED authorization for Supervisor to do end of year transfers.

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

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

RESOLVED to adopt COVID guidelines as per Essex County Policy.

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

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

RESOLVED a resolution asking people to pay taxes and water and sewer by mail.

Discussion: The Supervisor asked the Town Clerk if she had put this on the Facebook page and she said no, she was waiting for the Board to approve it.

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

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

RESOLVED to audit Justice Books and Town Clerk/Tax Collector Books at the conclusion of this meeting.

240. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED to accept proposal from Avery Energy to install a propane monitor at the Iron Center in the amount of \$2,090.70.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated that last week we had some issues with the old monitor at the Iron Center and we can no longer get parts for it. Councilman Salerno wants to make sure we get credit for the kerosene that is in the tank or use it somewhere else at the Town.

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

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

RESOLVED to set date for Public Hearing for Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 5:45pm at the Town of Moriah Court House to adopt Local Law #1 of 2021 increasing sewer rates in District #1 and #2; operation and maintenance; from \$236.00 to \$241.00.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated this is the first increase in years.

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

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

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

Discussion: The Supervisor stated this is a resolution we have to do every month due to the audit.

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

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

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

The Supervisor reported that we got the Dog Control Officer Inspection Report and Municipal Shelter Inspection Report back and we passed both. Ed Roberts does a great job.

The Supervisor stated he has been getting some calls regarding property below the old Vic's restaurant heading south out of Town, they property is in the Town of Crown Point and has a new owner.

The Supervisor stated we will continue to hold meetings virtually until further notice. Meetings will be live on the Town Facebook page and Bill Trybendis will monitor for any questions.

The meeting adjourned at 10:22am

Abstract Distributions:

Claim Numbers:

December 29, 2020

Highway \$47,766.00

2020/1861

December 30, 2020

General \$13,996.28

2020/1799-1904

Highway	\$24,361.85
Water #1	\$4,668.52
Water #2	\$3,135.50
Water #3	\$3,492.14
Water #4	\$58.57
Sewer #1	\$3,849.01
Sewer #2	\$1,812.59

Town Clerk