

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Town Board Meeting on Thursday, December 19, 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
	James Curran	Councilman

Others Present: Bill Trybendis, Paul & Nancy Tromblee, and Rose French-Town Clerk

The Supervisor opened the meeting at 6:00pm by saluting the flag. He thanked everyone for coming.

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

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

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

Bid Opening: Sodium Hypochlorite Solution: The Supervisor read the legal notice.

Surpass Chemical Company \$3.49 gal/delivered/4 drum minimum

Slack Chemical Company \$3.99 gal/delivered/\$65.00 refundable container deposit

Floor Open to the Public:

N/A

Department Head/Town Board Reports:

The Supervisor stated Jamie Wilson and Carl Perry have been excused. Thomas Cowin-Building & Grounds Supervisor stated they only have a couple of furnaces left to clean. They will be getting the ice-skating rink ready. The Supervisor told them great job with the Christmas lights and trees.

Councilman Salerno read the police report: 1 disorderly conduct, assisted ACO Ed Roberts issuing 2 dog tickets, handled 4 accidents, handled 2 domestic disputes, assisted state police 3 times, assisted sheriff's department 5 times, helped ACO Ed Roberts 4 times, assisted ambulance 3 times and issued 7 traffic tickets.

Councilman Gilbo stated he has a quote for the cabins; for normal frame, winterized, bare bones: \$24,890.00. He met with Rich Lapier regarding code compliance; he would like to purchase 2; use the rest of the money to build them out. Would need to add \$2,000 for an engineer's stamp. The Supervisor asked if this included delivery and Councilman Gilbo said yes.

Councilman Gilbo motioned to purchase 2 cabins; \$24,890.00 each, seconded by Councilman Anderson; Councilman Salerno stated we have \$183,000 left in stimulus money to use; we appropriated \$83,000 for 2 cabins and \$60,000 for the beach house; he met with a carpenter who feels it will cost more than \$60,000 to renovate the beach house; he wanted the Board's thoughts on getting 1 cabin and using the rest for the beach house; Councilman Anderson asked if we should put the beach house on hold; Councilman Gilbo stated he likes the idea of 1 cabin and putting the rest towards the beach house; Supervisor Brassard stated both scenarios benefit the tax payer; Councilman Salerno suggested putting \$43,000 towards a cabin and an additional \$40,000 towards the beach house.

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

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

RESOLVED to purchase 1 cabin at \$24,890.00.

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

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

RESOLVED to use \$43,000 of stimulus money for one cabin; includes \$24,890 for cabin; \$2,000 for stamped plans; remainder to be used to finish the inside of the cabin and put \$40,000 towards renovation of beach house at Port Henry Beach.

Discussion: Councilman Curran asked if it was 1 or 2 bedrooms and Councilman Gilbo stated we can worry about that later.

Councilman Anderson stated on January 15th he has a meeting with the Essex County Youth Board regarding the summer program and youth grants.

Councilman Salerno stated he would like to thank all volunteers in the Town as he does each December. He would also like to give Supervisor Brassard an A+ for his first year as Supervisor; has done a great job, thank you.

Councilman Curran stated he is just starting to get his feet wet; learning all different things; he feels Supervisor Brassard has been an asset.

Supervisor's Report:

The Supervisor stated the town has been awarded a CDBG grant for single family housing rehabilitation in the amount of \$472,000.00. For 6-9 houses in the Town; there is a list at the County of applicants; contact Adirondack Roots in Elizabethtown with any questions.

The Town's insurance paid for all the claims from the July 10th storm; pump repair, Champ RV Park and north end pump station.

Verizon sold their tower lease on Spring Street to Vertical Bridge; nothing changes for us only who we get the check from. Councilman Salerno asked if the contract could be renegotiated now that it has been sold; the Supervisor and Councilman Gilbo both feel we should have the Town Attorney look in to that.

Resolutions:

215. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, unanimous second, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED a resolution of condolence to the family of Harold Ferguson.

216. **ON MOTION** by Supervisor Brassard, unanimous second, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED a resolution of condolence to the family of Norm Westover.

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

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

RESOLVED a Resolution Authorizing the Town of Moriah to submit a grant application consistent with the program guidelines for Round 9 “Restore NY Communities Initiative” Grant Program

WHEREAS the Town of Moriah is eligible for grant funding under Round 9 of the Restore NY Communities Initiative Municipal Grant Program, and

WHEREAS the City Council has considered proposals that qualify for funding under the program and selected one project to be included in an application that will be submitted to Empire State Development Corporation (ESDC) as follows:

WHEREAS the Town of Moriah is applying for one project with a maximum grant allowed in the amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00, and

WHEREAS the Town of Moriah deems the proposed “Witherbee Estate Renovation” project located on 10 Stone Street to be consistent with the existing comprehensive plan and town ordinances. The proposed financing is appropriate for the specific facility or projects; the project facilitates effective and efficient use of existing and future public resources so as to promote both economic development and preservation of community resources; and where applicable, the project develops and enhances infrastructure and/or facilities in a manner that will attract, create and sustain the local economy and promote employment opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Moriah hereby authorizes the submission of the grant application consistent with the Request for Funding contained in the grant guidance for the “Restore NY Communities Initiative” municipal grant program. The project requires no less than 10 percent of the total project cost in matching contributions which will come from Michael Mackin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Property Owner, Michael Mackin shall be solely responsible in providing any out of pocket, upfront, or matching requirements needed for completion of this project and the Town supports this application submission.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated Michael Mackin is looking for Town support for another attempt at the Restore NY grant for the old K of C on Stone Street.

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

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

RESOLVED to advertise for a Certified Code Enforcement Officer, part time; 20 hours per week to handle property maintenance issues.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated Frank Slycord will be retiring on February 28, 2025. If we hire someone who is not certified they have 12 months to get certified.

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

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

RESOLVED a resolution of appreciation to Animal Control Officer Ed Roberts, Police Officer Art Brassard and the Essex County Sheriff’s Department for their help this past weekend with an emergency animal control situation.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated this was a large headache over the weekend; had to relocate 14 dogs; Councilman Salerno asked what we would do if we could not find a place for them and the Supervisor stated we would probably have to go south of Albany to find shelters. Councilman Salerno asked how much it cost and the Supervisor stated transportation costs can be levied on to the individuals property tax.

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

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

RESOLVED a resolution of appreciation to Gary and Vicki Sargent for their donation of the beautiful Christmas tree in the pocket park as well as Ned Phinney for his donation of three trees for the gazebos and bandstand.

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

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

RESOLVED to award the bid for Sodium Hypochlorite Solution to Surpass Chemical Company; \$3.49 gal/delivered/4 drum minimum.

Discussion: Councilman Salerno asked if we get the \$65.00 container deposit back and Councilman Gilbo wanted to look at the bid again. The Town Clerk stated typically the \$65.00 container deposit we get back on the next bill when one is returned/picked up.

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

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

RESOLVED to audit Justice and Town Clerk/Tax Collector books after the end of the year meeting on 12/27/24.

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

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

RESOLVED approval to do transfers in budget as needed.

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED payment of end of month and monthly warrants.

Floor Open to the Public:

The Supervisor stated on January 7th there is a pre-construction meeting with J Hutchins for the Sewer Project; will start with Plank Road. Paul Tromblee asked what sewer project and the Supervisor stated it is for old infrastructure in Mineville and Witherbee; Paul Tromblee asked if

the Town ever thought of going to one district and the Supervisor stated we are currently working on that.

The Supervisor wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

Abstract Distributions:

Claim Numbers:

December 2, 2024

2024/1957-2024

General \$2,600.00

December 9, 2024

2024/1930-1947

General \$1,000.00

Highway \$1,750.00

Water District #1 \$210.00

Water District #2 \$142.50

Water District #3 \$375.00

Water District #4 \$22.50

Sewer District #1 \$615.75

Sewer District #2 \$131.25

December 19, 2024

2024/1958-2147

General \$48,896.84

Highway \$67,850.46

Water District #1 \$5,777.94

Water District #2 \$4,235.05

Water District #3 \$8,514.03

Water District #4 \$152.81

Sewer District #1 \$22,139.93

Sewer District #2 \$18,420.18

Sewer District #1 Improvements: MJ Engineering \$5,165.00 #10

Champ Beach Event Space (COVID \$) AES Northeast \$4,892.44 #1

Town Clerk