

The meeting was held in person and called to order by the Supervisor at 8:16 a.m. with an attendance roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: John Donohue, Jr. Councilmember
Mark Stewart Councilmember
Jesse A. Fish, Jr. Supervisor

ALSO PRESENT: Erin Trombley Town Clerk
Glen Bruening Town Counsel
Josh Westfall Building, Planning and Development (BPD) Coordinator
Elizabeth Bennett Supervisor's Confidential Secretary
Jeremy Brogan Recreation Director
Leah Cronin Assessor

OTHERS PRESENT: Alex Portal (Post-Star)

PUBLIC HEARING – Local Law No. 6 of 2025

The Supervisor asked the Town Clerk to read a prepared resolution. She read:

“Be it resolved that the Town Board closes the public hearing for Local Law No. 6 of 2025.”

Resolution 229-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Donohue to accept the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Absent
Councilmember Noonan	Absent
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 3:0.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No comments were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Supervisor asked the Town Clerk to read a prepared resolution. She read:

“Be it resolved that the Town Board accepts and approves the minutes for the Regular Town Board Meeting on May 13, 2025 as submitted.”

Resolution 230-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Donohue to accept the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Absent
Councilmember Noonan	Absent
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 3:0.

OLD BUSINESS

Court Scanning

Resolution 231-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Donohue to authorize the expenditure of \$30,000, payable to NYSID, for document scanning, and adding the NYSID voucher to the May warrant.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Absent
Councilmember Noonan	Absent
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 3:0.

Marine/Hilton/Meadow Drainage Update

Supervisor Fish said a 400-foot section of pipe between manholes is without repair and that four well points had been drilled to dry the area for work. He said the contractor and he had spoken with the residents in the area, who he said have been very good. He asked Counsel if he could discuss finances under consideration. Attorney Bruening confirmed that the Supervisor could. The Supervisor said the segment in question could cost between \$275,000 and \$375,000 leaving 200 feet of pipe on the other end. He said Tom Kubricky's engineer and the Town's engineer, MJ Engineering, had been on-site to assess the situation, and both have said the whole pipe is compromised. The Supervisor continued, saying that the Town had funds available to do the work to that point without using restricted funds. Supervisor Fish said he thought it was advantageous to continue with the repairs on the entire line, replacing the galvanized pipe with plastic pipe. He said 75 feet from the end of the cul-de-sac to the first manhole there was a blockage, and when they had broken through it, mud and water started pouring in again. From the Feeder Dam Road end there had been a blockage which resulted in a sink hole earlier in the project.

He said the pipe across the street was also deteriorating but they could revisit that at a later date. He said the work underway would take three weeks to a month to complete. He said the Town receives written updates daily from Kubricky, and that he personally visits the site twice a day. He said the decision would have to be made whether to maintain, dissolve, or expand the drainage district. He indicated his preference for expansion of the district to include newer homes that benefit from the existence of the drainage. He said the Town can't use taxpayer funds to pay for the repairs, but if the Town dissolves the district, all taxpayers would be paying for the work. The Supervisor said he thought that in 50 years, people reviewing what was done now would say the current Board knew what they were doing, and that if they keep the district, money can be put into it for maintenance going forward. He said any resident or Board member was welcome to go down and see the work being completed. The pipes are in holes 15-feet deep, dry, and safe with appropriate shoring.

Councilmember Stewart said he hadn't realized how many people who were unable to attend Town Board meetings were listening to the audio recordings and following the discussions. He said he had gotten positive feedback from people who had listened. He went on to say he agreed with the Supervisor about expanding the drainage district and that they should look at it as a full Board. He said he wished the full Board was assembled to open discussion about which homes should be included. He referenced the May 27 meeting which was canceled due to a lack of a quorum, and wanted to stress to the Board members how important it would be for all

members to be present at the June 10 meeting so a decision could be made about the directions they would take so constituents could be notified. He asked if the Town could loan the funds to the district while they look into expansion. He said he had also heard it alleged that if the Town had maintained the pipe, this situation wouldn't have happened. He said, in fact, the system had failed and the flooding was not caused by an outside blockage. The Supervisor said the pipe had a thirty-year life expectancy, and had been in use for fifty years. The Councilmember wanted audio listeners to know the issue was not one of lack of maintenance. He asked the Supervisor if they could get a price for replacing the entire Meadow Drive line. The Supervisor said yes.

Councilmember Stewart asked whether the Meadow Road area should be posted as a no-parking area due to cars parking in amongst the big equipment being used there. He was concerned about vehicle safety. Supervisor Fish said some of the residents had compromised driveways, so if they have to leave their property, they have to park in the street. Additionally, he said the workers intentionally park their work vehicles on the same side of the road as resident cars to leave a driving lane open. Again the Supervisor said the area residents had been fantastic and understanding. Councilmember Stewart said again he would like a quote to fix the whole line because, with Kubricky on-site already, there would be no more economical time to make the repairs. The Supervisor said Tom Kubricky's plan was that he would like to repair the whole line because in his experience, if one section of the pipe has failed, and sink holes have developed in two other sections, the rest should be replaced as well. He said they would get updated pricing as the project progresses and as each portion is assessed. He also said disruptions to water service are limited, that homes are never without water overnight. Again the Councilmember stated that he hoped they would have a full Board for June 10th, and that discussion could be opened to residents.

Councilmember Stewart asked if an expensive aquatic analysis would be needed to determine which homes actually benefit from the drainage district. Supervisor Fish said Meadow should be included, as well as the development on the same side of the road. Most of Hilton Drive is on the line already, Councilmember Stewart said, and asked about expanding to the North. Confidential Secretary Bennett said that neighborhood had its own drainage. Supervisor Fish said it would be up to the Board to determine which benefit, and suggested some Feeder Dam Road residences benefit. He said they may want to go door-to-door to talk to the residents about whether they are experiencing water in their basements. The Councilmember said he was concerned they be able to justify residences they include in the district if they expand. He also suggested a 0% interest rate for the longest possible term for the included homes to keep payments low for the residents. The Supervisor suggested a summer payment of \$100 a year, away from other bills, would be the easiest to implement. Councilmember Stewart suggested getting figures on a 5-year repayment.

Councilmember Donohue said it needs to be a full Board discussion June 10th. He said there was a lot to figure out, that a lot had been done, and there was still a lot of work ahead. Councilmember Stewart restated that there wasn't a question about the need for the work to be done, that the question was how to pay for it. Councilmember Donohue said that people who may be included in an expanded district must receive a benefit, and they the Board needed to look at it.

Local Law No. 6 of 2025

The Supervisor asked the Town Clerk to read a prepared resolution. She read:

"WHEREAS the Moreau Town Board has considered the adoption of Local Law No. 6 of 2025 entitled, "A Local Law Amending Chapter 12 of the Moreau Town Code Relating to the Town Code of Ethics" pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law Section 10 and General Municipal Law Article 18; and

WHEREAS the Town Board commenced a Public Hearing on the proposed Local Law on April 29, 2025 and, after hearing all interested persons, closed the Public Hearing this date; and

WHEREAS the proposed Local Law has appropriately aged on the desks of the Town Board; and

WHEREAS the proposed Local Law is a Type II action under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act, for which no further review is required; and

WHEREAS the Town Board has determined that this Local Law would best enhance and protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Town of Moreau; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Town Board hereby adopts Local Law No. 6 of 2025 in the form attached to this Resolution.
2. The Town Board hereby authorizes and directs the Town Clerk to file the Local Law with the New York Secretary of State in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law and acknowledges that the Local Law will take effect immediately upon filing by the Secretary of State.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.”

Resolution 232-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Donohue to adopt the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Absent
Councilmember Noonan	Absent
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 3:0.

BUILDING, PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Supervisor Fish summarized a presentation given to himself and Councilmember Donohue by US Light Energy (USLE) on May 27. The Supervisor said USLE had moved the array back 50 feet from the Reservoir Road side of the project site, would add fast-growing vegetation to that side of the parcel, and that existing brush and trees would be left intact between the array and existing homes. Councilmember Donohue said he was glad screening on the North side would be increased. The Town Clerk read a prepared resolution:

“Be it resolved that the Town Board sets a public hearing for proposed Local Law No. 7 of 2025 and for site plan review of the proposed solar project on tax map parcel numbers 64.-2-80.11 and 64.-2-801.2 at 7:01 p.m. on Tuesday, June 10, 2025.”

Resolution 233-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Donohue to adopt the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Absent
Councilmember Noonan	Absent
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 3:0.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Supervisor Fish asked the Town Clerk to read a prepared resolution related to a proposed law related to the Town's vendor/peddler licensing. She read:

"Be it resolved that the Town Board sets a public hearing for proposed Local Law No. 8 of 2025 at 7:02 p.m. on Tuesday, June 10, 2025."

Resolution 234-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Donohue to

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Absent
Councilmember Noonan	Absent
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 3:0.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Resolution 235-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Donohue to approve Carter Rillahan, Jason Dickinson, and Schuyler Woods as part-time seasonal recreation laborers at a rate of \$15.50 per hour effective immediately, pending successful completion of a background check and pre-employment physical.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Absent
Councilmember Noonan	Absent
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 3:0.

WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT

The Supervisor asked the Town Clerk to read a prepared resolution. She read:

"Be it resolved that the Town Board authorizes the Out-of-District User template to be used and modified for specific properties wishing to connect to the Town of Moreau Sewer District 1 and extensions 1-5."

Resolution 236-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Donohue to approve the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Absent
Councilmember Noonan	Absent

Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 3:0.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Supervisor Fish said the Assessor was looking for training for herself and her clerk, and asked why the Town should pay for an appraisal license for the Assessor's clerk when the Town does not do appraisals. Both councilmembers and the Supervisor agreed that if it was something used in the job, they would agree to pay for the course. Counsel said the assessment process is a parallel process to the appraisal process, so to have a defensible assessment, one would use the same principals. He said if an assessment is challenged, an appraiser has to be hired to justify the assessment. While an appraisers license is not required, understanding the principals is necessary. Assessor Cronin was asked by Councilmember Stewart about the course in question and an appraiser's license. Ms. Cronin explained that Appraisal Principals and Procedures is the first step in a long process to obtaining assessment credentials, and that it was typical for clerks in the field of Assessment to take this course. Councilmember Stewart said he wants to invest in staff development as long as it is justifiable in their role. Councilmember Donohue agreed.

Resolution 237-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Donohue to authorize Matt Espey to attend the 2025 Cornell Conference from July 13-18, 2025 at a cost not to exceed \$1,841.60 to be paid from account A1355.4.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Absent
Councilmember Noonan	Absent
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 3:0.

Resolution 238-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Donohue to authorize Leah Cronin to attend the 2025 Cornell Conference from July 13-18, 2025 at a cost not to exceed \$1,544.40, to be paid from account A1355.4.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Absent
Councilmember Noonan	Absent
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 3:0.

Resolution 239-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Donohue to pay \$330 for the Assessor's appraiser's license renewal.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Absent

Councilmember Noonan	Absent
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 3:0.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No comments were made.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Stewart asked Recreation Director Brogan when the playground equipment the Town had ordered was expected. Mr. Brogan said it would arrive on different dates. The Councilmember asked if the dates could be shared so people could be lined up to help with installation as the pieces arrive. The Councilmember said the splashpad at the Recreation Park was repaired and running. Mr. Brogan said volunteers from Pine Knolls Alliance would be there on Sunday, that sectionals were happening the day of the meeting, and that the next few days would be busy. Also, the Councilmember said a bathhouse had been closed due to vandalism—a sink had been stopped up with water left running overnight, according to Mr. Brogan, but there was no damage and the restroom was re-opened. Councilmember Stewart said surveillance cameras do not quite reach that area of the park. He continued, saying that BOCES had done a good job cleaning out fields. Batting cages were not yet installed, according to Mr. Brogan, but would be soon. Supervisor Fish said multiple lifeguards had applied to work at the sand bar beach.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 240-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Donohue, seconded by Councilmember Stewart to adjourn the meeting.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Absent
Councilmember Noonan	Absent
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 3:0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Erin Trembley
Erin Trembley, Town Clerk