

The Town of Moriah Town Board held a Special Meeting on the 2025 Budget on Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 5:53pm at the Town of Moriah Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, NY.

Present: Matthew Brassard Supervisor
Paul Salerno Councilman
Tom Anderson Councilman

Absent: Nathan Gilbo Councilman

Others Present: Becky Gilbo, Bill Trybendis and Joe & Carol Chiarella and Rose French-Town Clerk

The Supervisor opened the hearing at 5:53pm by saluting the flag.

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Brassard, Salerno, Anderson
	Nays	0
	Absent	Gilbo

RESOLVED to increase water rates from \$310.00 to \$340.00 per year/per unit; effective January 1, 2025; Water Districts #1, #2 and #4. Metered rate: \$7.30 per first hundred thousand gallons and \$2.89 per remaining gallons.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated the cost of everything has gone up.

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Brassard, Salerno, Anderson
	Nays	0
	Absent	Gilbo

RESOLVED to increase wastewater rates from \$246.00 to \$256.00 per year/per unit; operation and maintenance only; debt remains the same at \$184.00 per year/per unit; metered rate: \$4.21 per first hundred thousand gallons and \$2.04 per remaining gallons.

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Brassard, Salerno, Anderson
	Nays	0
	Absent	Gilbo

RESOLVED adoption of the 2025 Budget for the Town of Moriah.

Discussion: Councilman Salerno stated it is a really good budget; 1% increase versus 8% or 10% like other Town's in Essex County. Councilman Anderson agreed, this is a good budget. The Supervisor thanked Becky Gilbo for all of her help on it.

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Brassard, Salerno, Anderson
	Nays	0
	Absent	Gilbo

RESOLVED to refund Johanne Simpson \$185.00 for water and sewer payment on account WSD00985 that was already paid in full on 7/17/2024.

Floor Open to the Public:

Carol Chiarella stated the general fund is up from last year. The Supervisor stated it is \$0.94 on a \$100,000 home. She stated we took less out of the fund balance, why. The Supervisor stated Becky's salary will be less, we don't have to pay a driver for meals on wheels, etc. Ms. Chiarella stated last year we used \$216,000 and this year we are only using \$115,000, why. Councilman Salerno stated we had a lot of damage from the storm on July 10th; we don't know what the cost will be to fix all the damage from that yet; we are hoping we will get 75% from FEMA and 12

½% from the State; we need to keep the fund balance in case we need to use it for that; in the meantime, we still have to pay the contractors that have been doing the work. Councilman Anderson stated we are being cautious. The Supervisor stated the tax rate did not increase at all last year. He also stated we stayed under the tax cap this year. Carol Chiarella asked about the County budget. The Supervisor stated he will know more about the County budget at the end of November. Councilman Salerno stated he feels we have the best budget in the County.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.

Town Clerk