

The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Town Board Meeting on Thursday, September 17, 2026 at 6:00pm at the Town of Moriah Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, NY.

Present:	Matt Brassard	Supervisor
	Paul Salerno	Councilman
	Tom Anderson	Councilman
	Nate Gilbo	Councilman
	James Curran	Councilman
	Jamie Wilson	Highway Superintendent
	Rose French	Town Clerk

Others Present: Bill Trybendis, Sharon O’Connor, Patricia Gallagher, Anna Mayville, Sharon Mandy, Mark Lashway and George Clark

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

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

Bid Opening-Fuel Oil – 3 bids were received.

Avery Energy:	Mark Up	#2 fuel	\$0.35
		Kerosene	\$0.35
		Dyed Diesel	\$0.35
		Clear Diesel	\$0.35
		LP Gas	\$0.35
	Fixed Pricing	#2 Fuel	\$3.99
		LP Gas	\$1.79
MX Petroleum Corp.	Mark Up	Diesel	\$0.40
		Fuel Oil	\$0.40
		Propane	\$0.50
		Kerosene	\$0.40
Mirabito Energy Products	Mark Up	Fuel Oil	\$0.55
		Diesel	\$0.375
		Kerosene	\$0.375

208. **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 accept Avery Energy’s bid for #2 Fuel; fixed price; \$3.99 and LP Gas; fixed price; \$1.79.

209. **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 accept Avery Energy’s bid for Kerosene, Dyed Diesel and Clear Diesel; mark up; \$0.35.

Floor Open to the Public:

Patricia Gallagher asked about blighted properties; converting them in to low-income housing, where are we with that. The Supervisor stated there is a committee; he will see where they are at and get the report for Moriah.

Sharon Mandy stated the road behind the houses on Wasson Street is blocked, it is a fire lane, the ambulance needs to be able to get through. Also, the same gentleman that is blocking the road is burning in a burn barrel, she thought that was illegal. Also, the brush at the end of the road is bad, you can't see to pull out. She asked who the code enforcer was and the Supervisor stated it is Collin Mangan. Ms. Mandy stated this same person has a shed that is falling down and pieces fly into everybody else's property when it is windy. Councilman Salerno asked if this was a civil matter; should the Town have Town Attorney William Tansey look at the deeds. The Supervisor stated he will pull the deeds and see what they say. Councilman Salerno asked if the road was a town road, was it abandoned and Jamie Wilson Highway Superintendent stated it was a fire lane. George Clark stated years ago the Fire Department went to the County regarding this issue and it is a fire lane and it can't be blocked. Anna Mayville stated this same gentleman's dogs get loose. The Supervisor stated he will pull the deeds and look in to the fire lane. Councilman Curran stated Mr. Mangan should be made ware of the shed that is falling down.

Department Head/Town Board Reports:

Jamie Wilson stated they have been doing road side mowing, maintaining the old landfill. They are done cutting brush. They are still helping other Towns and the County hauling blacktop; they rebuilt 4 storm drains; still working on FEMA projects; Joyce Road just started. They will start hauling winter sand. The Supervisor stated the price of salt is \$120 a ton. Councilman Gilbo asked about brine for the roads and Mr. Wilson stated the County is under a salt reduction. He also stated that he went to a seminar on using brine on the roads and there is a lot to it, the Town would need 2 more trucks.

The Supervisor stated the water department is on the break on Broad Street; Tom Cowin-Building & Grounds has been excused he has family visiting from out of town.

Councilman Salerno read Chip Perry's-WWTP report: "I spoke with the Supervisor about the water break on top of Broad Street. I asked him to call Marlene and issue a boil water order from Leroy's to the top of Broad St. until further notice. Also, we have the new Control panel installed at the Port Henry plant and are back to running in automatic mode. There will be no need to manually start and stop the drinking water plant. We have been in manual mode since the middle of May. All the boilers are being cleaned and the generators will have the fall service work completed. We are working on installing a new VFD for one of the blowers at the wastewater plant. That just arrived last week. Everything is running good and preventative maintenance work is being done for the winter season".

Councilman Gilbo stated we have cut ties with the grant writer. There is a new local person who is interested. Councilman Gilbo would like Board approval to start work on her contract.

210. **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** to contract with Morgan Morris as grant writer through the end of the year; 5 hours per week; \$50.00 an hour.

Councilman Gilbo stated the comprehensive plan meetings will begin next week.

Councilman Anderson had nothing to report.

Councilman Curran reported we had a busy Labor Day. He thanked Gabe Jaquish and family for a great season at the farmer's market. He thanked Patricia Montgomery for the M3 Music Fest; it was great. Sunday of Labor Day weekend started out with a 5k and kids run; thank you Brett and Alana. Chip Perry and the Chicken Stickers did another great job on the chickens. He thanked

Ric Lewis and his Church friends for cleaning and wrapping the potatoes. He thanked Pete and Becky Gilbo for making the baked beans. He thanked the Town Hall ladies for helping serve the dinners, they did a great job. Special thanks to Catherine Sprague and Matt Brassard for weeks of preparation and making it happen. He would like to welcome Megan Dushane, she is the new office manager at the Chamber.

Councilman Salerno spoke to Chet and Sandy; Bulwagga Bay Campsite; year to date gross is \$418,960 compared to \$358,000 at this time last year. Cabins have taken off. Will be adding 8 X 8 bathrooms to the cabins on the hill at Bulwagga Bay Campsite. Councilman Salerno stated Champ RV Park is having a banner year also. We need to look at the price we are charging for utilities. The Supervisor stated electric bills have doubled. Councilman Salerno stated we will have to adjust the rates next year. Councilman Salerno stated a few years ago we had 18 people between the Highway Garage and Water & Sewer Department, now we have 9. He would like to look into hiring another employee for the water department. The Supervisor stated we can discuss it at budget time. Councilman Salerno stated we also need to decide what we want to do as far as a police department goes; we interviewed 2 people; the police station is being renovated; the Town of Moriah had 163 calls for service last month.

Patricia Gallagher asked if the cabins at Port Henry Beach were up and running and Councilman Salerno said yes.

Discussion/Supervisor’s Report:

The Supervisor reported we just heard today that the Tracey Road project will not begin until next Spring/Summer; there is a hold up with a DEC permit.

He thanked Jim Curran and the ladies at the Town Hall for their help with Labor Day; it was a good time and the weather was great.

He stated the Transfer Station will be closed on Tuesday, September 22, 2026; moving a pole due to the Joyce Road Project.

There is a boil water order in effect from Leroy’s to the top of the Village line; does not affect the school. He just got a text from the water department; the water should be back on now; let your water run until it clears.

Still working on FEMA projects. Joyce Road is underway now. Riddle Road will be in the Spring. Cheney Dam will start soon and they are still working on Dock Lane.

Under discussion; the Highway Department has a rodent problem. Jamie Wilson stated it is bad. Last year they caused a lot of damage with wiring.

211. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Gilbo, seconded by Councilman Salerno, the following resolution was
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| APPROVED | Ayes | Brassard, Salerno, Anderson, Gilbo, Curran |
| | Nays | 0 |
| | Absent | 0 |
- RESOLVED** to contract with Ehrlich Pest Control for the Town of Moriah Highway Garage in the amount of \$1,556.92 for a year of service.

The Supervisor reminded everyone there is a public hearing on the water & sewer consolidation on Thursday, September 24, 2026; 6pm; Court House. The Supervisor stated there will be one water district and one sewer district; it will be equal and fair.

Resolutions:

212. **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 approve payment to T.P. Monahan, Inc.; \$3,600.00 for Asbestos Sampling & Testing at the Port Henry Fire Department Building, 1 Church Street, Port Henry.

The Town Clerk asked the Supervisor if he wanted to discuss the information that Dan Bryant dropped off this morning; the emergency bid contract for \$124,700 and the Supervisor stated we will wait and see how the asbestos testing goes first. The asbestos testing will be cheaper than the \$3,600 quoted.

213. **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 set date for Public Hearing on Local Law for Flood Damage Prevention for October 15, 2026 at 5:45pm at the Court House.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated we have to do this because all flood plain maps were updated.

214. **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 special meeting for Town Clerk to submit tentative budget to the Town Board for Thursday, October 1, 2026 at 5:00pm at the Town Hall.

215. **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 authorization to pay W2 Operator Training Group, LLC \$675.00 for Arthur Morgan-Grade D Certification.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated this is a 3-day course; would like to send the other 2 water and sewer employees each quarter so they are all licensed.

216. **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 authorization to pay MJ Engineering \$4,820.00 for Sewer District #1 Collection System Upgrades; services provided through 8/14/2026.

217. **ON MOTION** by Councilman Salerno, seconded by Councilman Anderson, the following resolution was

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

RESOLVED to approve agreement with All Paid Inc. for credit card services for Champ RV Park and Bulwagga Bay Campsite; 2.95% fee which is passed on to the consumer.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated about 2 months ago he looked at the books for the campsites and noticed we were paying about \$30,000 in fees to Global. The Town Clerk looked in to All Paid which is used for Taxes, Water & Sewer and Town Clerk fees and they are able to offer the same service to the campsites.

218. **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 refund Laura Wood \$93.75 for overpayment of water bill for 2927 Plank Road; account #WSD01114.

219. **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 authorization to pay Uline \$3,150.34 for bleachers at the ball field on College Street; payable with money from the Essex County Youth Bureau Grant.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated we still have a couple thousand left of the grant; we have ordered soccer balls and he will reach out and see if they need anything for basketball.

220. **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 authorization to pay SRA Engineers \$4,312.50 for Dock Lane FEMA project.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated once the lake is lower will be able to see more; shooting for Fall of 2027 to begin work.

221. **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 authorization to reimburse Patricia Montgomery \$618.00 for t shirts for the M3 Music Fest.

222. **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 authorization to pay Simplified Solutions Systems LLC \$2,400.00 for grant writing services for the month of August 2026.

223. **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 authorization for Supervisor to sign Memorandum of Agreement with Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board for the Technical Assistance to Grow Pro-Housing Communities Grant (\$160,000 grant; no match from Town; Administration to be paid out of grant money).

Discussion: Patricia Gallagher asked how the money will be used and the Supervisor stated it is for the property that the old Port Henry High School was on, on College Street; find best fit for it and then market it.

224. **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 authorization to submit an application to the Lake Champlain Basin Program for \$200,000 for implementation of the Bulwagga Bay Shoreline Reconstruction Project.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated we will set a date for Labella to come and do a presentation.

225. **ON MOTION** by Supervisor Brassard, unanimous second, the following resolution was
APPROVED Ayes Brassard, Salerno, Anderson, Gilbo, Curran
Nays 0
Absent 0

RESOLVED a resolution of condolences to the family of Joe Rodriguez.

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

RESOLVED a resolution of appreciation to Ed Roberts for his years of service as the Town of Moriah Animal Control Officer.

227. **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 approval to do transfers in budget as needed.

228. **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 approval to do adjustments in water and sewer as needed.

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

RESOLVED approval to pay end of month and monthly warrants.

230. **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 authorization to pay LaBella Associates \$4,030.00 for professional services for the period 4/18/26-8/31/26; Bulwagga Bay Shoreline Erosion Project.

231. **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 have LaBella Associates do presentation on the Bulwagga Bay Shoreline Erosion Project immediately following the Special Meeting on October 1, 2026.

232. **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 approval for Supervisor Brassard and Councilman Curran to attend the 2026 Passenger Rail Symposium; Improving Passenger Rail in The Empire Corridor on October 7, 2026 in Rochester, NY.

233. **ON MOTION** by Supervisor Brassard, the following resolution was **TABLED** to have Tim Breeyear -Building & Grounds truck repaired at Itchy’s Auto Repair LLC in the amount of \$4,014.03.

Discussion: The Board was in agreement to get 3 quotes for the repair.

Floor Open to the Public:

Councilman Salerno stated he has been speaking with Sharon O’Connor regarding the Powerhouse Park; he would like to see some money set aside for the park; it is really looking good.

Councilman Salerno stated the Port Henry Fire Department has secured another \$1,000,000.00 for the new Port Henry Fire Department. It will leave \$700,000 to be paid for by the district. Kudo’s to the Chief and the district. Congratulations.

Sharon O’Connor asked about the Public Hearing on the water and sewer consolidation; will rates be going up and the Supervisor stated in Water District #1 should see a savings on the debt, Water District #2 should see a savings on the debt, Water District #3 will go up slightly and Water District #4 the debt will go up. The Town Clerk stated the consolidation doesn’t have anything to do with the rates possibly going up during budget time; they are 2 different things.

The Supervisor told the Board that Health Insurance will be going up 14 ½%.

Councilman Curran would like to keep the cabins open through October for leaf peeping season; weather permitting. Councilman Salerno stated the workers stay on an additional 2 weeks to close and drain everything; if we keep them open through the end of October, who is going to do it, we need to think about that. The Supervisor stated we could leave one section on at Champ RV Park. Councilman Salerno stated we will have to look in to it.

Patricia Gallagher asked what the planning meetings were and Councilman Gilbo stated they are Comprehensive meetings. The Supervisor stated we will get the dates of the meetings on the website.

The Supervisor stated there were 14 projects submitted for the NY Forward grant totaling \$34,000,000; 9 were submitted for the small project fund.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22pm.

Town Clerk

Abstract Distributions:

Claim Numbers:

August 28, 2026

General	\$23,517.96	2026/1304-1306
Water #3	\$12,510.00	

September 3, 2026

General	\$4,200.00	2026/1327-1331
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September 17, 2026

General	\$73,455.40	2026/1307-1491
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Highway	\$50,772.25
Water #1	\$9,195.22
Water #2	\$6,398.19
Water #3	\$6,575.21
Water #4	\$474.75
Sewer #1	\$16,437.72
Sewer #2	\$9,011.86

Capital Projects

Sewer #1 Improvements	MJ Design	\$4,820.00	#6
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