

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Town Board Meeting on Thursday, August 16, 2024 at 6:00pm at the Town of Moriah Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, NY.

Present:	Matthew Brassard	Supervisor
	Paul Salerno	Councilman
	Tom Anderson	Councilman
	Nathan Gilbo	Councilman

Others Present: Bill Trybendis, Sharon O'Connor, Robert Stevenson, Nancy Tromblee, Paul Tromblee, Rich Lapier, Billy Allen, Jamie Wilson, Chip Perry and LeeAnn Sprague-Deputy Town Clerk

The Supervisor opened the meeting at 6:00pm by saluting the flag.

ON MOTION by Councilman Gilbo, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was APPROVED

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

RESOLVED that the Town of Moriah Town Board approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

Floor Open to the Public:

N/A

Department Head/Town Board Reports:

Billy Allen reported that they had an emergency removal of a tree at Champ entrance because it was resting on power lines. He also stated they have continued to work on fixing up the camp from the July 10th storm and it is coming along well. They have also been working on the new shop at Bulwagga Bay. The Supervisor expressed his gratitude for their work to keep the campsite open as well as the Water Department. Councilman Salerno stated the new building is really coming a long great and that is saving the Town money to have them build it.

Jamie Wilson reported that he has 2 contractors working 5 days a week and he has parts of the crew alternating also working 5 days a week to repair damage from the July 10th storm. They currently have been working on Bartlett Pond Rd, Bigelow Rd, Breed Hill Rd, Bridal Row, Chipmunk St, College St, Cook Shaft Rd, Crowfoot Rd, Dock Lane, Elk Inn Road, Joyce Road, Military Lane, Riddle Rd and Stone St. This work is all considered temporary until FEMA can come to do their assessment. For example: Riddle Road is just temporarily fixed as it could be a \$400,00 job to fully repair with the help of FEMA. DEC is on Board to have it repaired to their codes and standards. Mr. Wilson also wanted to thank Soil & Water for everything they have done. Mr. Wilson requested a resolution for the Town to put an ad out for the HEO positions available. Mr. Wilson stated the Highway Department has been short by 2 people for a year now and with winter coming they will need a full crew. Councilman Salerno stated that between the Town and Village previously there used to be a crew of 17 versus now a crew of 7, which is quite a big difference. Mr. Wilson added that they are willing hire an individual with a permit and will train them. Mr. Wilson believes the pay rate is on track with other Towns and is hopeful to get applicants. Councilman Salerno asked if individual must be within town limits and the Supervisor said that preferably we would like to keep within limits, but if need be, can go outside to surrounding Towns. Mr. Wilson added that it would need to be fairly close due to being called out in the winter months. Mr. Wilson also stated there are major issues with a sink hole that appeared after the storm at the Ball Field on College Street. Councilman Salerno asked about storm water and where it travels to. Mr. Wilson answered he was not sure and he and the Supervisor have more investigating to do. The Supervisor stated he has looked through maps for the old water system to help locate pipes, but all he could find were maps for the old school itself. Paul Tromblee from the audience interjected asking if BOCES does CDL Classes for people that could help with the HEO positions. The Supervisor answered that he was unsure, but will send an email to inquire. The Supervisor expressed his gratitude to everyone at the Highway Department for working so diligently to get the roads repaired. Councilman Gilbo asked Mr. Wilson about keeping track of the contractors and he answered they provide daily sheets to show what they are

doing and where they are working. Councilman Gilbo also was curious on a total for all the damages to be fixed, asked \$750,000. Mr. Wilson responded with well over that.

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

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

RESOLVED to approve advertising for HEO position in the Press Republican, Denton Publications and online.

Chip Perry reported they are still getting a lot of debris in the pumps. Rocks especially are still coming down the lines. They have been busy with outdoor maintenance as well.

Rich LaPier reported that he issued 8 building permits for the month of July along with regular building inspections and did 1 Fire/Safety Inspection for a certificate of Occupancy.

Councilman Salerno reported for Arthur Morgan due to a sewer issue just before the meeting. The Water & Sewer Department has had to use the jettors 14 times for the month. They also helped at the Campsite from the storm and have had miscellaneous town water problems they have addressed. They also helped assess the issue with the sinkhole at College St.

Councilman Salerno reported for Building & Grounds for Thomas Cowin. Mr. Cowin has reached out to technical support on the speed signs by the school that are still not working. They suggested hooking the signs up to a laptop to try and connect to see if they can reset the signs as they appear to be in Stand By Mode. In addition, there are parts for the Boiler in the basement at the Train Station they will be working on, but they will need to pour a pad for it first.

Councilman Salerno reported the Police Department for Arthur Brassard. Mr. Brassard had 35 calls to service, 2 dog complaints with ACO Ed Roberts, 4 Domestic Disputes, 2 car accidents, 7 calls that assisted with fire and ambulance and issued 9 tickets.

Councilman Salerno also reported for Bulwagga Bay Campsite. There are 162 paid seasonal sites and 13 transient sites being rented on weekends and some monthly, 2 cabins that are rented by the weekday and weekend, 9 tent sites rented mostly by off road bikers. Most frequent question is about purchasing wood. 12 people have been added to the waiting list for seasonals. July activities consisted of: July 4th – Ice cream social, July 13th – Christmas in July and July 27th, was the third annual basket party. Councilman Salerno stated he would like to see Campsite Managers at the office 7 days a week next season. He would also like Mr. Allen to walk around with him to see if some transient sites could be made into seasonal sites as we have such a long waiting list.

Councilman Gilbo reported that he received the feasibility report for Champ and they think they can do 4 short term units at the cabin with a total construction cost of \$500,000.00 at prevailing wage. He also received quotes for the pavilion event space and recommends choosing AES for \$112,000.00. Councilman Anderson asked to see information on it which Councilman Gilbo handed to him. The Board decided to hold a special meeting to discuss further. Councilman Gilbo also stated the red building would be \$40,000.00 to progress to the final design plans of the RFP. Councilman Gilbo also brought up the Grant Writer Position and that he went through 30 applicants, received a response from 5-10 and recommends Nicole Green. This would be a contract worker under 1099. Her rate is \$65/hour and at 10 hours a week give or take, it would be in the vicinity of what was budgeted for the position at \$40,000/year. Councilman Salerno stated that the Town is desperately lacking this and it could be a great asset. Councilman Gilbo stated that under 1099 contract work there is no benefits and he was impressed that Nicole already took the liberty of looking ahead at a list of grants the Town could apply for after discussing what the Town was looking for during the interview.

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

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

RESOLVED to go to bid for an RFP to do a full design of the Champ RV building in accordance with the feasibility study.

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

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

RESOLVED to hire Nicole Green for the Grant Writer Position under 1099 Contract Work for \$65.00/hour at approximately 10 hours a week

Councilman Anderson stated the Summer Youth Program was a successful season. 80-90 children a day at first then transitioned into about 50 children a day. He also stated the 3 leaders, Halee Calabrese, Ronnie Cunningham and Ceila Briggs did a great job as well as all the Counselors. The Supervisor brought up the possible need for aids for some children who receive them in regular school as they did have a couple issues.

Supervisor's Report:

The Supervisor reported that we received the declaration from the Governor for a disaster declaration. FEMA will now be able to come and assess damage. FEMA will reimburse 75% and State 12.5%, The Town is planning to replace the sidewalk between Meachem Street and Whitney Street where it has collapsed. They will replace with the walking bridge that is next to the bridge on Dock Lane as it will need to be removed for the new bridge. Councilman Salerno asked if the bridge on Dock Lane that is being replaced will have a walk bridge too and the Supervisor stated yes there would be. DOT has approved moving the walking bridge and will assist where they can. Mr. Wilson has measured and it will be nicer and be sturdier. The Town intends to get National Grid involved and FEMA too. The Supervisor also stated he gets numerous complaints at the Town Hall regarding the children riding bikes & 4-wheelers dangerously through Grover Hills. The Supervisor is trying to get the police involved as much as possible and hopefully when school is back in session it won't be as consistent of a problem. The Supervisor also stated that Bulwagga Bay Beach will be closed Sunday August 17th, 2024 for the Season. The lifeguards are going back to college and beginning sports. This is the first year there has been no Blue/Green Algae in years

Resolutions:

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

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

RESOLVED to refund Marjorie Taravoich (C-6) at Bulwagga Bay Campsite for \$150.00 deposit.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated it was an oversight by him and missed it in the email.

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

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

RESOLVED to approve payment to Precision Tree Cutting for emergency tree removal at Champ RV Park in the amount of \$1,500.00

Discussion: The Supervisor stated the tree was 100 feet tall on the powerlines. National Grid couldn't remove unless it falls down. With Champ Day ahead it needed to be removed ASAP.

150. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Gilbo, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was
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| APPROVED | Ayes | Brassard, Salerno, Anderson, Gilbo |
| | Nays | 0 |
| | Absent | 0 |
- RESOLVED to Amend mobile home permit fee from \$50.00 to \$100.00 and temporary Permit fee from \$35.00 to \$50.00.
151. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Gilbo, the following resolution was
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| APPROVED | Ayes | Brassard, Salerno, Anderson, Gilbo |
| | Nays | 0 |
| | Absent | 0 |
- RESOLVED** to increase land subdivision application fee from \$15.00 to \$30.00
152. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was
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| APPROVED | Ayes | Brassard, Salerno, Anderson, Gilbo |
| | Nays | 0 |
| | Absent | 0 |
- RESOLVED** approval of payment to J. Hutchins final payment for Golf Course Way in the amount of \$35,660.28.
153. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Gilbo, the following resolution was
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| APPROVED | Ayes | Brassard, Salerno, Anderson, Gilbo |
| | Nays | 0 |
| | Absent | 0 |
- RESOLVED** to go to bid for fuel oil, kerosene, diesel and propane for October 2024 to September 2025
154. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Gilbo, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was
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| APPROVED | Ayes | Brassard, Salerno, Anderson, Gilbo |
| | Nays | 0 |
| | Absent | 0 |
- RESOLVED** approval to do transfers in the budget as needed.
155. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Gilbo, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was
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| APPROVED | Ayes | Brassard, Salerno, Anderson, Gilbo |
| | Nays | 0 |
| | Absent | 0 |
- RESOLVED** approval to do adjustments in water and sewer as needed.
156. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Gilbo, the following resolution was
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| APPROVED | Ayes | Brassard, Salerno, Anderson, Gilbo |
| | Nays | 0 |
| | Absent | 0 |
- RESOLVED** approval of payment of end of month and monthly warrants.
157. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, Unanimous Second by all, the following resolution was
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| APPROVED | Ayes | Brassard, Salerno, Anderson, Gilbo |
| | Nays | 0 |
| | Absent | 0 |
- RESOLVED** to give condolences to the family of John Jack Waldron on recent passing.

Discussion: Jack was a dedicated firefighter for almost 76 years and involved in many other organizations within the Town of Moriah.

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

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

RESOLVED to get quotes for a Gazebo for Miners Park.

Discussion: Councilman Gilbo asked Sharon O'Connor in audience about a need for a playground in this park and she said for now a gazebo would be great and she didn't see much need for a playground at the moment.

Floor Open to the Public:

N/A

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.

Abstract Distributions:

Claim Numbers:

July 19, 2024

2024/1121

General \$450.00

July 26, 2024

2024/1122-1145

General \$1,644.20
Highway \$1,350.43
Water District #1 \$30.80
Water District #2 \$20.90
Water District #3 \$306.17
Water District #4 \$3.29
Sewer District #1 \$1,865.89
Sewer District #2 \$1,429.86

July 31, 2024

2024/1184-1185

General \$650.00

August 15, 2024

2024/1146-1303

General \$88,409.93
Highway \$53,485.97
Water District #1 \$5,380.72
Water District #2 \$3,598.39
Water District #3 \$2,452.58
Water District #4 \$65.38
Sewer District #1 \$4,034.17
Sewer District #2 \$1,180.25

Golf Course Way Repairs – S1: J. Hutchins, Inc. \$35,660.28 #1

Beach House Renovations Champ: AEDA \$4,125.00 #3

Deputy Town Clerk