

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Town Board Meeting on Thursday, August 20, 2026 at 6:00pm at the Town of Moriah Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, NY.

Present:	Paul Salerno	Councilman
	Tom Anderson	Councilman
	Nate Gilbo	Councilman
	James Curran	Councilman
	Thomas Cowin	Building & Grounds Superintendent
	Rose French	Town Clerk
Absent:	Matt Brassard	Supervisor

Others Present: Bill Trybendis, Sharon O’Connor, Dan Bryant, and Patricia Gallagher

Deputy Supervisor Paul Salerno opened the meeting at 6:00pm by saluting the flag. He stated Chip Perry, Art Morgan and Jamie Wilson have been excused.

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

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

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

Floor Open to the Public:

Councilman Salerno thanked Sharon O’Connor for coming.

Department Head/Town Board Reports:

Councilman Gilbo spoke about getting a local grant writer; will have more information at the September meeting.

Councilman Anderson reported the summer program was a success; Jessica McKiernan, Tyler French and Cecelia Briggs did a good job. Enrollment is down. The Counselors did a great job, he thanked everyone. Councilman Curran asked why it was only a 4-week program and Councilman Anderson stated it is due to the pay; we don’t have enough money to pay everybody for a longer program; have had the same budget for years.

Councilman Curran reported that Champ Day was a success. There are a lot of events planned for Labor Day weekend; Friday there is the farmers market, Saturday is the M3 music fest starting at 3pm until dark and then the fireworks, Sunday is the Labor Day dash at 8am, lineup for the parade is at 1, parade starts at 2, Grand Marshall is Joann Podres, there will be a float contest. Councilman Salerno asked why Champ Day was on private property and not on the ball field on College Street and Councilman Curran stated there is a cardboard boat race and they could not have that on the field.

Tom Cowin-Building & Grounds reported they have been busy working on the dog kennel. They will start taking banners down @ September 21, 2026. Trying to get a bucket truck from SLIC, but they only have one spare so we might lose it if they need it. If that happens they can try to schedule one with the County. He asked the Board to please consider putting a bucket truck in the budget for next year, it would get used by other departments also. He will get some quotes together for the next meeting.

Councilman Salerno stated there are 76 seasonal sites and 16 transient sites at Champ RV Park; year to date revenue is 18% higher than 2025. Bulwagga Bay Campsite has 166 seasonals; waiting list is growing; reservations on Air B & B are up. He stated the cabins on the hill are sub-par because there are no bathrooms. Jamie Wilson is going to have Derek Trepanier work on putting bathrooms on both cabins in September; they will be attached to each cabin. We had 34

calls to rent but then when they found out there were no bathrooms they declined. Councilman Salerno stated we will need to talk to an electrician about doing the power.

Discussion/Supervisor’s Report:

Councilman Salerno read an email from North Country Trains; they are willing to do a complete cosmetic restoration to the train at the Train Station in exchange for the traction motors and other minor internal parts. Councilman Salerno would like to speak to Tom Scozzafava and Brian Venne regarding this before a decision is made.

Councilman Salerno reported that during the last 4 weeks the Town of Moriah has had 52 calls of service for the Sheriff’s Department and 101 calls of service for the NYS Police. The Supervisor and Councilman Anderson did interview 2 people. They would be part time; no health insurance; each one would do 10 hrs per week; \$31.50-\$32.50 per hour. Councilman Anderson would like to discuss this when we have a full board.

The Town Clerk stated that Bill Tansey, Town Attorney is working on amending Local Law #4 of 2019; “Animal Control Law of the Town of Moriah” to “Dog Control Law of the Town of Moriah”. Will have a public hearing and special meeting to adopt new local law once it is done.

Councilman Salerno stated the Town received a letter from CIDC Essex, LLC asking for the Town’s consideration in reducing the building permit fee for the new BOCES building; it would cost them \$60,000. Councilman Salerno stated this is just for discussion tonight. Councilman Gilbo stated it is a not for profit; he worries about the tax implications; the new building will provide jobs for contractors, etc. Councilman Anderson stated we wanted them to stay here, why punish them. Councilman Gilbo asked if they were looking for it to be reduced or waived all together and Councilman Salerno stated they are looking for a break in the amount. The Board decided to discuss details when the Supervisor is here.

Resolutions:

188.

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

APPROVED

Ayes

Nays

Absent

Salerno, Anderson, Gilbo, Curran

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Brassard

RESOLVED to amend Resolution #186 from August 10, 2026 approving \$2,000 stipend to Carl Perry; Mr. Perry will not be compensated for use of his Class D License for the Water & Sewer Department.
189.

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

APPROVED

Ayes

Nays

Absent

Salerno, Anderson, Gilbo, Curran

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Brassard

RESOLVED to approve payment to JZ Signs in the amount of \$950.00 for the Witherbee welcome sign.
190.

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

APPROVED

Ayes

Nays

Absent

Salerno, Anderson, Gilbo, Curran

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Brassard

RESOLVED to approve payment to JZ Signs in the amount of \$2,380.00 for the new Champ sighting sign.

Discussion: Councilman Curran mentioned moving the sign to the park on Main Street.

191.

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

APPROVED

Ayes

Nays

Salerno, Anderson, Gilbo, Curran

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Absent Brassard
RESOLVED to appoint Matt Ball as Dog Control Officer effective 9/1/2026; paid with remaining funds from 2026 Budget.

Discussion: Councilman Salerno stated Ed Roberts is ready to be done.

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

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

RESOLVED to award Kubricky-Jointa Lime LLC bid for Sewer District #1 Collection System Upgrades; Phase 1B in the amount of \$1,404,747.50; alternate 1 base bid reduction \$271,250.00.

Discussion: Councilman Gilbo asked if this was on the recommendation of the engineer and Councilman Salerno read the bids: All States Construction came in at \$1,860,758.50 and Kubricky-Jointa Lime was \$1,404,747.50. Councilman Gilbo stated Kubricky-Jointa Lime is on MJ Engineering’s recommendation; he then explained the sewer project to Patricia Gallagher.

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

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

RESOLVED to go to bid for fuel oil, kerosene, diesel and propane; October 2026-September 2027; bids to be opened at the September meeting.

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

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

RESOLVED to approve payment to All States Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$129,207.27 for Meachem Street Drainage Improvements; FEMA project.

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

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

RESOLVED to approve payment to All States Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$10,387.00 for Meachem Street additional structures; FEMA project.

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

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

RESOLVED to approve payment to Simplified Solutions Systems LLC in the amount of \$2,400.00 for grant work July 2026.

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

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

RESOLVED to approve payment to Telling & Hillman, P.C. in the amount of \$1,500.00 for audit report year ending 12/31/2025.

198. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Curran, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was
APPROVED Ayes Salerno, Anderson, Gilbo, Curran
Nays 0
Absent Brassard
RESOLVED to approve payment to Gorman Construction in the amount of \$15,770.00 for Cheney Road Stone Slope Repair; FEMA project.

199. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Curran, the following resolution was
APPROVED Ayes Salerno, Anderson, Gilbo, Curran
Nays 0
Absent Brassard
RESOLVED to approve payment to Suozzo, Doty & Associates in the amount of \$24,495.00 for professional services for the month of June 2026 for the Water Plant Rejection Reservoir.

200. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Curran, the following resolution was
APPROVED Ayes Salerno, Anderson, Gilbo, Curran
Nays 0
Absent Brassard
RESOLVED to approve payment to AEDA in the amount of \$560.00 for Contract Administrative Services for the Police Station Renovations.

Discussion: Councilman Salerno reported Catalfamo Construction started the work on the police station.

201. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Curran, the following resolution was
APPROVED Ayes Salerno, Anderson, Gilbo, Curran
Nays 0
Absent Brassard
RESOLVED to approve payment to H & T Engineering in the amount of \$792.50 for Riddle Road Culvert Replacement; FEMA project.

202. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Curran, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was
APPROVED Ayes Salerno, Anderson, Gilbo, Curran
Nays 0
Absent Brassard
RESOLVED to approve payment to H & T Engineering in the amount of \$210.00 for Joyce Road Culvert Replacement; FEMA project.

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

204. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Curran, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was
APPROVED Ayes Salerno, Anderson, Gilbo, Curran
Nays 0
Absent Brassard
RESOLVED approval to do adjustments in water and sewer as needed.

205. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Curran, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was
APPROVED Ayes Salerno, Anderson, Gilbo, Curran

Nays 0
Absent Brassard
RESOLVED approval to pay end of month and monthly warrants.

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

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

RESOLVED to approve payment to Suozzo, Doty & Associates in the amount of \$12,510.00 for professional services; water plant rejection reservoir; July 2026.

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

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

RESOLVED a resolution setting a public hearing pursuant to article 17-a of NYS General Municipal Law regarding the consolidation of water districts and sewer districts in the Town of Moriah

WHEREAS, the Town Board previously determined that consolidation of the Water Districts 1, 2, 3 & 4 in the Town of Moriah is in the public interest pursuant to Article 17-A of the Town Law; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds that a Map, Plan, and Report and the Joint Consolidation Agreement is filed in the Town Clerk’s Office and is available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, The Map, Plan and Report serves as the Consolidation Plan of Water Districts 1, 2, 3 & 4; and

WHEREAS, the annual cost for operating and maintaining the new Consolidated Water District will be placed upon the taxable parcels located within the Consolidated Water District; and

NOW THEREFORE, and upon due deliberation, it is hereby resolved as follows:
That the Map, Plan and Report and the Joint Consolidation Agreement are available for public inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office.

That the Town of Moriah will conduct and hold a public hearing upon notice duly published and posted pursuant to Town Law concerning the consolidation of Water Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the Town of Moriah.

That the said hearing is to be held at the Court House, of the Town of Moriah, Essex County, New York on the 24th day of September, 2026 at 6:00PM in the evening of said day when all person’s present shall be heard.

That the Town Clerk of the Town of Moriah are hereby authorized and directed to cause a copy of the Notice of Public Hearing herein after provided to be published once in The Sun, the official newspaper designated for this purpose, and also to cause a copy thereafter to be posted on the sign board of the Town, such publication and posting to be made not less than ten (10) nor more than twenty (20) days before the date designated for the hearing.

That the Supervisor, Town Clerk and other members of the Town Board of Moriah be and are hereby authorized and powered to take all acts necessary and proper to give effect to this Resolution.

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

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

RESOLVED authorization for Supervisor to sign Joint Consolidation Agreement on behalf of the Town of Moriah Water Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Floor Open to the Public:

Councilman Salerno asked Dan Bryant if the roof of the Henry Building (Port Henry Fire Department) was a portion of the quote from T.P. Monahan, Inc. and Mr. Bryant stated the asbestos removal was not in the quote. Mr. Bryant asked the Board if they would go look at it. Councilman Salerno asked if it could be fixed under some type of emergency work; he will talk to the Supervisor on Monday and the Board agreed to go look at the roof after the meeting.

Sharon O’Connor asked if the Town planned on replacing the Viking ship at Linney Field; she thought the Town was getting a grant for playground equipment. Councilman Gilbo said yes, that is the goal to get some type of playground equipment for there. Ms. O’Connor thanked the Board for the Witherbee welcome sign for Miner’s Park; great job. Ms. O’Connor would like to see Miners painted on the boulders.

Councilman Curran reported there was a kickoff meeting for the NY Forward Grant on August 5th. There will be another meeting on Wednesday, August 26th at the K of C at noon. MJ Engineering and NYS will be there. Applications are due by September 9, 2026; they need to be submitted to NY Forward. Councilman Salerno stated he had nothing to do with the target area for the grant.

The meeting adjourned at 6:59pm.

Town Clerk

Abstract Distributions:

Claim Numbers:

July 23, 2026

General	\$500.00
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2026/962-1145

July 27, 2026

General	\$1,026.39
Highway	\$2,738.72
Water #1	\$2,345.60
Water #2	\$1,704.26
Water #4	\$213.77
Sewer #1	\$60.00

2026/1146-1151

August 6, 2026

General	\$1,000.00
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2026/1210, 2026/1228

August 20, 2026

General	\$61,413.72
Highway	\$223,474.30
Water #1	\$8,387.99
Water #2	\$5,995.28
Water #3	\$35,178.62
Water #4	\$521.84
Sewer #1	\$10,638.30
Sewer #2	\$5,789.70

2026/1152-2026