

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Town Board Meeting on Thursday, October 17, 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, Thomas Cowin, Jim Curran, Chip Perry and Rose French-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:**

The Supervisor stated Jamie Wilson Highway Superintendent has been excused; he has been with FEMA all day.

The Supervisor stated he has Rich Lapier's Building Codes Report.

Chip Perry-WWTP reported they are getting pumps back from repair; waiting on parts for 12 weeks; getting quote for electric at North End Pump Station.

The Supervisor read Building Codes Report: Issued 9 building permits; did regular building inspections; 2 fire safety inspections for the month of September.

Tom Cowin-Building & Grounds reported their mowing is winding down; working on the shelving in the vault in the Town Hall basement; will start work on Court House decks. The Supervisor asked about the boiler at the Train Station and Mr. Cowin stated it is up and running good. The Supervisor asked about the boiler at the Town Hall and Mr. Cowin stated they replaced a tank on it.

Councilman Salerno read the police report; 2 misdemeanors for attempted assault 3<sup>rd</sup> degree; 1 violation for harassment 2<sup>nd</sup> degree; 1 dog ticket issued with ACO Ed Roberts; 28 calls for service; assisted State Police and Sheriff 11 times; assisted ambulance and fire departments 7 times; issued 9 traffic tickets.

Councilman Gilbo stated he had nothing formal to report; still working with the Planner reviewing grants; the Supervisor stated he is copied with everything and she has applied for a lot of grants.

Councilman Anderson reported the school has an F250 truck with plow and sander; 11,000 miles on it that they are selling it for \$15,000. Councilman Salerno asked the year of the truck and the Supervisor stated it is a 2012. The Supervisor stated we went out for mini bids for trucks for the Highway, Building & Grounds and WWTP; he read the info:

2024 Ram 1500 Tradesman Crew	Ferrario Ford	\$39,054.90	WWTP
2024 Chevrolet 3500 Silverado Regular Cab	Joe Basil Chevrolet	\$60,784.55	HG
2024 Ram 2500 Regular Cab	Falls Dodge	\$51,754.90	BG

The Supervisor stated BOCES does not want the truck the school is offering. Councilman Anderson stated we should jump on it. Councilman Gilbo stated he hasn't had a chance to look at it yet; did we budget for it? The Supervisor stated it would come out of fund balance. Councilman Gilbo asked if the trucks were budgeted for and the Supervisor stated the only one that was, was WWTP. Councilman Salerno stated he is afraid the one from the school will need work in a few years; however, he thinks we should get that one too. He stated we need to get on some type of schedule for new trucks. He would like Jamie Wilson to look at the truck at the school. Councilman Gilbo is on board with the truck for WWTP because it was budgeted for; as far as the other ones he wants to look at the fund balance first; he's not saying no. The Supervisor stated we have never really budgeted for a truck before.

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

**TABLED** to purchase 2012 F250 with plow and sander from Moriah Central School in the amount of \$15,000 until Highway Superintendent can look at the truck to see if it is worth it.

Discussion: Tom Cowin-Building & Grounds stated that the campsite does not have a truck to go over the road with and Chip Perry said yes, they do; WWTP gave them one.

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Brassard, Salerno, Anderson
	Nays	Gilbo
	Absent	0

**RESOLVED** to purchase a 2024 Ram 1500 Tradesman Crew pickup truck from Ferrario Ford in the amount of \$39,054.90 for the Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant; one 2024 Chevrolet 3500 Silverado Regular Cab pickup truck from Joe Basil Chevrolet in the amount of \$60,784.55 for the Highway Garage and one 2024 Ram 2500 Regular Cab pickup truck from Falls Dodge in the amount of \$51,754.90 for Building & Grounds.

Discussion: Councilman Gilbo stated he is good with the pickup truck for the Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant because it was budgeted for; as far as the other trucks go he wants to look at the budget/fund balance. He feels we should take turns having a payment every year for a vehicle for each department. Councilman Salerno asked where the money would come from to pay for these trucks and the Supervisor said General and Highway.

Councilman Salerno reported on the campsites; they had a good year; will have numbers at the next board meeting; he stated Bulwagga Bay was ahead of the game and Champ was right there.

### **Supervisor's Report:**

The Supervisor stated the FEMA money for Golf Course Way has been obligated; should have that in 2-4 weeks; \$749,000 Federal and \$200,000 State; will be able to pay off the BAN.

The Supervisor stated he has had countless hours and meetings and site visits with FEMA; major projects will need contractors, Joyce Road, Riddle Road, North end pump station, Dock Lane and Cheney and Bartlett dams. Bartlett Pond will need an engineering study.

The Supervisor has been working with Becky Gilbo on the budget; will need one more workshop; remain within the tax cap; will schedule meeting for next week.

### **Resolutions:**

175. **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 award police station engineering to AEDA Engineering out of Plattsburgh, NY at a cost of \$14,000.

Discussion: This is a requirement for the grant to upgrade the station. The \$14,000 will be reimbursed from the \$122,000 grant.

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

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

**RESOLVED** to raise fee for couches with bed frames in them from \$9.00 to \$20.00; couches without frames or with frames takes out will remain at \$9.00.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated while working on the budget it was discovered that the Transfer is in the hole. Trying to find areas where we are lacking.

177. **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 increase garbage stickers effective immediately from \$3.00 to \$3.50 per 32-gallon bag.

Discussion: Working on the budget; in the hole; trying to close the gap.

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

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

**RESOLVED** that Councilman Gilbo and Councilman Salerno get quotes for new cabins at Bulwagga Bay.

Discussion: Councilman Anderson asked if they would check with modular homes or the Amish and Councilman Salerno stated the cabins we have now have paid for themselves in 2 summers; he would like the new ones to have bathrooms-full service. Councilman Salerno asked if we would use COVID money to pay for them and the Supervisor said yes. The Supervisor stated the money has to be obligated by December 31, 2024. Councilman Salerno stated he and Councilman Gilbo will spec them out.

179. **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 go to bid for a Map, Plan and Report to consolidate Town Water Districts #1, #2 and #4 and Sewer Districts #1 and #2.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated the former Supervisor always wanted to consolidate these districts; Councilman Gilbo wants to do them now; we will see what the bids come back as; this is the first step. Councilman Anderson asked if there was grant money out there for this and the Supervisor stated there used to be. Councilman Gilbo will ask the grant lady about it.

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

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

**RESOLVED** to renew contract with Mountain Medical for Town drug testing for 2025 in the amount of \$150.00.

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

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

**RESOLVED** to refund John Hanchett \$77.50 for payment made in Water District #1; account #WSD00642; Clerk switched account to them in error; they only bought a strip of the property; not the whole thing.

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

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

**RESOLVED** to schedule Public Hearing on 2025 Preliminary Budget for Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 5:45pm at the Town of Moriah Court House.

Discussion: The Town Clerk will look in to if we have to make changes to the budget will we have to reschedule another public hearing.

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

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

**RESOLVED** to schedule a Special Meeting to adopt the 2025 Budget for Thursday, November 7, 2024 immediately following the Public Hearing at the Town of Moriah Court House.

Discussion: Councilman Salerno stated we will listen to the public and the Supervisor stated we can make changes if we have to and have another public hearing.

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

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

**RESOLVED** approval to do transfers in budget as needed.

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

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

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

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

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

**RESOLVED** approval of payment of end of month and monthly warrants.

Discussion: Councilman Anderson asked what we are doing with the truck from the School and the Supervisor stated we can do a resolution at the special meeting on the budget.

### **Floor Open to the Public:**

James Curran asked if the budget went through for the Chamber and the Supervisor stated that would be done at the public hearing and special meeting.

Mr. Curran also stated that the Town needs to get on a 5-7 year forecast to replace Town trucks; get something every 3-4 years.

Chip Perry stated the assessment on the dams needs to be done as soon as possible. The Supervisor stated as soon as we get a file number; when water is the lowest. Mr. Perry stated Cheney dam should be drained and cleaned; also there should be an assessment done on the raw water reservoir. Councilman Salerno asked if we would appropriate for that and the Supervisor

stated they would be separate assessments. Mr. Perry was hoping to get somebody from the County to do it.

The meeting adjourned at 6:36pm.

**Abstract Distributions:**

**Claim Numbers:**

<u>September 26, 2024</u>		2024/1537-1539	
General	\$1,843.57		
Highway	\$822.78		
Water District #1	\$30.80		
Water District #2	\$20.90		
Water District #4	\$3.29		
Sewer District #1	\$1,843.04		
Sewer District #2	\$962.79		
 <u>September 30, 2024</u>		2024/1603	
General	\$450.00		
 <u>October 1, 2024</u>		2024/1605	
General	\$1,674.00		
 <u>October 10, 2024</u>		2024/1660	
General	\$1,093.00		
 <u>October 11, 2024</u>		2024/1664	
General	\$6,966.85		
 <u>October 15, 2024</u>		2024/1670	
General	\$250.00		
 <u>October 17, 2024</u>		2024/1541-1689	
General	\$39,574.74		
Highway	\$257,089.39		
Water District #1	\$2,827.62		
Water District #2	\$2,011.06		
Water District #3	\$2,422.88		
Water District #4	\$36.49		
Sewer District #1	\$9,473.94		
Sewer District #2	\$10,115.60		
 Sewer District #1 Improvements:		MJ Engineering	\$6,390.00 #7
		USPS/EFC	\$30.65 #8
 Stimulus			
Beach House Renovations/Champ RV Park		AEDA	\$375.00 #4

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Town Clerk