The Town of Moriah Town Board held their Regular Town Board Meeting on Thursday, October 15, 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
	Carl Perry	Wastewater/Water Plant Chief Operator
	Rose French	Town Clerk

Others Present: Bill Trybendis, Sharon O'Connor, Anna Mayville, Sharon Mandy, Mark Lashway, George Clark and Ray Burlingame

Supervisor Brassard 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:

Sharon Mandy stated they are still having an issue with the road behind Wasson Street that is blocked with junk. The Supervisor stated the gentleman was sent a letter. Councilman Gilbo asked who owns the road and the Supervisor stated he visited with Anna Mayville and looked at her deed and it states it is an "emergency access". Councilman Curran asked if the brush was taken care of and Ms. Mayville said yes, thank you. Councilman Gilbo asked whose jurisdiction it is; the Supervisor asked Sharon O'Connor if it was the Fire District and Ms. O'Connor stated you have to go by what the deed says; "emergency vehicles". The Supervisor stated he will have Bill Tansey; Town Attorney look at the deeds. Ms. Mayville stated Rich Lapier's barn is falling down and needs to be addressed.

Department Head/Town Board Reports:

Carl Perry-Wastewater/Water Plant Chief Operator had nothing to report. The Supervisor asked how the Port Henry Water Plant was running and Mr. Perry stated they are working out a few bugs but other than that it is good. Councilman Curran asked how the water levels were and Mr. Perry stated they are steady.

Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent stated they hauled 3,500 yards of winter sand; culvert pipes and paving on Mutton Hollow Road; Docks at the pier and Bulwagga Bay Campsite have been put away. Asphalt plants will be closing in 2 weeks. Joyce Road is open temporarily, culvert is in place; waiting for water line parts.

The Supervisor Stated Tom Cowin-Building & Grounds has been excused; he is sick.

Councilman Salerno reported on the Water & Sewer Department; have had several water breaks; top of Broad Street and by Leroy's; were able to push under the road so we didn't have to dig up the road and shut the school down; break was in the center of the road. There is water at the intersection in Moriah Corners; surface water; County did work there; there is a bunch of stone there. Major water break on Church Street in Port Henry; Port Henry Fire Department was doing their hose testing; when they hooked on to the hydrant it blew in 2 spots; Councilman Salerno stated nobody should be touching the hydrants unless it is an emergency without somebody from the Water Department there. Councilman Salerno stated the hydrant on Fisk Road will be fixed before Winter.

Councilman Gilbo reported the grant writer started this week and he and the Board have been working through the budget. Councilman Curran spoke to the grant writer and he asked her go to the Planning Committee Meeting for the NY Forward Grant on October 21, 2026.

Councilman Anderson had nothing to report.

Councilman Curran had nothing to report.

Councilman Salerno reported on the campsites: In 2025 Bulwagga Bay Campsite gross revenue was $454,000 and net was $238,000; this year they were $465,000/$289,000 respectively. Champ RV Park gross revenue in 2025 was $173,000 and net was $72,000; this year they were $220,000/$93,000 respectively. Councilman Salerno stated this is why we are able to stay under the tax cap every year. He stated these are "tentative" numbers. He spoke to Neal Larkin, Campsite Foreman and he feels they only need one more week at the campsites, should be able to finish up next Friday. Will save a week of salaries. Councilman Salerno and the Board have been working on the budget.

Discussion/Supervisor's Report:

The Supervisor stated Joyce Road FEMA project is about 80% complete; have Dock Lane and Riddle Road left; will meet with Engineers on Dock Lane tomorrow morning.

The Supervisor stated Matt Ball is our new Dog Control Officer, he is doing a great job. The Supervisor asked that you please keep track of your dogs.

There will be a rabies clinic on Saturday, October 24, 2026 at the Essex County Fairgrounds from 9:00am – 11:00am.

The Supervisor stated he and Councilman Curran went to a conference in Rochester on rail traffic; the State and the Empire Committee have a 20-year plan; they want to be able to travel from NYC to Montreal and NYC to Niagara Falls in less than 4 hours using all electric; it was a good conference.

Resolutions:

240. **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 authorization for Supervisor to open up a Capital Project Money Market Account to help offset the payment on the $900,000 Joyce Road/Dock Lane Culvert Reconstruction BAN.

Discussion: This will give the Town money to make the interest payment on the BAN.

241. **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 a Resolution for Budget Amendments for the CDBG Housing Drawdown #1; Revenue Code 4989 and Expenditure Code 8797.4; increase $70,679.42.

Discussion: LeeAnn Sprague stated during the budget workshop that all grants need to be shown in the budget as coming in and going out.

242. **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 Orrick, Harrington & Sutcliffe LLP $4,175.00 for services rendered regarding $900,000 Bond Anticipation Note.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated this is our Bond Council; this was for the $900,000 BAN.

243. **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 authorization to pay H & T Engineering Services, PLLC $210.00 for bid document review/construction support and inspection; Joyce Road Culvert Replacement.

244. **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 H & T Engineering Services, PLLC $810.00 for preliminary design/final design Riddle Road FEMA Project.

245. **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 purchase of materials for water service hookup; Bay Road; Jay Strieble in the amount of $1,145.78; payment has been received.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated the old water line runs right through the property where Mr. Strieble wants to build; he made arrangements with Art Morgan if the Water & Sewer Department moved it he would pay for it.

246. **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 Arold Construction Company, Inc. $3,500 for College Street Storm Drain Inspection ($1,000 out of Essex County Youth Bureau Grant).

Discussion: The Supervisor stated they put a camera down the line and found it was blocked by a tire; took a hook and robot to get it out. There is a pretty good problem on the field; 2 separate pipes going in to the Main; possibly put a catch basin behind Ann Tesar's on College Street.

247. **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 authorization to pay Middlebury Lock, LLC $260.00 for service call on Vault in Town Clerk's Office.

248. **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 authorization to pay MJ Engineering $2,620.00 for Sewer District #1 Collection System Upgrades.

249. **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 authorization to pay AEDA $2,260.00 for Police Station Renovations.

Discussion: The renovations are complete; Building & Grounds still need to replace one 36-inch door; the Sheriff's Department and NYS Police are both interested in utilizing it.

250. **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 to pay Roof Scan, Inc. in the amount of $2,150.00 for asbestos sampling and testing at the Port Henry Fire Department.

Discussion: The Supervisor has the report and will email it to the Board and after review a decision can be made.

251. **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 authorization for Matt Ball to use the Dodge Durango (old police car) for Dog Control.

Discussion: Councilman Salerno asked if we should take the police stickers off and replace them and the Supervisor said yes and get new plates also.

252. **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.

253. **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 to do adjustments in water and sewer as needed.

254. **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 pay end of month and monthly warrants.

255. **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 a resolution of the Town Board of the Town of Moriah, Essex County, New York consolidating the town Water Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4.

WHEREAS, there exists four water districts within the Town of Moriah; and

WHEREAS, the four water districts were created for similar purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Moriah duly adopted a resolution on August 20, 2026, scheduling a public hearing pursuant to the provisions of Article 17-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York to be held on September 24, 2026, at the Town of Moriah Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, New York, for the purpose of hearing all persons upon the question of consolidating Town of Moriah Water Districts 1, 2, 3 & 4; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this consolidation is to streamline administrative and financial operations and to provide consistency throughout the Town's water districts by consolidating Water District Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 into one Consolidated Town of Moriah Water District as explained in the Map, Plan, and Report; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board and Town Clerk have caused to be posted and published, the Notice of Public Hearing in the manner and within the time provided by law, and said public hearing was duly held on September 24, 2026, (a prior hearing was held on May 21, 2026) at the Port Henry Knights of Columbus building, at which all persons desiring to be heard were duly heard; and

WHEREAS, the Town has reviewed the Map, Plan and Report prepared by M.J Engineering, Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Land Surveying, P.C., last updated on April 14, 2026, to study the consolidation of Water Districts Nos 1, 2, 3, and 4 into one Consolidated Water District; and

WHEREAS, copies of the Map, Plan, and Report describing the water consolidation were made available for inspection by the public in the Town Clerk's Office; and

WHEREAS, the consideration of the proposed consolidation of Water District 1, 2, 3 & 4 is an action under the 6 NYCRR Part 617 New York State Environmental Quality Review Act, and the Town is the only involved agency for the proposed consolidation of the existing Water Districts, be designated Lead Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Moriah as the lead agency has determined the establishment of the consolidation of the existing water districts as described in the Map, Plan and Report, is a Type II Action according to 617.5(c)(26) routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment and (33) adoption of regulations, policies, procedures, and local legislative decisions in connection with any action on this list.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the Town Board of the Town of Moriah, to hereby consolidate Town of Moriah Water Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4 into a single consolidated water district, said consolidation to be effective January 1, 2027 and upon consolidation does hereby further determine as follows**:**

(a) All steps required by the provisions of Article 17A of the General Municipal Law have been carried out in relation to this consolidation.

(b) The Town Board, having determined the consolidation of the existing water districts is a Type II Action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 6 NYCRR Part 617 and has deemed that an environmental impact statement is not required.

(c) The Consolidated District shall be bounded and described as more particularly set forth in the Map, Plan, and Report attached hereto and made a part hereof.

(d) All property and assets of the aforesaid four water districts shall become the property and assets of the new Town of Moriah Water District.

(e) The Town of Moriah consolidated water district shall assume and pay for the indebtedness of each of the four water districts as if such indebtedness had been incurred subsequent to this consolidation.

(f) The cost of the proposed improvements is to be assessed against the benefited area and all real property to be assessed will be benefited by the proposed improvements and no benefited property will be excluded;

(g) That all the property and property owners within the proposed consolidated district are benefitted thereby;

(h) All the property and property owners benefitted are included within the limits of said proposed consolidated district.

(i) It is in the public interest to consolidate the aforesaid four water districts into one consolidated water district.

(j) The Joint Consolidation Agreement between the Town of Moriah and the four water districts is approved and the Town Supervisor is authorized to execute the same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon adoption of this resolution, the Town Clerk shall file certified copies of the Resolution with the office of the New York State Comptroller in Albany, New York, as well as the Essex County Department of Real Property, and any other required agency, in accordance with and where required by law, within ten (10) days of adoption.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is subject to a permissive referendum in the manner provided for in Article Seven of New York State Town Law.

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

257. **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 set date for Public Hearing on Local Law #2 of 2026 entitled “Local Law for Dog Control Officer in the Town of Moriah” for Thursday, November 19, 2026 at 5:45pm at the Town of Moriah Court House.

258. **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 set date for Public Hearing Local Law #1 of 2026 entitled “Local Law for Flood Damage Prevention as Authorized by the New York State Constitution, Article IX, Section 2, and Environmental Conservation Law, Article 36” for Thursday, November 19, 2026 at 5:30pm at the Town of Moriah Court House.

Floor Open to the Public:

Mark Lashway asked the Supervisor how the County budget was coming and the Supervisor stated it will be under the tax cap; Highway is down 4 or 5 cents; General is the beast right now; food stamps took a 1.2 million hit and it just gets passed on to the local municipality.

259. **ON MOTION** by Supervisor Brassard, seconded by Councilman Salerno, the following resolution was

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

Absent 0

RESOLVED to go in to Executive Session at 6:34pm.

The Supervisor stated Jamie Wilson-Highway Superintendent is here to discuss new employee Robert King. Mr. Wilson stated the Town needs to come up with some type of contract for employees who want to get there CDL. The school is a lot of money. The Town needs a contract to state the employee has to stay with the Town for a certain length of time. Currently the Union pays for it; it is $7,500 for several weeks. Mr. King has a contract with Essex County which is not paid off. Councilman Curran asked how long the contract was for and the Supervisor stated he still owes $5,700. Councilman Anderson asked if the County expects the whole amount. The Supervisor stated Mr. Wilson feels Mr. King is an asset to the Town but we still need a contract for the future. Councilman Gilbo stated a contract is a contract; it has nothing to do with the Town. Mr. Wilson stated if we had him sign a contract it would secure him for 3 years. Councilman Anderson stated he is all for it if it enables the Town to retain good employees. Councilman Curran stated he is all for it. The Supervisor stated the Town could pay off his contract with the County and have him sign a new one with the Town; payoff $5,769.00; $0.50 for every hour worked; and if he leaves he has to pay it all back. Councilman Gilbo stated it would be setting a precedent; he is against it.

260. **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 come out of Executive Session and go back in to regular meeting at 6:59pm.

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

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

RESOLVED to pay Essex County $5,769.87 to payoff Education Assistance Program Funded Education Loan Agreement (CDL) for Robert King; with the stipulation Mr. King signs new contract with the Town of Moriah for 5 years; $0.50 for every hour worked; including overtime; to pay off the $5,769.87. If Mr. King leaves the Town of Moriah before his 5 years are up he has to pay back any remaining balance.

Discussion: The Supervisor stated he will send contract to William Tansey, Town Attorney for review. Mr. Wilson asked if the contract was for 5 years or 3 years and the Supervisor stated for a Class B contract will be 3 years and Class A will be 5 years.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.

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Town Clerk

Abstract Distributions: **Claim Numbers:**

<u>October 2, 2026</u>

Water #1	$423.30	2026/1561
Water #2	$282.20	

<u>October 14, 2026</u>

General	$90,000.00	2026/1650

October 15, 2026

General	$60,898.06	2026/1493-1662
Highway	$18,388.56	
Water #1	$6,528.42	
Water #2	$4,569.38	
Water #3	$3,087.75	
Water #4	$449.85	
Sewer #1	$12,415.20	
Sewer #2	$6,137.12	

Capital Projects

Sewer #1 Improvements	MJ Design	$7,440.00	#7