

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Town Board Meeting on Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 6:00pm at the Port Henry Knights of Columbus, 4253 Main Street, Port Henry, NY.

Present:	Matthew Brassard	Supervisor
	Paul Salerno	Councilman
	Tom Anderson	Councilman
	Nate Gilbo	Councilman
	James Curran	Councilman
	Jamie Wilson	Highway Superintendent
	Tom Cowin	Building & Grounds Superintendent
	William Tansey	Town Attorney
	Rose French	Town Clerk

Others Present: Bill Trybendis, George Clark, Sharon O'Connor, Patricia Gallagher, Debra Craigue, Howie Swan, Mark Lashway, Ned Phinney, Bernadette Trow and Patricia Montgomery

The Supervisor opened the meeting at 6:00pm by saluting the flag. He thanked everyone for coming.

ON MOTION by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Curran, the following resolution was

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

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

Floor Open to the Public:

Patricia Gallagher asked when the NY Forward Committee will be up and running for suggestions and the Supervisor stated probably the 2nd week in June; will be 3-4 meetings and will be open to the public. Ms. Gallagher asked what the Town's plan was and the Supervisor stated we are waiting for the State to go out to bid for a consultant and then will send surveys out throughout the Town.

Bernadette Trow asked about the Pocket Park in Port Henry; it is in bad shape; she would like to see it look better; need new picnic tables and it needs to be cleaned out. Tom Cowin-Building & Grounds Superintendent stated he will get on it.

Patricia Montgomery stated she has 4 bands for the M3 Music Fest; will have an open mic again. Councilman Curran stated it is Labor Day weekend before the fire works at Port Henry Beach. Ms. Montgomery stated she still needs vendors. She got a grant for \$800 for the festival. She also stated she will need 2 tents and a stage. The Supervisor stated he will get with Tom Scozzafava regarding the power.

Debra Craigue asked about the building at Port Henry Beach and the Supervisor stated the new building will be an event space; we are shovel ready; hoping to get grant money now. The Campground Manager is using the existing building (beach house). Patricia Gallagher asked if the shovel ready plan could be put on the website and the Supervisor said yes. Patricia Montgomery asked if the RV's could be pushed back to make room for the event space and the Board said no.

Department Head/Town Board Reports:

Tom Cowin-Building & Grounds Superintendent stated they have been busy mowing; both ball fields look good, cemeteries are ready for Memorial Day and they will work on the Pocket Park.

Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent stated FEMA has reopened; working on closing out 26 projects. Bartlett Pond is wrapped up; Meachem Street is almost done. Working on the engineering for Dock Lane. Sweeping is wrapping up; they do all the County roads also; have had some issues with the brooms. They cleaned up Roe Pond getting it ready for the Fishing

Derby this weekend. There were a lot of needles lying around so please be careful. They have been helping the campground with the cabins and getting the docks in. They had to replace a water line at the Highway Garage. The Supervisor asked about paving and Mr. Wilson stated there is nothing set in stone yet. Box culvert on Joyce Road will be replaced. Sharon O'Connor asked if they could at least patch the bad spots and Mr. Wilson said yes.

The Supervisor reported on the Water & Sewer Department; had a bad water break on Tobey Street and they have replaced 300' of sewer line near Maple Knoll. He stated there have been a lot of dog issues lately also. Animal Control Officer Ed Roberts received his first dog bite but is fine. The Supervisor asked to be please be mindful of your pets and keep them tied up.

114. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Curran, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED approval to hire Tyler French as Assistant Director of the 2026 Summer Youth Program.

115. **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 hire Marissa Feeley, Alexis Cheney, Hayden Lobdell, Jaelynn Sprague, Alexis Mascarenas, William Orr, Thomas Fisher Jr., Brayden Armstrong, Owen Bobbie and Emmalee Johnson as Counselors for the 2026 Summer Youth Program.

Discussion: Camper to Counselor ratio is 1:10, 4-week program, will run July 6, 2026- July 31, 2026.

Councilman Gilbo stated he missed a call regarding the playground grant; equipment will be for Witherbee Park and the Ball Field.

Councilman Gilbo will have more to report on the Comprehensive Economic Development Plan in August.

Councilman Gilbo stated he is hoping to have a presentation on the Bulwagga Bay Erosion Grant for the July meeting; we received \$50,000 grant for engineering.

Councilman Gilbo stated FEMA projects will continue now that FEMA is back open.

Councilman Gilbo asked the Supervisor if he has heard anything about the County filming their meetings and the Supervisor said no.

Councilman Gilbo asked where we were with pressure reducers and the Supervisor stated we ordered 2 and 2 are being rebuilt.

Councilman Gilbo asked Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent if there was an agreement with the County to sweep their roads and Mr. Wilson stated the Town gets paid to do them.

Councilman Curran stated the Farmer's Markets will begin June 12, 2026 and will run until September 4, 2026. They will have a community garden again at the Train Station; Mountain Lakes Services will be helping with that. August 1, 2026 is Champ Day and May 30th is the Town wide lawn sale.

Councilman Salerno had nothing to report.

Discussion/Supervisor's Report:

The Supervisor stated FEMA is open. He has been getting a lot of property maintenance complaints; he wants to put in the budget next year for a full-time code officer.

Champ Beach will be open this year, Bulwagga Bay Beach closed; will be open 6/17/2026-9/1/2026.

116. **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 set Rich Lapier hourly rate as Asst. Campsite Foreman at \$20.20 for 2026 season.

Discussion: This should have been done at the Organizational Meeting.

117. **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 set Art Brassard hourly rate as Peace Officer at \$27.09 for 2026.

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

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

RESOLVED to hire Hannah Slattery, Sophia McKiernan and Addison James (Crown Point resident) as Lifeguards for the 2026 season.

The discussion to raise the threshold for depreciation; Buildings/Machinery/Equipment to \$10,000; land to \$5,000 and infrastructure to \$50,000 per CPA was **TABLED**. The Supervisor stated this was recommended during our audit. Councilman Gilbo wants to understand it better.

There was discussion to set up a NYCLASS account. Moriah is the only Town who does not participate. There is no minimum; ½% higher than Arrowbank. Would make getting County money easier.

119. **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 do a BAN for Dock Lane **AND** Joyce Road; total \$750,000.

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

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

RESOLVED to contract with Vicki Tucker as Champ RV Park Assistant Manager for the 2026 season; free campsite in lieu of payment.

Discussion: Bill Cook, Manager has to have shoulder surgery, had a hard time finding someone to fill in; Assistant will be Vicki Tucker only.

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

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

RESOLVED to reimburse Vicki Tucker \$150.00 for campsite deposit at Champ RV Park.

The Supervisor stated he has had 5 young men express interest in the Police Officer position; would have to go through 6-month academy and take a civil service exam. Councilman Salerno stated we need to do the renovations on the police station for the State Police and Sheriff's Department.

Resolutions:

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

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

RESOLVED to reimburse Rose French \$150.00 deposit for Champ RV Park; will not be camping this year.

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

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

RESOLVED to approve purchase of rake for new tractor at beach in the amount of \$1,000.

124. **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 approve one day seminar for Eugene Williams; grievance day preparation; 4/22/2026; \$225.00.

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

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

RESOLVED to approve payment to H & T Engineering PLLC for Joyce Road Culvert Replacement FEMA Project in the amount of \$5,812.50.

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

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

RESOLVED to approve payment to H & T Engineering PLLC for Joyce Road Culvert Replacement FEMA Project in the amount of \$2,500.

127. **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 approve payment to H & T Engineering PLLC for Riddle Road FEMA Project in the amount of \$19,208.74.

128. **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 approve payment to Telling & Hillman PC in the amount of \$10,000 for audit fieldwork through 4/12/2026.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated this is for our annual report. Town received \$1 million in FEMA money so we have to have a single audit.

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

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

RESOLVED to allow payment to local vendors to be paid in the same month as the board meeting.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated this is the right thing to do for our local vendors.

130. **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 remove Viking Ship from playground in Grover Hills due to it falling apart and becoming a liability to the Town; will look in to replacing it with campground equipment.

Discussion: Tom Cowin-Building & Grounds Superintendent stated they are repairing the boards all the time and screws are sticking up.

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

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

RESOLVED to hire Parker Anderson, Mason McCray, Kyliegh Batterson, Matthew Dennis, Ayden Trepanier, Jackson Frasier, Mike Vanderhoof, Brayden Thompson, Karter Swan, Quincy Swan and Sophia Taylor for the 2026 YCC Program; 7/6/2026-7/31/2026; 20 hours per week.

132. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Curran, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED to approve payment to NOAS Junk Removal for cleanup at 4383 Main Street; \$3,950.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated the County owns it and has agreed to split the cost with the Town. Councilman Gilbo asked if other Towns do this and the Supervisor stated the Town of Jay just did it and then gave to the Land Bank. Sharon O'Connor feels the Town will be opening up a can of worms if this is allowed; other people are going to expect it.

133. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Curran, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED to approve payment to Electric & Heating Service for work on furnace at Town Hall; 5/4/2026; \$562.00.

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

RESOLVED to do adjustments in water and sewer as needed.

136. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Gilbo, the following resolution was
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| APPROVED | Ayes | Brassard, Salerno, Anderson, Gilbo, Curran |
| | Nays | 0 |
| | Absent | 0 |

RESOLVED payment of end of month and monthly warrants.

137. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Gilbo, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was
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| APPROVED | Ayes | Brassard, Salerno, Anderson, Gilbo, Curran |
| | Nays | 0 |
| | Absent | 0 |

RESOLVED JOINT SEWER CONSOLIDATION AGREEMENT

This agreement is dated May 21, 2026, by the Town Board of the Town of Moriah (the “Town”) and on behalf of Town of Moriah Sewer Districts 1 & 2 (the “Districts”) and witnesses the following:

Whereas the Town Board may consolidate government entities pursuant to Article 17-a of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York; and

Whereas, the Town Board authorized the MJ Engineering Architecture Landscape Architecture and In Surveying, P.C. to provide a Map, Plan, and Report, which has been submitted and which is attached to the Agreement as Exhibit A; and

Whereas, the Town Board intends for this Agreement to be the Joint Consolidated Agreement pursuant to Article 17-a of the General Municipal Law.

Now, therefore, the Town Board on behalf of the above Districts agrees as follows:

1. Specifications of Agreement. The specifications required by General Municipal Law §752(2) are set forth in the Map, Plan, and Report. The Town Board will, on behalf of the Districts, administer the Consolidated District as set forth in accordance with law and the Map, Plan, and Report.

2. Endorsement of Agreement. The resolution of the Town Board of the Town endorsing this Agreement shall be attached hereto as Exhibit B.

3. Effective Date. The Agreement shall be effective immediately upon compliance with the procedural requirements of Article 17-a of the General Municipal Law and for billing purposes shall take effect January 1, 2027.

4. General Provisions. This Agreement shall be subject to the laws of the State of New York.

138. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Gilbo, seconded by Councilman Curran, the following resolution was
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| APPROVED | Ayes | Brassard, Salerno, Anderson, Gilbo, Curran |
| | Nays | 0 |
| | Absent | 0 |

RESOLVED JOINT WATER CONSOLIDATION AGREEMENT

This agreement is dated May 21, 2026, by the Town Board of the Town of Moriah (the “Town”) and on behalf of Town of Moriah Water Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4 (the “Districts”) and witnesses the following:

Whereas the Town Board may consolidate government entities pursuant to Article 17-a of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York; and

Whereas, the Town Board authorized the MJ Engineering Architecture Landscape Architecture and In Surveying, P.C. to provide a Map, Plan, and Report, which has been submitted and which is attached to the Agreement as Exhibit A; and

Whereas, the Town Board intends for this Agreement to be the Joint Consolidated Agreement pursuant to Article 17-a of the General Municipal Law.

Now, therefore, the Town Board on behalf of the above Districts agrees as follows:

1. Specifications of Agreement. The Specifications required by General Municipal Law §752(2) are set forth in the Map, Plan and Report. The Town Board will, on behalf of the Districts, administer the Consolidation District as set forth in accordance with law and the Map, Plan and Report.
2. Endorsement of Agreement. The resolution of the Town Board of the Town endorsing this Agreement shall be attached hereto as Exhibit B.
3. Effective Date. The Agreement shall be effective immediately upon compliance with the procedural requirements of Article 17-a of the General Municipal Law and for billing purposes shall take effect January 1, 2027.
4. General Provisions. This Agreement shall be subject to the laws of the State of New York.

Floor Open to the Public:

Patricia Montgomery asked if there were any new restaurants coming and the Supervisor stated NY Forward looks promising; he met with someone regarding a grocery store. Gilbo’s and Don Foote will be opening something and Tom Trow has something on the corner of St. Patrick’s Place; Sunsations will be open again for hair.

The Supervisor addressed the battery storage issue; the Board is well aware of it. The Town has not been contacted by anyone regarding one; can’t do a moratorium yet on them because they are only good for one year.

Patricia Montgomery asked about the rare earth materials and the Supervisor stated it is on Dalton Hill; it is a viable thing.

The Supervisor stated he had a meeting regarding the hydro project; they are very active; did not win RFP with NYSERDA; will apply again. They will hold a public meeting at the School in August.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.

Town Clerk

Abstract Distributions:

April 28, 2026

General \$1,620.19

Claim Numbers:

2026/588-598

Highway	\$1,514.14
Water #1	\$33.60
Water #2	\$22.79
Water #3	\$1,999.92
Water #4	\$3.60
Sewer #1	\$60.00

May 21, 2026

General	\$119,500.91	2026/599-784
Highway	\$44,958.05	
Fire Protection	\$52,000.00	
Water District #1	\$18,300.38	
Water District #2	\$7,705.37	
Water District #3	\$3,783.12	
Water District #4	\$264.66	
Sewer District #1	\$18,662.66	
Sewer District #2	\$9,822.83	

Capital Projects:

Sewer District #1 Improvements	NYS DEC SPDES Permit	\$110.00	#2
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