

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Town Board Meeting on Thursday, July 16, 2026 at 6:00pm at the Town of Moriah Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, NY.

Present:	Matthew Brassard Nate Gilbo James Curran	Supervisor Councilman Councilman
Absent:	Paul Salerno Tom Anderson	Councilman Councilman
	Carl Perry Thomas Cowin Rose French	Water/Wastewater Plant Chief Operator Building & Grounds Superintendent Town Clerk

Others Present: Bill Trybendis, Mark Lashway, Sharon O’Connor, Tom Yakalis, Dan Bryant, and Ray Burlingame

The Supervisor opened the meeting at 6:00pm by saluting the flag. He thanked everyone for coming. He stated Councilman Salerno and Councilman Anderson have been excused, they are on vacation.

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

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

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

Floor Open to the Public:

Mark Lashway stated Patty Gallagher wanted to know when the first meeting was going to be for the NY Forward grant and the Supervisor stated there will be a public open house at the Knights of Columbus on August 5, 2026 at 5:00pm. There will also be a meet and greet on August 6, 2026 at the pavilion at Bulwagga Bay Campsite from 8:00am – 10:00am to meet the consultant. Projects should be submitted early September.

Department Head/Town Board Reports:

Tom Cowin-Building & Grounds Superintendent reported they have been mowing and weed whacking; they have a couple of YCC kids and they have been a huge help. The Supervisor stated the Viking Ship at Linney Field is down; will look into getting something more kid friendly to replace it. Mr. Cowin stated the cabin rental sign is up at Champ RV Park and they are working on the one at Bulwagga Bay Campsite.

Carl Perry-WWTP reported they are waiting for more parts for the Port Henry water plant to repair the main panel; still manning it 7 days a week.

The Supervisor read Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent’s report: Meachem Street is complete, installed new drainage structure and outlet pipe on Bridge Street, Bartlett Pond Dam and road project is complete. Cheney Road stabilization along the brook will start Monday; should only take a couple of days, they have been cutting roadside brush for the County, paving on Edgemont Road; Moriah Road to Fisk Road was done today. Mr. Wilson would like to thank the following Towns for their help today; Crown Point, Minerva, Newcomb, North Hudson and Willsboro. Roadside mowing will resume next week along with trucking for other Towns. He thanked Jointa Lime and LeeAnn Sprague for all her hard work with the FEMA projects.

Discussion/Supervisor’s Report:

The Supervisor stated he has been getting a lot of complaints on e bikes; NYS has laws regarding them. He reminded everyone that the Town Board is not law enforcement; there have been a lot of dog complaints also.

Resolutions:

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

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

RESOLVED approval for Supervisor to sign Agreement with Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board for the Town of Moriah Economic Development Plan.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated the grant writer got this grant; \$75,000, the LCLG planning board will administer it.

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

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

RESOLVED approval for Supervisor to sign Agreement with Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board for the Town of Moriah Comprehensive Plan.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated this is a crucial update so the Town can go after grants. This and the Economic Development Plan are paid for with grant money.

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

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

RESOLVED authorizing submission of grant application to New York State Department of State's local waterfront revitalization program (LWRP) for the construction of a public pavilion and gathering space at Port Henry's Champ Beach Park

WHEREAS, the Town of Moriah is committed to enhancing public access to its waterfront and providing amenities that support recreation, tourism, and community well-being; and

WHEREAS, the Town has identified Port Henry's Champ Beach Park as a priority site for improvements consistent with the goals outlined in the 2010 LWRP Component Plan titled Essex and Clinton Counties Waterfront Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town proposes to construct a public pavilion at Champ Beach to provide shelter, event space for gathering and support for community events, in alignment with LWRP objectives to improve waterfront facilities and expand public use; and

WHEREAS, New York State's consolidated funding application is offering funding for this type of project through the New York State Department of State under the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program grant program; and

WHEREAS, the Town intends to submit a grant for NYSDOS LWRP funding in an amount not to exceed 75% of the project cost, with a 25% local match requirement that the Town may provide in the form of cash contribution, volunteer time, municipal force accounts, in-kind services, or other non-state grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project has been reviewed and found consistent with the Towns adopted LWRP component plan, and all necessary permits and environmental reviews will be completed in accordance with SEQRA and other applicable regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Town gives the Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board consent and support to submit the LWRP application; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1. The Town Board hereby authorizes the use of LWRP funds for the construction and installation of a public pavilion at Port Henry’s Champ Beachfront.
- 2. The Town Board authorizes the Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board (LCLGRPB) to prepare and submit the funding application to the New York State Department of State on behalf of the Town of Moriah.
- 3. The Town Supervisor is authorized to execute any and all necessary documents, agreements, or certifications required for the application and implementation of the project, and to coordinate with the LCLGRPB and the NYS Department of State to ensure the project complies with all applicable guidelines.
- 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated we are reapplying for this waterfront grant; wanted letters of support form businesses; we received 8 or 9.

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

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

RESOLVED approval of a Gender-Based Violence and Workplace Policy for NYS Bidders.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated we have already met most of this criteria; need it for the waterfront grant.

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

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

RESOLVED to approve proposal from Arold Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$5,350.00/day for camera work on the College Street field drain line.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated while Building & Grounds were mowing the field the mower fell in a sink hole. County came down with their radar; there are voids in the field; the pipe is 28 feet down. Councilman Gilbo stated this amount seems high and the Supervisor stated he asked what happens if they are only there for 2 hours, we will still get charged for the whole day. Carl Perry stated it is a storm drain pipe and the Supervisor stated it is about 24-36 inches wide, it is not a sewer drain pipe. Arold is about 2 weeks out.

166. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Gilbo, seconded by Councilman Curran, the following resolution was
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| APPROVED | Ayes | Brassard, Gilbo, Curran |
| | Nays | 0 |
| | Absent | Salerno, Anderson |
- RESOLVED** to approve payment to MJ Engineering in the amount of \$10,920.00 for Sewer District #1 Collection System Upgrades.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated this is the next phase of the sewer project; had preconstruction meeting this morning; bids will be opened on August 6th; this is for Republic Street towards the Transfer Station through the woods.

167. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Curran, seconded by Councilman Gilbo, the following resolution was
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| APPROVED | Ayes | Brassard, Gilbo, Curran |
| | Nays | 0 |
| | Absent | Salerno, Anderson |
- RESOLVED** to approve payment to MJ Engineering in the amount of \$1,425.00 for map, plan and report for water debt consolidation analysis.

Discussion: Councilman Gilbo wanted to clarify at the public hearing he was upset with MJ Engineering for not catching the water debt issue in Water District #3 when in reality it was a legal review issue. The Supervisor stated that just today William Tansey, Town Attorney got word back from the Comptroller's Office and they are ok with the Town's plan to consolidate; the Supervisor will get more information Monday when he meets with Mr. Tansey.

168. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Curran, seconded by Councilman Gilbo, the following resolution was
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| APPROVED | Ayes | Brassard, Gilbo, Curran |
| | Nays | 0 |
| | Absent | Salerno, Anderson |
- RESOLVED** to approve payment to H & T Engineering in the amount of \$645.00 for bid review, construction support and inspection for the Joyce Road Culvert Replacement Project.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated this is a FEMA project and it should start in 2-3 weeks.

169. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Curran, seconded by Councilman Gilbo, the following resolution was
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| APPROVED | Ayes | Brassard, Gilbo, Curran |
| | Nays | 0 |
| | Absent | Salerno, Anderson |
- RESOLVED** to approve payment to JZ Signs in the amount of \$1,186.00 for cabin rental signs.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated Councilman Curran approached him a couple of weeks ago recommending signs for the cabins at both beaches to let people know driving by that they are available to rent.

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

RESOLVED to approve lease agreement with Delaware & Hudson Railway Company (CPKC) for land rent in the amount of \$972.41.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated this is for a sewer pipe (Manhole 13) that runs under the railroad tracks.

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

RESOLVED to approve payment to Jointa Lime Co. in the amount of \$9,286.44 for Cheney Road FEMA project.

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

RESOLVED to approve payment to All States Construction Inc. in the amount of \$304,751.76 for Meachem Street FEMA project.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated this project is completely done now; Town has to pay 12 ½%.

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

RESOLVED to approve payment to Suozzo, Doty & Associates in the amount of \$3,622.50 for professional services May 2026 for the water plant rejection reservoir.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated Carl Perry WWTP got an \$80,000 grant from the Lake Champlain Basin Program for this.

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

RESOLVED a resolution authorizing application for New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation Emergency Financial Assistance for the Port Henry Water Plant Main Control Panel Replacement

WHEREAS, the Town of Moriah owns and operates the Port Henry Water Plant and public water distribution system that provides potable water to residents, businesses, schools, and public facilities; and

WHEREAS, during 2026 the Town experienced repeated water system emergencies including water main breaks, loss of system pressure, multiple boil water orders issued by the New York State Department of Health, failure of aging pressure-reducing valves, and operational failures involving the Port Henry Water Plant; and

WHEREAS, the Towns existing Main Control Panel utilizes an obsolete and failing

programmable logic controller (PLC) processor that is no longer reliable for operation of the water treatment facility; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that replacement of the Main Control Panel is necessary to maintain safe, reliable, and continuous operation of the Port Henry Water Plant and to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents served by the Towns public water system; and

WHEREAS, the Town has received a proposal from General Control Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$29,675.00 for replacement of the Main Control Panel, including PLC replacement, SCADA programming, installation, startup, testing, and commissioning.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Moriah hereby authorizes submission of an application to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation for Emergency Financial Assistance for the replacement of the Main Control Panel at the Port Henry Water Plant and any related emergency improvements necessary to restore and maintain reliable operation of the Towns public water system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the emergency repair and replacement of critical water treatment control equipment, including the Main Control Panel, programmable logic controller (PLC), associated electrical and control components, SCADA programming, and related infrastructure necessary to restore and maintain safe and reliable drinking water service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor, the Chief Water Operator, and the Town Clerk are hereby authorized to prepare, execute, and submit all applications, certifications, operational records, technical documentation, cost estimates, and supporting materials necessary to obtain Emergency Financial Assistance from the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is authorized to execute all agreements and documents necessary to carry out the project upon approval of funding.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated at last month’s meeting the Board accepted quote from General Control’s in the amount of \$29,000 for this repair; hoping to get emergency funding from NYS EFC to offset some of the cost.

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

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

RESOLVED to set a date for special meeting to adopt bond resolution for Road Culvert and Reconstruction Project.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated at the Pubic Hearing the Town Clerk caught that the bond resolution did not say anything about Dock Lane; Bond Council redid resolution but

we don't have enough members tonight to approve it. The Board will get back to the Supervisor with a date that works for everybody.

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

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

RESOLVED a Resolution acknowledging and implementing New York State Agriculture & Markets Law §109 Regarding Voluntary Contributions for animal shelters.

WHEREAS, New York State Agriculture and Markets Law §109 requires municipalities issuing dog licenses to provide applicants and renewal applicants with the opportunity to make a voluntary contribution to support animal shelter services; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Moriah contracts with North Country SPCA to provide animal shelter services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Moriah hereby designates North Country SPCA, the Towns contracted animal shelter provider, as the recipient of all voluntary animal shelter contributions collected through dog license applications and renewals pursuant to Agriculture and Markets Law §109; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is authorized to update dog license applications and renewal forms to include the required voluntary contribution option identifying the designated animal shelter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is authorized to establish an accounting line item or other appropriate account, in accordance with the guidance issued by the New York State Office of the State Comptroller, for the receipt and tracking of all voluntary animal shelter contributions collected under Agriculture and Markets Law §109.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all voluntary contributions shall be transferred to the Town, from the Town Clerk, and remitted to the designated animal shelter no less than annually, or more frequently as determined appropriate by the Town Board or the Town's Fiscal Officer.

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

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

RESOLVED to approve 5 night stay for Eugene Williams for Assessor Training at Cornell in Ithaca NY; \$849.60.

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

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

RESOLVED approval to do transfers in budget as needed.

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

APPROVED	Ayes	Brassard, Gilbo, Curran
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Nays0AbsentSalerno, Anderson

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

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

APPROVEDAyesBrassard, Gilbo, CurranNays0AbsentSalerno, Anderson

RESOLVED approval to pay end of month and monthly warrants.

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

APPROVEDAyesBrassard, Gilbo, CurranNays0AbsentSalerno, Anderson

RESOLVED to set date for special meeting for Labella Associates to give a presentation on the Bulwagga Bay Shoreline Stabilization project for Wednesday, August 26, 2026 at 5pm at the Town of Moriah Court House.

Carl Perry WWTP Chief Operator asked the Supervisor about the Cheney dam FEMA project. The Supervisor stated the scope of work has been submitted to replace the cap. Will install an aluminum walkway for safety; should be done late summer early fall. Mr. Perry urged the Board to go look at Cheney dam, it is in desperate need of repair and it needs to be done soon.

Floor Open to the Public:

Mark Lashway asked the Supervisor if he had anymore information on the Hydro Project; when the informational meeting was going to be at the school and the Supervisor stated it will be in August sometime; does not have an official date yet. The Supervisor stated he had a zoom meeting with the Essex County IDA and the State; the Hydro people gave the State an update.

Daniel Bryant asked the Board if they had a chance to look at the proposal from TP Monahan regarding the roof replacement at the Port Henry Fire Department; Councilman Curran said yes and Councilman Gilbo said no. The Supervisor asked Mr. Bryant if he could get a scope of work for just the elevator shaft. Mr. Bryant stated the asbestos removal was not included in the proposal. Mr. Bryant asked Tom Cowin if the Town had a fork rake, the baseball diamond at the ball field on College Street needs to be raked; Mr. Cowin stated he would take care of it.

Councilman Curran reported the Chamber will have a coin drop this weekend and Champ Day is August 1st.

Tom Yakalis asked about the Economic Development Plan and the Supervisor stated it will be driven by the public.

Ray Burlingame asked if the Town had any brochures with rules/regulations regarding e bikes and the Supervisor stated he will get some from the Sheriff’s Department.

The meeting adjourned at 6:39pm.

Town Clerk

Abstract Distributions:

<u>May 28, 2026</u>	
General	\$11,411.57
Highway	\$667.13

Claim Numbers:

2026/785-791

June 22, 2026

General	\$4,099.00	2026/955
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June 26, 2026

General	\$1,468.00	2026/956-960
Highway	\$1,474.10	
Water #1	\$84.24	
Water #2	\$65.52	
Water #3	\$84.24	
Sewer #1	\$152.10	
Sewer #2	\$81.90	

July 8, 2026

General	\$1,000.00	2026/1069
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General	\$75,364.53	2026/962-1144
Highway	\$371,422.64	
Water #1	\$5,201.66	
Water #2	\$3,997.56	
Water #3	\$10,602.70	
Water #4	\$247.54	
Sewer #1	\$16,413.33	
Sewer #2	\$4,931.28	

Capital Projects:

Sewer District #1 Improvements	MJ Engineering	\$10,920.00	#4
Sewer District #1 Improvements	Times of Ti	\$303.65	#5