

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Town Board Meeting on Thursday, February 20, 2025 at 6:00pm at the Town of Moriah Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, NY.

Present: Matthew Brassard Supervisor
Paul Salerno Councilman
Nate Gilbo Councilman
James Curran Councilman

Absent: Tom Anderson Councilman

Others Present: Bill Trybendis, Paul & Nancy Tromblee, Art Morgan-Water & Sewer Superintendent, Tom Cowin-Building & Grounds Superintendent 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 Salerno, seconded by Councilman Gilbo, the following resolution was

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

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

Bid Opening-Design Consultant; Map, Plan & Report-Consolidate Water & Sewer Districts

The Supervisor stated he received one bid from MJ Engineering in the amount of \$18,700 for the entire project. He would like to have Essex County and Chip Perry review it prior to awarding the bid.

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

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

RESOLVED for the Supervisor to have Essex County and Carl Perry-WWTP Operator review the bid and award according to their recommendation.

Floor Open to the Public:

Paul Tromblee asked who MJ Engineering was and the Supervisor stated they submitted a quote for the consolidation of the water and sewer districts. Mr. Tromblee then asked if the Town could reach out to Dan Stec about getting Broad Band here. The Supervisor stated the Board of Supervisors is working on grant money for disadvantaged areas; they have a whole task force on it. Councilman Salerno asked Mr. Tromblee if it was somebody other than Spectrum and Mr. Tromblee stated Broad Band is the key; Spectrum has a monopoly.

Department Head/Town Board Reports:

The Supervisor stated Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent has been excused; they will be starting early tomorrow morning to remove snow. He also reported that Chip Perry-WWTP Operator has been excused; he had a dentist appt. Councilman Salerno read his report. Mr. Perry would like to surplus the scrap vehicles behind the plant.

59. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Curran, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED to put scrap vehicles behind the Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant on auctions international for sale.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated there is a pink car which was never claimed, the old senior van, an F250, a Chevy, etc.

Councilman Salerno reported that Mr. Perry would like the fence line along the brook cleaned out and Tom Cowin-Building & Grounds Superintendent stated the Highway Garage is already working on it.

Tom Cowin-Building & Grounds Superintendent reported they have been removing snow and working at the Train Station; had to replace the expansion tank.

Art Morgan-Water & Sewer Superintendent reported they have been cleaning out hydrants. The Supervisor asked him about water breaks and Mr. Morgan stated they have been good so far. Councilman Salerno asked how long it takes to do the hydrants now that they don't have the inmates and Mr. Morgan stated it takes about 4 days. The Supervisor asked residents to please clean out the hydrants in front of their home.

Councilman Gilbo had nothing to report.

Councilman Curran reported he just got back from the Association of Towns in NYC and he learned a lot; glad he went. The Supervisor asked him to report on the Chamber. Councilman Curran stated he and the Supervisor met with the Lake George Planning Board regarding a main street revitalization plan. He stated they came up with different ideas and grants for the beach-shoreline stabilization. The Supervisor stated it is a good plan; they had simple ideas. Councilman Curran stated they suggested a mural behind the miner statue. The Supervisor stated the plan is available on line. Councilman Salerno stated they should start at the Tracy Road in Witherbee and at each end of Town and the Supervisor stated unfortunately the money is only for Main Street.

Councilman Salerno stated camping season is coming. He has been doing interviews for Bulwagga Bay Campsite Manager and he would like to recommend hiring Chet & Sandy Woods.

60. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Curran, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED to hire Chet & Sandy Woods as Campground Managers at Bulwagga Bay Campsite for the 2025 season.

Councilman Salerno stated he is still in the process of interviewing for Champ RV Park Managers. He would like to get a couple of dumpsters and start gutting out the beach house. Councilman Gilbo asked if we could use the campsite dump truck instead of a dumpster and the Supervisor stated the problem with that is if we bring it to the Transfer Station it would fill up the compactor too quickly.

Councilman Salerno stated he went to the Association of Towns meeting in NYC and he spent a lot of time at the Assessor's booth; he reported that residents will be getting index cards in the mail stating the Assessors are done with the re-val; basically starting from scratch. The Supervisor stated the new assessment should be close to "full market value"; he stated if the assessed value goes up tax rates should go down. Councilman Salerno stated the Town Board does not have any jurisdiction over the Assessor's. Paul Tromblee stated the tax bill is very confusing. Councilman Salerno would like to ask the Assessor's to do an informational meeting. The Supervisor will set one up with the Assessor's.

Supervisor's Report:

The Supervisor received a letter from Adirondack Landfill Services regarding post closure monitoring of the old landfill.

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

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

RESOLVED to pay Adirondack Landfill Services, LLC for post-closure routine monitoring for 2025 in the amount of \$2,475.00.

\$13,000 has been pushed through, should see that money from the flooding emergency work in 3-4 weeks. The Supervisor stated he, LeeAnn, Jamie Wilson and Art Morgan have all met with FEMA; trying to close out projects; have 15 out of 20 projects complete.

The Supervisor received a letter from Historian Betty Lamoria and Joan Daby, the upstairs at the Iron Center Museum is getting full; they need a storage unit; the Supervisor will look in to something this spring.

Aaron Scalzo reached out to the Supervisor, he would like to put signs up for the tavern as you come in to town or on the Champ Sign. Councilman Curran suggested the old business sign board by the Champ sign; update it. Councilman Salerno stated we should have taken some of the covid money and made a kiosk at the end of the Tracy Road. The Supervisor stated he will look in to it; something for businesses to put signs on. The Supervisor stated he doesn't believe the Champ sign is in the state right of way.

The Supervisor stated Becky Gilbo reminded him we need to advertise for a summer program Director and Assistant Director and for lifeguards.

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

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

RESOLVED to advertise for a Director and Assistant Director for the 2025 Summer Program and also Lifeguards for the 2025 season.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated to be the Director of the summer program you have to have a bachelors degree and camp experience.

Resolutions:

63. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, unanimous second, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED a resolution of condolences to employee Brett Thompson on the loss of his mother.

64. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Curran, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED to raise the rates at both campsites by 4%.

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

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

RESOLVED to advertise for a part time 20 hr. week transfer station attendant position; applications due March 19, 2025.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated Brett Thompson resigned due to family health issues. The Supervisor stated Mr. Thompson was a great worker; it is a loss to the Transfer Station.

66. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Curran, the following resolution was
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| APPROVED | Ayes | Brassard, Salerno, Gilbo, Curran |
| | Nays | 0 |
| | Absent | Anderson |
- RESOLVED** approval of revised Personnel Policy.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated this was a lot of work; very needed. Councilman Gilbo asked if this was just housekeeping or policy changes and Councilman Curran stated he had a question about the probation period; the Supervisor stated this all came about because the Court Clerk worked 32 hours a week/4 days a week and wanted to accrue an 8-hour sick day-language in policy-make it match union contract.

67. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Gilbo, seconded by Councilman Curran, the following resolution was
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| APPROVED | Ayes | Brassard, Salerno, Gilbo, Curran |
| | Nays | 0 |
| | Absent | Anderson |
- RESOLVED** to do transfers in budget as needed.

68. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Gilbo, seconded by Councilman Salerno, the following resolution was
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| APPROVED | Ayes | Brassard, Salerno, Gilbo, Curran |
| | Nays | 0 |
| | Absent | Anderson |
- RESOLVED** to do adjustments in water and sewer as needed.

69. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Gilbo, seconded by Councilman Curran, the following resolution was
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| APPROVED | Ayes | Brassard, Salerno, Gilbo, Curran |
| | Nays | 0 |
| | Absent | Anderson |
- RESOLVED** approval of payment of end of month and monthly warrants.

Floor Open to the Public:

Paul Tromblee asked the Board if they have considered hiring a part time police officer for the summer due to increase in population with the campsites. Councilman Salerno stated we have advertised for a police officer in the past. Mr. Tromblee asked what the difference was between a police officer and a constable; maybe a young person who is interested in that field would be interested and the Supervisor stated it doesn't hurt to try. Mr. Tromblee stated the Board should talk to the Sheriff's Department. Councilman Salerno stated we need more consistency in coverage from the State Police; he also stated that come December 31st we will have to address this issue when Art Brassard retires. Mr. Tromblee asked if there was funding at the state level and the Supervisor stated he will look in to it.

Councilman Curran asked if we could make a bike trail or tubing trail at the old landfill site and the Supervisor stated he will ask Adirondack Landfill about it.

Councilman Salerno asked Councilman Gilbo now that the grant writer got done are there any other candidates and Councilman Gilbo stated he is going to reach out to her again; the way we pay was an issue for her; maybe we can work something out; there are about 20 other candidates he can review.

Paul Tromblee asked when the sewer project in Witherbee will be starting and the Supervisor stated as soon as the frost is out of the ground; will start on Plank Road in Mineville.

The Supervisor reported the salt shed roof collapsed under the snow storm we got Sunday; Insurance has already sent \$10,000 so we can begin clean up and it is full replacement cost.

The meeting adjourned at 6:51pm.

Abstract Distributions:

Claim Numbers:

December 31, 2024

2024/2324-2332

General	\$10,062.10
Highway	\$1,193.35
Water District #1	\$96.20
Water District #2	\$69.48
Water District #3	\$96.20
Water District #4	\$5.34
Sewer District #1	\$622.89
Sewer District #2	\$326.62

December 31, 2024

2024/2333-2341

General	\$5,048.20
Water District #1	\$151.20
Water District #2	\$103.70
Water District #3	\$25.20
Water District #4	\$14.90
Sewer District #1	\$271.20
Sewer District #2	\$23.80

January 24, 2025

2025/58-69

General	\$156,289.07
Highway	\$980.44
Water District #1	\$1,679.37
Water District #2	\$1,219.86
Water District #4	\$153.16
Sewer District #1	\$152.77

February 20, 2025

2025/70-238

General	\$48,525.63
Highway	\$20,963.39
Water District #1	\$9,024.83
Water District #2	\$2,963.63
Water District #3	\$5,044.21
Water District #4	\$245.94
Sewer District #1	\$11,269.48
Sewer District #2	\$6,713.25

Champ Beach Event Space (COVID \$)	AES Northeast	\$8,226.60	#2
Sewer District #1 Improvements	MJ Engineering	\$17,539.00	#11 (2024)
Sewer District #1 Improvements	MJ Engineering	\$28,500.00	#1 (2025)

Town Clerk