

The Town of Moriah Town Board held a Special Meeting on the remaining COVID money on Wednesday, December 11, 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: Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent, Rick Lewis and Rose French-Town Clerk

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

206. **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 to set date for the End of Year Meeting for Friday, November 27, 2024, 10:00AM at the Town Hall.

207. **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 to set date for the Organizational Meeting for Thursday, January 2, 2024, 6:00pm at the Town of Moriah Court House.

The Supervisor stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss how to use the remaining COVID money. We have \$183,557.90 left.

Councilman Gilbo stated he has done some research on cabins for Bulwagga Bay; the manufacturer in Keeseville is more favorable; 12 X 42; fully customized; \$33,000. Councilman Gilbo will meet with Rich Lapier tomorrow morning to see what would need to be done to make them 4 seasons. Councilman Anderson asked how much the Cedar cabins were and Councilman Gilbo stated they were \$89,000. Supervisor Brassard asked if \$33,000 was for a complete cabin and Councilman Gilbo state no, no insulation. Councilman Salerno stated he would like to put a pocket door in them so there can be a bathroom and Councilman Curran stated it is \$33,000 and there is no bathroom? Councilman Gilbo said no. Councilman Salerno stated he feels location is key also, which beach and Councilman Gilbo asked how close the water and sewer was to the cabins at Bulwagga Bay and Councilman Salerno stated he thought about 160 feet away; he felt we could fit one unit in by the bathroom up on the hill. Councilman Anderson asked if we would need a leech field and Councilman Salerno stated no, we would tie in to the Town water and sewer. Councilman Anderson asked if we are looking at 3 cabins; he thinks with site work it would cost around \$50,000 for each cabin. Councilman Gilbo asked how much the cabins made us this year and the Supervisor stated he thought one was \$9,000 and the other one was \$5,000.

Councilman Salerno stated he still feels we should renovate the beach house at Champ RV Park; easily get 2 rental units in there; for roughly \$40,000. Councilman Gilbo stated we would have to purchase the materials to support this idea and the Supervisor said yes, we could set aside \$50,000 for the Champ RV Beach House renovation. Councilman Gilbo asked if there was water and sewer there and Councilman Curran said yes. Councilman Anderson stated if we do the site work ourselves that would bring the price down; Councilman Salerno agreed.

Councilman Salerno would like to look at a gazebo for Powerhouse Park; the Supervisor stated he did; it would cost @\$6,000. Councilman Salerno stated the previous Supervisor always wanted to put a new roof on the Town Hall; also, what about a sidewalk machine.

Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent stated he gave the board information on a new skid steer.

They did get the sidewalk machine running. Mr. Wilson stated it is a 49 horse power for \$39,805 and we can also trade ours in; we would keep our attachments.

208. **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 purchase a 49 horsepower Bobcat Skid-Steer Loader from Bobcat of Plattsburgh; \$39,805; payable with COVID funds.

209. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Gilbo, seconded by Councilman Curran, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED to use \$60,000 of COVID funds to renovate the Champ RV Park Beach House; make in to 2 rentals.

Discussion: Councilman Gilbo stated he will meet with Rich Lapier regarding cabins and the remaining COVID funds. The Supervisor stated we have \$83,000 left. Councilman Anderson stated we could get 2 cabins with that.

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

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

RESOLVED to allow the Moriah Snowmobile Club to use Port Henry Beach for the snowmobile races February 15, 2025.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:52pm to go in to Executive Session to discuss the Union Contract.

The Supervisor stated Councilman Gilbo wanted a breakdown of the difference between the dollar raise and a percentage raise. The Supervisor stated elected official salaries can't change because they have already been posted. Councilman Gilbo stated the difference over 3 years would be @\$20,000. Councilman Salerno stated if the Board decided tonight would it be for a 3-year contract and the Supervisor said yes. Councilman Salerno stated if it is voted down, we would have to hire a lawyer and go to arbitration. The Supervisor stated both sides would have to hire lawyers, etc. Councilman Gilbo stated he would never vote for more than a 3 ½% raise again. Councilman Salerno stated we are in a tough spot because of the lack of workers; he asked the Supervisor if they could strike and the Supervisor said no. The Supervisor proposes for the non-union employees to get whichever raise is to their benefit; the dollar or the percentage. Councilman Anderson stated arbitration scares him; he stated we could lose. Councilman Gilbo and the Supervisor both stated for the non-union employees to get whichever raise works best for them.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:18pm and went back in to the Regular meeting at 7:19pm.

211. **ON MOTION** by Supervisor Brassard; **RESOLVED** approval of the Union Contract for 2025, 2026 and 2027.

Aye	Brassard
Aye	Salerno
Aye	Anderson
Aye	Gilbo
Aye	Curran
Nays	0
Absent	0

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

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

RESOLVED for non-union employees to receive 4% or \$1.00 raise; whichever one is best for them.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

Town Clerk