The Town of Moriah Town Board held a Budget Workshop on Tuesday, October 27, 2026 at 6:00pm at the Town of Moriah Town Hall, 38 Park Place, Port Henry, NY.

Present:	Matt Brassard	Supervisor
	Paul Salerno	Councilman
	Tom Anderson	Councilman
	James Curran	Councilman
Absent:	Nate Gilbo	Councilman
	LeeAnn Sprague	Senior Account Clerk
	Rose French	Town Clerk

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

The Town Clerk stated she has 2 issues to take care.

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

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

RESOLVED authorization to have one vital records book restored by Kofile Technologies, Inc. in the amount of $1,166.20.

Discussion: The Town Clerk stated she has $1,296.00 leftover in this year's budget so it will cover the cost of getting another book restored.

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

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	Nays	0
	Absent	Gilbo

RESOLVED to cancel service with Ehrlich Pest Control due to billing issues and service issues; effective in 60 days.

Discussion: The Town Clerk stated we have had tax exempt issues, credit issues, received bill for the Highway Garage and they never even went there, also have sent us to collections twice.

The Supervisor read the legal notice calling for the budget workshop.

The Supervisor stated we got a quote for Tim Breeyear's truck from Bob Johnson Ford; 2027 F-250 with plow; $54,930.00; ready in 84 days. This will be taken out of the 2026 budget. Councilman Curran asked about a trailer for them, do we have any quotes for that yet. He wants them to get one that is big enough to haul the mowers; 16-foot, dual wheels, 6-7 feet wide. LeeAnn Sprague, Senior Account Clerk stated Tom Cowin-Building & Grounds Superintendent is working on it; she will change the appropriation for the trailer from $3,000 to $4,000.

Ms. Sprague stated Police was taken out of the budget; put it towards a full time Code Enforcement Officer. The total for a full-time code enforcement officer would be @ $119,000 with insurance, taxes, etc. Councilman Anderson asked what the benefit was to a full-time code enforcement officer; the Supervisor stated 20-30% of his calls are related to property maintenance. He stated we could advertise for a 24-hour position. Councilman Salerno stated we could appropriate $60,000 for codes. The Supervisor stated maybe we will have a couple people come forward who are interested. Councilman Curran stated the 2 part time police officers are out of the budget and the Supervisor stated we still have the remainder of Art Brassard's salary to put towards a codes guy; there is nothing in the 2027 budget for police. The Supervisor stated we could always do a budget amendment if we hire any police. Councilman Salerno asked if a full-time code enforcement officer is worth the tax payers' money. Councilman Curran stated Colin Mangan is doing a good job with property maintenance but then it ends up in Court and nothing is done. Ms. Sprague stated 29 hours is considered full time. The Town Clerk suggested a part time

property maintenance code enforcement officer and a part time building codes officer. Councilman Salerno stated appropriate $50,000 and the Supervisor stated yes, $25,000 for each.

Ms. Sprague stated Matt Ball Dog Control Officer has requested $10,000 a year; $1,500 increase and the Board was in agreement with this.

Highway Superintendent increase due to extra training.

Leave sidewalks in for $20,000. Councilman Salerno stated sidewalks throughout the whole town need to be done. He asked who is responsible for the sidewalks and the Supervisor stated the Highway Department, Councilman Salerno asked if Building & Grounds can help and the Supervisor said yes.

Ms. Sprague stated the Chamber is asking for more money to put towards the bands at the farmer's market. Councilman Salerno asked where the Chamber stands right now and Councilman Curran stated they have about $15,000. Last year the Chamber received $24,200 from the Town. They are requesting $40,818; Councilman Salerno stated give them $60,000 or $40,000 and let them deal with paying all the bands and fireworks and Councilman Curran and Councilman Anderson were against that. $5,000 for Ti Chamber is out. Councilman Salerno wants to see the Treasurer's report. Ms. Sprague stated their books should be audited just like the Town Clerk and Justice's are. The Supervisor and Ms. Sprague both feel the Chamber needs to show what they take in for revenue. Ms. Sprague stated whatever they have for revenue could be taken off the budget. Councilman Anderson stated we could give them more than last year but less than what they are requesting. Ms. Sprague stated she will take the $5,000 out for the Ti Chamber and see what their revenues are and go from there.

Ms. Sprague stated she started a new code for "Beautification" to get a handle on the flowers/volunteers. She put $5,000 in for painting the train. Have about a $2,000 buffer. The Park by Stewart's is included.

Campground is up 3%; bucket truck is out, Essex County Youth Bureau grants to be shown going in and out.

Ms. Sprague stated the $10,000 grant from the County is for Youth Commission ***and*** YCC. The Town pays the salaries for the counselors at the summer program, we pay for a porta potty up on the field and also all the crafts for the summer program. Budget $15,000 for YCC and $32,000 for Youth Commission. The Supervisor asked if we should charge for the kids to go to the summer program; budget $36,000? Ms. Sprague feels the Town should increase Director pay; they have to do a lot of work before the program even starts and they have to go to training. The Board was in agreement to pay for training. Ms. Sprague will budget $36,500.

Budgeted $30,000 ($2,500 a month) for part time grant writer.

Campsite revenues are: Bulwagga Bay Campsite 2025 $430,000; 2026 $450,000 and Champ RV Park 2025 $200,000; 2026 $215,000.0

Councilman Curran would like to use some of the tax money from the County for another cabin at Champ RV; he has priced them; $55,000.

The Supervisor would like to use some of that money for the Town Hall; the floors need to be done.

Councilman Curran stated we need better Christmas lights.

Councilman Salerno wants to wait when Councilman Gilbo is here to discuss how the tax money is to be used.

Ms. Sprague stated the Transfer Station is in the hole by $40,000. Should be charging by weight not the size of the bag. The Supervisor suggested platform scales; try them for 6 months; weigh the bags and see if there is any improvement. Ms. Sprague stated trash is the issue. Maybe add additional fee for trash at the campsite. Platform scales are $3,000-$4,000. Ms. Sprague stated it is $0.27 per pound based on tonnage. The Board decided to wait on increasing the sticker price to

$4.00 until Councilman Gilbo is here. The Supervisor stated a composter might help with tonnage. Ms. Sprague stated we are at $1,479,733 with no fund balance; tax rate 3.99; last year it was 3.27. To get to the tax cap we still need to drop $18,000. We would need to use $253,000 fund balance to get to where we were last year. Councilman Salerno asked what the total budget as of tonight is and the Supervisor stated $2.5 million. The Supervisor stated we could cut the Chamber, Codes and the grant writer and raise the campsite rates. What campers pay now is equivalent to $10.00 a day. Councilman Salerno stated we could use $200,000 fund balance; increase rates at campsite; Ms. Sprague stated the tax rate would be 3.45 then.

Councilman Anderson feels we need to raise the garbage sticker price to $4.00.

Councilman Curran stated we should raise campsite rates by 10%. Councilman Salerno stated for the first year it should be 8%; from $2,000 to $2,160 and Councilman Salerno stated we should raise the sticker price to $3.95; looks better than $4.00. The Town Clerk stated that would be a nightmare in the Town Clerk's Office making change.

The Supervisor stated to get to 1.75% increase in the levy we would have to use $231,000 of fund balance. Councilman Curran stated we should raise stickers and raise the rates at the campsite. Councilman Anderson stated increasing sticker price would help by $25,000 and raising the rates at the campsite would help by $32,000.

Ms. Sprague asked the Supervisor if he wanted to discuss the new truck for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Supervisor stated we did a mini bid; got a quote from Ferrario Ford for a 2026 Ram $41,403.15. The Supervisor stated Mr. Perry has $40,000 in equipment in the 2026 budget. Ms. Sprague stated it would have to be split between Water and Sewer 50/50.

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

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

RESOLVED to use 2026 funds to pay for the 2026 Ram; 1500 Crew Tradesman from Ferrario Ford in the amount of $41,403.15 and surplus Mr. Perry's current truck.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.

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Town Clerk