

TOWN OF MOREAU NEWSLETTER

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Dear Moreau Resident:

Welcome to this special issue of the *Town of Moreau Newsletter*. I hope that the information presented will assist you in voting on Propositions 1 and 2 on November 2, 2010. The propositions will be on the back side of the ballot.

In 1942, the citizens of Moreau provided a building that housed all town departments with the exception of the Highway Department. Sixty-eight years have passed and the building has been through very few changes and has not increased in size.

The Town of Moreau currently owns 10 acres of land with frontage on Route 197. Most of us that have been around the town for awhile use the name Reynolds Road. This location is close to the center of town and provides central access for all taxpayers. If the propositions are adopted, a building at this location would house all town departments except the Highway Department, which would remain at its current location on Route 9.

Currently, the Town has \$4 million in the Landfill Betterment Capital Project Fund that was funded by our landfill, which has been closed for several years. Town legal counsel has advised the Town Board that the use of those reserve funds is restricted under New York Municipal Law, and the funds can only be used for town-wide capital projects which benefit the entire tax base of the town. No increase in town taxes will result from these projects. On July 27, the Town Board passed a resolution placing these projects before the voters of the town at the November 2, general election.

Proposition 1 and 2 would be listed on the back side of the ballot as follows:

Proposition 1: "Shall the Town Board of the Town of Moreau establish a capital reserve fund under Section 6-c of the General Municipal Law to be known as the "Town of Moreau Municipal Government Office Complex Reserve Fund" to accumulate and expend therefrom monies to finance the cost of a specific capital improvement, namely the construction of a government office complex for the Town of Moreau and all necessary buildings thereon and equipment and furnishings therein on two contiguous parcels owned by the Town of Moreau located at 349 Reynolds Road one parcel being 9.01 acres +/- and the other being 1.65 acres +/- with the maximum cost of the new government office complex including necessary buildings, equipment and furnishings therein being Two Million Six Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$2,600,000), all of which funding is presently on hand and in reserve in the Town of Moreau Landfill Betterment Fund."

and

Proposition 2: "Shall the Town Board of the Town of Moreau establish and expend a capital reserve fund under Section 6-c of the General Municipal Law to be known as the "The Town of Moreau Highway Building Reserve Fund" to accumulate and expend therefrom monies to finance the cost of a specific capital improvement, namely the construction of a new highway garage building for the Town of Moreau and all necessary buildings thereon and equipment and furnishings therein on a 11.05 +/- acre parcel owned by the Town of Moreau located at 1543 Route 9, which currently houses the Town of Moreau highway garage with the maximum cost of the new highway garage building including, equipment and furnishings therein being One Million Four Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,400,000), all of which funding is presently on hand and in reserve in the Town of Moreau Landfill Betterment Fund."

The Town Board has placed Proposition 1 before the voters of the town for the following reasons:

- The current Municipal Center does not comply with the Americans Disability Act (“ADA”), including the ADA accessibility, restroom and drinking fountain guidelines.
- The current Municipal Center needs structural repairs, such as repairs to the roof, repair of the stucco facade, rewiring for electrical and technological advances, ventilation and remodeling in restrooms, installation of insulation in the ceiling and walls, new boilers and an adequate air conditioning system.
- The current Municipal Center lacks parking for visitors, employees and Town-owned vehicles and lacks sufficient work, storage and office space for the employees and files of the Town.
- The current Town Court Building is leased at the cost of \$42,000 for year 2011 and is in violation of multiple New York State Codes, lacks sufficient parking spaces, lacks security for staff, and lacks space for the Courtroom and employees.

The Town has placed Proposition 2 before the voters of the town for the following reasons:

- The current Highway Garage does not have enough space for the Town’s trucks and equipments as a result of the 27% increase of town roadway over the course of the last 20 years and the equipment is often left outside in all weather.
- The current Highway Garage does not comply with DEC regulations as it does not have a vehicle wash bay, and it also does not have sprinklers or fire alarms.
- The current Highway Garage also shares its space with the Water Department.
- Due to the lack of space in the Highway Garage, the sign shop and small equipment storage is located in the old highway garage on William Street.

If approved, Propositions 1 and 2 will be funded with the \$4 million Landfill Betterment Capital Project Fund. There will be no debt or interest cost to the taxpayers if approved.

Please take some time and decide what you believe is the best for Moreau. Please voice your decision by voting on November 2.

Thank you for your time.

Preston Jenkins,
Town Supervisor