

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Moreau was held on February 24, 2015 in the Town of Moreau Municipal Building, 351 Reynolds Road, Moreau, New York

Supervisor Jenkins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Town Board Members Present

Bob Prendergast	Councilman
Gina LeClair	Councilwoman
Todd Kusnierz	Councilman
Robert J. Vittengl, Jr.	Councilman
Preston L. Jenkins, Jr.	Supervisor

Town Board Members Absent

None

Also Present: Leeann McCabe, Town Clerk; Paul Joseph, Highway Superintendent; Jesse Fish, Water Superintendent; Reed Antis, Planning Board Member and Town Resident

Supervisor Jenkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Jenkins welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that all electronic devices be turned off or silenced.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The three sets of minutes from January 27, 2015 were prepared and presented to the Town Board in advance of the meeting for their review, comment, correction and approval.

A motion was made by Councilman Prendergast and seconded by Councilwoman LeClair to approve the three sets of minutes from January 27, 2015 as prepared.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilwoman LeClair	Yes
Councilman Kusnierz	Abstain
Councilman Vittengl	Yes
Councilman Prendergast	Yes
Supervisor Jenkins	Abstain

The two sets of minutes from February 10, 2015 were prepared and presented to the Town Board in advance of the meeting for their review, comment, correction and approval.

A motion was made by Councilwoman LeClair and seconded by Councilman Vittengl to approve the two sets of minutes from February 10, 2015 as prepared.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilman Kusnierz	Yes
Councilman Vittengl	Yes
Councilman Prendergast	Abstain
Councilwoman LeClair	Yes
Supervisor Jenkins	Yes

SET FUTURE MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS

None scheduled

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15 MINUTE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Reed Antis asked if there was any word on the Sheriff's Department and if they would be staying in their building or moving to the Municipal Building. Supervisor Jenkins stated that he had a meeting with the Sheriff and two of his people. They went over the changes and stated that they weren't happy with the basic building for one point. There doing a lot of re-organization. The Sheriff told the Supervisor that even though there are three cars at this station, only one patrols the Town of Moreau. All they did was pick up their vehicles here. Supervisor Jenkins told the Sheriff that he wasn't happy that they didn't discuss the situation with him. They're looking to keep one car here for three people on different shifts to work out of one of the rooms at the rear of the Town Meeting Room. They'll be in the old building for another two or three weeks. There will be a meeting in a week to finalize the details. They'll have their own entrance for the office at the Municipal Building and will have privacy. It's not as large as the building they're in now, but there's room here and they seem comfortable with that. He'll know more after he speaks with the Sheriff next week.

Reed asked about the County recycling at the Transfer Station and if it was finalized. Supervisor Jenkins stated yes and that he had signed the contract with the County. The Town is scheduled to take over the observing of the operations of the recycling as of March 2, 2015. Reed asked how much this would be saving the County. Supervisor Jenkins replied that the County would be paying the Town \$35,000 annually and the first 10 month period would be pro-rated. The County will probably cut their loss in half. They're still projecting to lose about \$250,000.00 by running the ones that remain. They're going to cut their losses by eliminating payroll and benefit costs. Councilman Prendergast stated that the last he knew the County wasn't making money in recycling.

TOWN CLERK REQUEST

The Town Clerk has requested the transfer of \$200.00 from account A1410.4 Town Clerk Contractual to be put into A1410.2 Town Clerk Equipment. There was nothing budgeted for equipment and one of the printers in her office isn't working. The transfer is necessary to make this purchase.

A motion was made by Councilman Prendergast and seconded by Councilman Vittengl approving the transfer of \$200.00 from account A1410.4 Town Clerk – Contractual and be moved to account A1410.2 Town Clerk – Equipment.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilman Vittengl	Yes
Councilman Prendergast	Yes
Councilwoman LeClair	Yes
Councilman Kusnierz	Yes
Supervisor Jenkins	Yes

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REQUESTS

A motion was made by Councilwoman LeClair and seconded by Councilman Prendergast approving the purchase of (6) Cutting Edge Set-up Sets for Plows & Wings from Chemung Supply for \$5,324.00 and for freight not to exceed a cost of \$31.00. This purchase would be paid from account DB5130.492 which has a balance of \$38,568.54 as of 2/24/15.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilman Prendergast	Yes
Councilwoman LeClair	Yes
Councilman Kusnierz	Yes
Councilman Vittengl	Yes
Supervisor Jenkins	Yes

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WATER DEPARTMENT REQUESTS

Jess Fish stated that Jamie is required to have a Grade D License in order to work on the water lines if he's not under the supervision of himself. He is requesting authorization to send Jamie to a Grade D Water Distribution Operator Certification Course on March 16, 2015 – March 20, 2015.

Supervisor Jenkins stated that Jamie is doing a good job for the Water Department and sees a future in this position.

A motion was made by Councilman Prendergast and seconded by Councilman Vittengl approving James Graul to attend a Grade D Water Distribution Operator Certification Course, March 16, 2015 – March 20, 2015 in Cortland, New York at a cost of \$550 for the course and materials, \$415.00 for lodging at the Holiday Inn-Cortland, \$30.00 per day for meals plus mileage.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilwoman LeClair	Yes
Councilman Kusnierz	Yes
Councilman Vittengl	Yes
Councilman Prendergast	Yes
Supervisor Jenkins	Yes

RECREATION DEPARTMENT REQUESTS

The maintenance Director had no requests but gave an update on the transfer of sound equipment from the Annex Building. He stated that he's in the process of taking down the wiring from that building and he wanted to touch base with Judge McCabe to see what his thoughts are. Councilman Kusnierz stated that he should be seeking the thoughts of the Town Board. Tim Johnston stated that he's here during the day and sees Supervisor Jenkins, Bob Vittengl and Judge McCabe. Councilman Kusnierz asked him to keep the Board informed.

THINNING OF TREES AT THE MOREAU TECH PARK

Councilman Vittengl got ahold of Chuck Gerber and walked the Tech Park and asked him what he would do to open it up. He supplied pictures of a job that he was envisioning on Route 9 near Thousand Oaks. Because they haven't merged the lots together yet, they would just be doing Town owned lots in the Tech Park. They would start with lot #4, where they are clearing out for a Solar Farm. The remainder of the lots would be thinned out similar to the picture. They would leave the stumps in but everything would be chipped and there would be no slash left. Because of the amount of snow on the ground, he couldn't give us an exact number for stumpage. He estimated a net to the Town of \$7,000 to \$10,000. They would anticipate being out by May 1, 2015. This will bring revenue in for the Town. Councilman Kusnierz stated that one of the things he'd like to see the Town Board do is for the revenues to be earmarked for the Town of Moreau tax abatement fund so it doesn't just go into the General Fund. Supervisor Jenkins stated that he would check to see if we could do this with the Comptroller's Office.

Supervisor Jenkins asked the Town Attorney if she's seen the contract from Prentiss & Carlisle yet. Councilman Vittengl stated that the contract he's looking at is an old one and that the new one hasn't been drawn up yet. They would do a new contract based on this one subject to approval of the Town Attorney.

A motion was made by Councilman Prendergast and seconded by Councilwoman LeClair approving Prentiss & Carlisle to thin the trees at the Moreau Tech Park subject to contract approval from the Attorney for the Town and authorizing the Supervisor to sign the contract.

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Councilman Kusnierz	Yes
Councilman Vittengl	Yes
Councilman Prendergast	Yes
Councilwoman LeClair	Yes
Supervisor Jenkins	Yes

TRANSFER STATION

There isn't enough information to discuss collection changes at the Transfer Station. Supervisor Jenkins stated that the Town would be spending another 28 hours at the Transfer Station so we would need to run an ad for some part-time help.

A motion was made by Councilman Vittengl and seconded by Councilwoman LeClair authorizing an ad to be run for a part-time clerk at the Transfer Station.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilman Vittengl	Yes
Councilman Prendergast	Yes
Councilwoman LeClair	Yes
Councilman Kusnierz	Yes
Supervisor Jenkins	Yes

IT PROPOSALS

Supervisor Jenkins stated that this concerns contractual issues and will be discussed in executive session.

15 MINUTE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Reed Antis stated that historically the Town hires and puts money into training people and then they leave for better paying jobs. Can the Town get reimbursed if this person leaves within 6 months or a year of the training? Supervisor Jenkins stated that Mr. Graul is a skilled worker and is making more money here than his last job. He hopes that he sees a future in this position. He doesn't know how you would stop someone from leaving. You can write personal services contracts but you would probably pay more for legal fees than the cost of the course.

Mr. Antis asked what the Town would be doing with the house that the Sheriff's sub-station is in if they leave. Supervisor Jenkins stated that the Board has several options that they have to look at. He stated that we have a situation in that there is this one little room at the Municipal Building that three people share. The Maintenance Department and Transfer Station people do their accounting in this room. Reed asked if the Town has already outgrown this building. Supervisor Jenkins replied "no" what he was saying was that we have a person who needs to do bookkeeping that he can't do in his shed, so he comes here. We also have a Director of Maintenance that uses the same office as well as the Recreation Director. He stated that it is something that they'll have to look into to see if it makes sense. He also stated that it would be too hard to lease the building and when the building was purchased they knew that it might disappear someday.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilwoman LeClair reported that she and Councilman Prendergast have a meeting scheduled with Tim Burley on March 2, 2015 at 3:00 to discuss the water districts. Supervisor Jenkins stated that he's prepared a spread sheet for the Board Members to look at and if they have any questions, they can come see him.

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Councilwoman LeClair also stated that the Garden Application for this year has been put in everyone's box and is the same as last years.

SUPERVISOR'S ITEMS

The Supervisor stated that he has a sewer contract between the City of Glens Falls and the Town of Moreau. Attorney Buettner stated that she hadn't had a chance to look at the work plan that was attached to it. Supervisor Jenkins stated that this can wait until March 10th.

The Supervisor reported that he received a reply from the State of New York regarding the Route 32 and Reservoir Road intersection. They reviewed all the information and will be increasing the size of the stop and stop ahead signs. They will be installing reflective strips and posts and intersection warning signs on the State Highway. They will also install larger speed limit "45" signs on Route 32. This work will be done as the weather allows. Upon removal of the existing stop ahead signs, the state will return the flashing beacon to the Town.

A motion was made by Councilwoman LeClair and seconded by Councilman Vittengl to adjourn to executive session at 7:32 p.m. to discuss a possible contract for IT services and to discuss a personnel issue with an unnamed employee. Jesse Fish, Water Superintendent, was invited into the executive session.

Roll call resulted as follows:

Councilman Prendergast	Yes
Councilwoman LeClair	Yes
Councilman Kusnierz	Yes
Councilman Vittengl	Yes
Supervisor Jenkins	Yes

The Town Clerk did not sit in on the executive session.

A motion was made by Councilman Vittengl and seconded by Councilman Prendergast to adjourn the executive session and re-open the regular meeting at 8:15 p.m.

No action was taken in the executive session.

A motion was made by Councilwoman LeClair and seconded by Councilman Prendergast approving North Country Computers and PS Technical Services for Technical Services for the Town including the Town Court on an as needed basis at the rates quoted.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilman Vittengl	Yes
Councilman Prendergast	Yes
Councilwoman LeClair	Yes
Councilman Kusnierz	Yes
Supervisor Jenkins	Yes

A motion was made by Councilwoman LeClair and seconded by Councilman Prendergast to adjourn the regular meeting for the evening at 8:18 p.m.

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Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilman Vittengl	Yes
Councilman Prendergast	Yes
Councilwoman LeClair	Yes
Councilman Kusnierz	Yes
Supervisor Jenkins	Yes

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Leeann McCabe
Town Clerk

The above minutes are not intended to be a complete transcript of the meeting, only a summary. To hear the complete audio of the meeting, please visit the Town's website at: www.townofmoreau.org