

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Moreau was held on December 19, 2019 in the Town of Moreau Municipal Building, 351 Reynolds Road, Moreau, New York.

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

The Town Clerk called the roll.

Town Board Members Present

Alan VanTassel	Councilman
Gina LeClair	Councilwoman
Kyle Noonan	Councilman
Theodore T. Kusnierz, Jr.	Supervisor

Town Board Member Absent

John Hogan	Councilman
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Also present: Leeann McCabe, Town Clerk; Karla Buettner, Attorney for the Town; John Donohue, Councilman Elect; Reed Antis, Planning Board member and Town Resident; Kathleen Moore, Post Star Reporter

The Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from December 10, 2019 were prepared and presented to the Town Board prior to the meeting for their review, comment, correction and approval.

Resolution #2019-463

A motion was made by Councilman VanTassel, seconded by Councilman Noonan and carried, approving the minutes from December 10, 2019 as prepared.

Asked if all in favor, the following responses were given:

Councilman Hogan	Absent
Councilman VanTassel	Aye
Councilwoman LeClair	Abstain
Councilman Noonan	Aye
Supervisor Kusnierz	Aye

SET FUTURE MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS

Resolution #2019-464

A motion was made by Councilwoman LeClair, seconded by Councilman Noonan and carried, to schedule the 2020 Organizational Meeting for January 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Asked if all in favor, the following responses were given:

Councilman Hogan	Absent
Councilman VanTassel	Aye
Councilwoman LeClair	Aye
Councilman Noonan	Aye
Supervisor Kusnierz	Aye

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RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Recreation Leader had requested to purchase 24 long sleeve T-shirts, screen printed with the Town logo as well as 8 Carhartt winter jackets with “Town of Moreau Recreation” embroidered on them, for winter staff. The following quotes were received:

Arca Ink LLC \$983.00
30 Bluebird Road
South Glens Falls, NY 12803

Northwind Graphics/Carhartt \$1,016.00
2453 State Route 9
Malta, NY 12020

NE Promo \$1,110.85
75 Main Street
South Glens Falls, NY 12803

The Recreation Leader’s recommendation was to purchase from Arca Ink.

Resolution #2019-465

A motion was made by Councilman VanTassel, seconded by Councilwoman LeClair and carried, authorizing the purchase of 24 Long Sleeve T-shirts, screen printed with the Recreation logo and 8 Carhartt Winter Jackets with “Town of Moreau Recreation” embroidered on them, for Winter Park Staff. The purchase will be made from Arca Ink at a cost of \$983.00 and will be paid from account A7140.4, which has a balance of \$4,629.94 as of October 31, 2019. The winter jackets will remain the property of the Town of Moreau.

Asked if all in favor, the following responses were given:

Councilman Hogan Absent
Councilman VanTassel Aye
Councilwoman LeClair Aye
Councilman Noonan Aye
Supervisor Kusnierz Aye

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

At the last meeting there was a request from the Building Inspector for Peter Ghostlaw and himself to attend an annual educational conference, to be held in Lake Placid from March 2, 2020 through March 5, 2020. The conference is sponsored by Northern Adirondack Code Enforcement Officials Association. By attending the courses offered at the conference, they can fulfill their requirements of 24 annual in-service credit hours that are mandated by New York State to maintain certification for Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer. He has also requested that mileage be reimbursed, round-trip, per the rules set forth at the Organizational Meeting. He is also looking to purchase meals on Tuesday and Wednesday evening and lunch on Thursday. The Supervisor stated that there were questions at the last meeting and after clarification from Mr. Dreimiller, it was relayed that the cost of meals wouldn’t exceed \$75.00.

Resolution #2019-466

A motion was made by Councilwoman LeClair, seconded by Councilman Noonan and carried, authorizing Matthew Dreimiller to be properly reimbursed for mileage to attend an Annual Educational Conference sponsored by Northern Adirondack Code Enforcement Officials Association in Lake Placid. Reimbursement of meals will not exceed \$75.00.

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Councilman Noonan stated that he was never opposed to either going to the mandated training but requested moving forward, that the paperwork submitted be more clear as to what the incidental expenses will be.

Asked if all in favor, the following responses were given:

Councilman Hogan	Absent
Councilman VanTassel	Aye
Councilwoman LeClair	Aye
Councilman Noonan	Aye
Supervisor Kusnierz	Aye

Resolution #2019-467

A motion was made by Councilwoman LeClair, seconded by Councilman Noonan and carried, authorizing Peter Ghostlaw to be properly reimbursed for mileage, to attend an Annual Educational Conference sponsored by Northern Adirondack Code Enforcement Officials Association in Lake Placid. Reimbursement of meals will not exceed \$75.00.

Asked if all in favor, the following responses were given:

Councilman Hogan	Absent
Councilman VanTassel	Aye
Councilwoman LeClair	Aye
Councilman Noonan	Aye
Supervisor Kusnierz	Aye

Resolution #2019-468

A motion was made by Councilwoman LeClair, seconded by Councilman Noonan and carried, authorizing Matthew Dreimiller and Peter Ghostlaw to attend the Annual Educational Conference sponsored by Northern Adirondack Code Enforcement Officials to be held in Lake Placid from March 2, 2020 through March 5, 2020, at a cost of \$1,298.00. The expense will be paid from account B3620.2, which has a balance of \$2,500.00.

Asked if all in favor, the following responses were given:

Councilman Hogan	Absent
Councilman VanTassel	Aye
Councilwoman LeClair	Aye
Councilman Noonan	Aye
Supervisor Kusnierz	Aye

TRANSFER STATION

The Supervisor reported that he had a request from Ted Monsour, who oversees and operates the Transfer Station, to add additional staffing for the purpose of additional oversight as to what the customers are paying, to ensure that it matches up with what's being deposited into the compactor. The Transfer Station Committee has interviewed an individual, John McDermott, to fill the position.

Councilman Noonan asked if this employee is going to save the Town money by finding discrepancies. The Supervisor stated that they won't know until the person is on staff in that capacity.

Resolution #2019-469

A motion was made by Councilman VanTassel, seconded by Councilman Noonan and carried, to hire John McDermott on a part-time as needed basis for the Transfer Station and to be compensated per the

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schedule currently in place and to be adopted for 2020, pending successful completion of a physical and background check.

Asked if all in favor, the following responses were given:

Councilman Hogan	Absent
Councilman VanTassel	Aye
Councilwoman LeClair	Aye
Councilman Noonan	Aye
Supervisor Kusnierz	Aye

WATER DEPARTMENT

A request was submitted for the purchase of a 5-year cathodic protection corrosion control system for the elevated water storage tank. The cost for the protection is \$4,500.00 submitted by Corrpro. The Supervisor commented that this is a proprietary program.

Resolution #2019-470

A motion was made by Councilwoman LeClair, seconded by Councilman Noonan and carried, authorizing the purchase of a 5-year Cathodic Protection Corrosion Control System from Corrpro at a cost of \$4,500.00. The expense will be paid from all 8310.4 water accounts.

Asked if all in favor, the following responses were given:

Councilman Hogan	Absent
Councilman VanTassel	Aye
Councilwoman LeClair	Aye
Councilman Noonan	Aye
Supervisor Kusnierz	Aye

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Highway Superintendent submitted a request for the purchase of diesel fuel from the 2019 budget year.

Resolution #2019-471

A motion was made by Councilwoman LeClair, seconded by Councilman VanTassel and carried, authorizing the purchase of Diesel Fuel from the 2019 budget year, from Sprague Operating Resources in the amount of \$4,000.00, under State contract #PC68214. The expense will be paid from account DB5142.460, which has a balance of \$17,700.40 as of December 3, 2019.

Asked if all in favor, the following responses were given:

Councilman Hogan	Absent
Councilman VanTassel	Aye
Councilwoman LeClair	Aye
Councilman Noonan	Aye
Supervisor Kusnierz	Aye

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

The Supervisor stated that there are some terms that are expiring and encouraged anyone from the public, who is a Town resident, who may be interested in serving as a member of the Board of Assessment Review, to stop by his office or the Clerk's office and let either know of their interest in writing. He stated that they will take up the matter in 2020. The Supervisor stated that the Assessor is looking to increase

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the Board from three members to five. He asked the Town Board to get the word out and to put it on the Town's website.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

John Donohue, Councilman Elect, stated that he had gone to the public hearing with regards to the proposed brewery on Old West Road. There were a few things that he had concerns about that he considered safety issues. He stated that there is a resident who lives at 325 Old West Road on a sharp turn. He read in the Post Star that there had been three accidents at that bend in fourteen months. He asked if the Town Board could investigate putting up a guard rail. He understood that it wouldn't be done this time of year, with the frost in the ground but thought it could be something to investigate for the spring. Mr. Donohue stated that there were others in attendance of the public hearing that mentioned the large trucks going down Old West Road to Hiram Hollow. He stated that they're going around the sharp turn and the loads aren't covered. They're spilling debris in the road. He stated that the Town Board should re-visit what they allow for traffic on that road. Mr. Donohue stated that the Town gets no benefit from the Hiram Hollow operation. It's located in the Town of Wilton. He suggested a weight limit on the road to keep the larger trucks off. He also suggested that they go a few miles down the road and come in from the Wilton side. He stated that it does a number on the infrastructure and the Town has nothing to gain.

SUPERVISOR'S ITEMS

The Supervisor received a notice of public hearing from the Saratoga County Water Authority. They are proposing a water rate increase of .5% for the subject contract, at a hearing to be held on December 19, 2019 at the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors meeting room. The Supervisor stated that the certified mail was received on December 13, 2019. He immediately had his office post the notice to the Town's website. The Supervisor pointed out that this is good news for the Town because per the contract there is a ramp up of twice that amount. He stated that this will be a reduction in the contract price, which will benefit users within the Town of Moreau.

The Supervisor also received notice of a case, where the Town of Moreau is a stakeholder in the application of the Champlain Hudson Power Express Inc. certificate environmental compatibility and public need pursuant to the Article 7 signing process on the Public Service Law, that's for the construction and maintenance of the high voltage DC service line that will run from the Canadian border to New York City. They have changed the proposed route in parts of Washington County. He stated that he had a copy of the notification if anyone would like to read it in greater detail. The specific case is 10T0139 before the Public Service Commission.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman VanTassel stated that the IT project is close to completion. He stated that there are a couple more switches to be installed and they will finish ahead of schedule.

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilwoman LeClair, seconded by Councilman VanTassel and carried, to adjourn to executive session at 7:27 p.m. for the purpose of having discussion on the work performance of an unnamed Town employee.

Asked if all in favor, the following responses were given:

Councilman Hogan	Absent
Councilman VanTassel	Aye
Councilwoman LeClair	Aye
Councilman Noonan	Aye
Supervisor Kusnierz	Aye

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman LeClair, seconded by Councilman Noonan and carried, to close the executive session at 7:51 p.m. with no action taken in executive session and to resume the regular meeting.

Asked if all in favor, the following responses were given:

Councilman Hogan	Absent
Councilman VanTassel	Aye
Councilwoman LeClair	Aye
Councilman Noonan	Aye
Supervisor Kusnierz	Aye

Resolution #2019-472

A motion was made by Councilman VanTassel, seconded by Councilman Noonan and carried, to increase the rate of compensation for Kristian Mechanik, who is a Full-time employee in the Water/Sewer Department, to \$20.00 per hour effective January 1, 2020.

The Supervisor stated that this is a result of him having completed the necessary certifications to run the water plant. He stated that he appreciates him taking on the additional certifications and is being compensated accordingly.

Asked if all in favor, the following responses were given:

Councilman Hogan	Absent
Councilman VanTassel	Aye
Councilwoman LeClair	Aye
Councilman Noonan	Aye
Supervisor Kusnierz	Aye

Resolution #2019-473

A motion was made by Councilman VanTassel, seconded by Councilwoman LeClair and carried, to create the position of Building, Planning and Development Coordinator within the Building Department, to administer and enforce the laws of Planning and Zoning, Fire Safety and Prevention, Building Construction, Environment, Development and Master Plan. The position would be an overall supervision of the Building Department and would report directly to the Town Board, specifically the Supervisor.

Asked if all in favor, the following responses were given:

Councilman Hogan	Absent
Councilman VanTassel	Aye
Councilwoman LeClair	Aye
Councilman Noonan	Aye
Supervisor Kusnierz	Aye

A motion was made by Councilman Noonan, seconded by Councilwoman LeClair and carried, to close the meeting for the evening at 7:55 p.m.

Asked if all in favor, the following responses were given:

Councilman Hogan	Absent
Councilman VanTassel	Aye
Councilwoman LeClair	Aye
Councilman Noonan	Aye
Supervisor Kusnierz	Aye

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Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Leeann McCabe
Town Clerk