

The Town of Moriah Town Board held a special Town Board Meeting on Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at 11:45am at the Town of Moriah Town Hall, 38 Park Place, Port Henry, NY for the Town Clerk to present the 2025 Tentative Budget to the Town Board.

Present: Matthew Brassard Supervisor
 Paul Salerno Councilman
 Tom Anderson Councilman

Absent: Nathan Gilbo Councilman

Others Present: Buck & Sandy Beebe, Becky Gilbo, LeeAnn Sprague and Rose French-Town Clerk

The Supervisor opened the meeting at 11:45am by saluting the flag.

He then read the legal notice calling for the Special Meeting.

The Supervisor stated the General Fund and Highway look good. Water 1 and Water 2 need some work; we will need to use fund balance or raise the rates. He stated everyone has a handout of highlighted changes. Buck Beebe stated water in the Town of Moriah is cheap. The Supervisor stated we should set dates for budget workshops. Councilman Salerno stated this meeting is for the Town Clerk to give the Tentative Budget to the Town Board; we need workshops to go over all line items. Buck Beebe asked if the ambulance squad was going to affect our taxes. Supervisor Brassard stated they originally asked for \$280,000 and the Town Board said no; the Town Board told the squad they had to make it reasonable for the taxpayers. Buck Beebe asked what they are getting now and Becky Gilbo said they are currently getting @ \$59,000. The Supervisor stated he, Councilman Salerno, Mike Mascarenas, Mike Moran and Becky Gilbo all met; he told them the money they are asking for was not doable; settled on \$100,000; will be taken out of fund balance; won't affect the tax rate and we will have full coverage. The Supervisor also stated that there will be some paid hours and some volunteer hours; it is the best solution right now. Buck Beebe asked if they would be paid or volunteer and the Supervisor said both. Councilman Salerno stated they had a negotiation meeting; the money they originally asked for wasn't going to happen. He stated at the meeting at the K of C it was brought up that there are 2600 parcels in the Town of Moriah and only 2,200 of them are taxed. He does not feel that a parcel that is a pasture with cows on it should be taxed for an ambulance district. Councilman Salerno also stated that the \$100,000 will have very little impact. Councilman Salerno stated there are 5-6 people at the Moriah Ambulance Squad who are paid through the County; he stated he cares about the Town of Moriah; he feels we will have to deal with this again in the near future with State mandates; will cost more in the future.

The Supervisor stated we will work on it in the budget workshops.

Budget workshops were set for Thursday, October 10, 2024; 6pm Court House and Tuesday, October 15, 2024; 6pm Court House.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55am.

Town Clerk