

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Moreau was held on February 9, 2021 in the Town of Moreau Municipal building (via Zoom), 351 Reynolds Road, Moreau, New York.

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

The regular meeting was conducted via Zoom in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order 202 and all extensions, which allow for municipalities to hold meetings remotely, providing that the public has the ability to view and/or listen to such proceedings.

The Town Clerk called the roll.

Town Board Members Present

John Hogan	Councilmember
Kyle Noonan	Councilmember
John Donohue, Jr.	Councilmember
Alan VanTassel	Councilmember
Theodore T. Kusnierz, Jr.	Supervisor

Town Board Members Absent

None

Also present: Leeann McCabe, Town Clerk; Malcolm O'Hara, Attorney for the Town

The Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from January 26, 2021 (4 sets) were prepared and presented to the Town Board prior to the meeting, for their review, comment, correction and approval.

Resolution #2021-96

A motion was made by Councilmember Noonan, seconded by Councilmember Hogan and carried, to approve the minutes from January 26, 2021 (4 sets) as prepared.

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

Councilmember Hogan	Aye
Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember VanTassel	Aye
Supervisor Kusnierz	Aye

SET FUTURE MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS

None scheduled.

COVID-19 UPDATE

The Supervisor reported figures as of today:

At the State Level:

The 7-day Rolling Average Testing Positivity Rate has dropped to 4.38%
7,875 Hospitalized
1,412 Patients in Intensive Care, with 971 intubated
138 Deaths yesterday
Statewide positivity rate: 5.12%

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In Saratoga County:

11,109 Confirmed Cases
132 Deaths
7,437 Recovered
49 Hospitalized

In the Town of Moreau

491 Confirmed Cases
11 Deaths
202 Active Cases
278 Recovered

In the Village of South Glens Falls

134 Confirmed Cases
0 Deaths
50 Active Cases
84 Recovered

The 7-day Rolling Average Positivity Rate for Saratoga County is at 3%
Total number of individuals tested throughout the County is 314,214
The number of residents to date in Saratoga County that have been in isolation or quarantine is at 25,315
The number of residents to date in Saratoga County that are currently in isolation is 3,807

The Supervisor stated, that as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, he has made it his priority for Saratoga County to be the first county in the State to get all their residents vaccinated. He stated, that as of yesterday, 26,371 or 11.5% of residents in the County have received at least one dose of the vaccine. 10,805 or 4.7% of residents in the County have received the second dose. He stated that Public Health has been doing a fantastic job. Most recently they've been working with BOCES to train public health school nurses to administer the vaccine. He stated that the County is moving in the right direction and the only limiting factor is the availability of the vaccine. He stated, that if the County can get access to the vaccine, they can get it out the door.

SALE OF 61 HUDSON STREET

The Supervisor stated that he and his fellow Board members had come to an agreement for the sale of the old Town Hall building located at 61 Hudson Street. He stated that the real estate contract is in the amount of \$159,000.00.

Resolution #2021-97

A motion was made by Councilmember VanTassel, seconded by Councilmember Noonan and carried, authorizing the Supervisor to sign the contract for the sale of real estate located at 59-61 Hudson Street, with a sale price of \$159,000.00.

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

Councilmember Hogan	Aye
Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember VanTassel	Aye
Supervisor Kusnierz	Aye

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SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1 EXT. 5

Resolution #2021-98

**TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF MOREAU**

RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZING PROCESS FOR BID OPENING AND ADVERTISING FOR MOREAU SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1, EXTENSION NO. 5

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Clerk to work in conjunction with the Project Engineer, Laberge Group, to set a bid opening date and advertise the Moreau Sewer District 1, Extension 5 project for public bidding, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the bid opening date shall be set and advertisements sent only after review and legal approval of the contract documents by the Attorney for the Town.

A motion was made by Councilmember VanTassel, seconded by Councilmember Noonan and carried, to adopt the foregoing resolution as read into the record by the Supervisor.

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

Councilmember Hogan	Aye
Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember VanTassel	Aye
Supervisor Kusnierz	Aye

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT RFP – 2020

Resolution #2021-99

**TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF MOREAU**

RESOLUTION: REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2020 NYS CDBG GRANT ADMINISTRATION AND PROGRAM DELIVERY SERVICES

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the preparation and communication of a Request for Proposals for Program Year 2020 NYS CDBG Grant Administration and Program Delivery Services and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to sign documents relating to the RFP, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk will take any and all administrative action to issue the RFP and collect responses thereto for review by the Town Board.

A motion was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember Noonan and carried, to adopt the foregoing resolution as read into the record by the Supervisor.

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 Councilmember Noonan Aye
 Councilmember Donohue Aye
 Councilmember VanTassel Aye
 Supervisor Kusnierz Aye

SARATOGA COUNTY RECYCLING AGREEMENT

The Supervisor read a letter received from the County.

Resolution #2021-100

A motion was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember VanTassel and carried, authorizing the Supervisor to sign the Intermunicipal Agreement for Recycling Services between Saratoga County and the Town of Moreau, for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022. The Town of Moreau will receive \$35,000.00 for each year of the service years provided.

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

Councilmember Hogan Aye
 Councilmember Noonan Aye
 Councilmember Donohue Aye
 Councilmember VanTassel Aye
 Supervisor Kusnierz Aye

RECORD OF ACTIVITIES – NYSLR – COUNCILMEMBER VANTASSEL

Resolution #2021-101

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Moreau will report the following Days per Month to the New York State and Local Employees’ Retirement System, based on the Record of Activities maintained and submitted by those officials to the Clerk of the body:

Title	Name	Standard Work Day	Term	Days/Month Based on Record Of Activities
Councilmember	Alan VanTassel	6 hrs.	8/14/2020 – 12/31/2021	4.75

A motion was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember Noonan and carried, to adopt the foregoing resolution as read into the record by the Supervisor.

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

Councilmember Hogan Aye
 Councilmember Noonan Aye
 Councilmember Donohue Aye
 Councilmember VanTassel Abstain
 Supervisor Kusnierz Aye

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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The Supervisor's office received a request from the Recreation Leader asking to advertise for summer positions within the Recreation Department (Lifeguards, Supervising Lifeguards, Seasonal Park Laborers). He quoted a 2" by 2" ad to be \$60.00 per week in the Chronicle. He asked for permission to run the ad for two weeks and will come back to the Board if he feels it necessary to run the ad in the Post Star.

Resolution #2021-102

A motion was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember Noonan and carried, authorizing the Recreation Leader to run an ad for two weeks in the Chronicle Newspaper, at a cost of \$60.00 per week.

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

Councilmember Hogan	Aye
Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember VanTassel	Aye
Supervisor Kusnierz	Aye

SERVER FIREWALL LICENSING AGREEMENT

The Supervisor stated, that when the Town updated the Firewalls as part of the 2019 project, the licensing agreement for the first year was included in the cost. The Town has received a quote from StoredTech for the license agreement renewals for the Town Hall building, the Highway Department and the Recreation Department. There were two quotes: Option 1 for a One-Year Renewal \$1,264.89 and Option 2 for a Three-Year Renewal \$2,316.60. The Supervisor stated that there was a significant savings if they go with the Three-Year option. His recommendation was to go with the Three-Year Renewal option.

Resolution #2021-103

A motion was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember Noonan and carried, to renew the Firewall License Agreement for a Three-Year period with StoredTech, at a cost of \$2,316.60. The expense will be paid from account A1620.401.

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

Councilmember Hogan	Aye
Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember VanTassel	Abstain
Supervisor Kusnierz	Aye

SUPERVISOR'S ITEMS

The Supervisor stated that he had received an official letter from the United States Department of the Interior in relation to Grant Cottage. The letter was dated February 20, 2021 and was from the National Registry of Historic Places/National Historic Program. The letter advised that the Secretary of the Interior has designated Grant Cottage in New York, a National Historic Landmark. The Supervisor stated that this was good news because the Town of Moreau and Town of Wilton have been assisting Grant Cottage financially and it's been increasingly difficult. He stated that the Cottage requires a lot of upkeep to make it presentable to the public. He stated that he had met with Senator Schumer a few year's ago and he was going to try to get this designation. He stated that Congresswoman Stefanik was also involved in the process. The Supervisor stated, that because of this designation, it will open up the site to millions of dollars in Federal assistance.

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The Supervisor stated that the County had received a limited supply of COVID vaccines, that per the Department of Health and the Governor's directive, could only be used for seniors. He stated that there were about 300 doses. There was a determination between the County Public Health and the Board of Supervisors to use the majority of the vaccines for seniors 75 and over, that couldn't get out of their homes. He commended the Moreau Emergency Squad for their participation on January 30, 2021, in getting the vaccine out to approximately 28 seniors in the Town of Moreau and the Town of Northumberland. These people would have otherwise been unable to receive these vaccinations. He thanked them for the the work they do to protect the public health and safety of our residents.

The Supervisor stated that the Town is in the process of purchasing an additional 50 acres contiguous to the Town's Recreation Park. Prior to moving forward on the purchase, the Town Board authorized a survey to take place. The Supervisor received notification that the field work has begun, and they expect to have it completed by late next week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Hogan stated that there was an issue with the generator at the Town Hall and that it's been repaired. He also stated that there were some faucets in the Town Hall that have never had hot water and they too have been repaired. He stated that Pete Olesheski got them working properly. Councilmember Hogan stated that the Recreation Department is starting to get calls for the possibility of renting out pavilions this summer. He stated that this is something the Town Board will need to think about. He thought with the COVID numbers coming down, they might be able to rent out the pavilions with limited numbers of people.

Councilmember Noonan stated that the Intermunicipal Agreement with the Village for water is overdue and needs to be worked on. The Supervisor asked the Water Committee to see if the Town received the initial payments from last year and then they can go from there.

Councilmember VanTassel stated that he, Councilmember Noonan and Attorney Buettner met with NYSERDA. He stated that it was a good meeting and that NYSERDA shared perspectives from other entities that they work with. They had some recommendations that he and Councilmember Noonan will be bringing back before the Town Board. Councilmember VanTassel stated that NYSERDA thought the Town had done a good job and their only recommendation was to keep it simple. He stated that there are things that overlapped with the existing Town Code. Attorney Buettner is supposed to bring the draft law back to the Town Board once she gets the information incorporated.

Supervisor Kusnierz stated that he had spoken with Attorney Buettner on the draft Solar Law and thought that she had received some feedback from Planning and Zoning Board members.

Councilmember Donohue stated that they've discussed beefing up the Building Department. He stated that the Town of Moreau is exploding and that they need to look at fees that are charged, so budget wise they can look into increasing the department. He suggested that a committee could be formed to look into the matter. The Supervisor stated that they could form a sub-committee to look into this or they could have a Town Board workshop. Councilmember Noonan thought that there had been some suggestions made by the Planning Board on this subject. He stated that he would look back through his emails to see what he could find. The Supervisor also suggested that if anyone wanted to, they could reach out to other municipalities to see what their fees are. He suggested, Clifton Park, Halfmoon and Malta. He stated that the Town used to have a Building Inspector and an Assistant Building Inspector. He stated that he believed the Assistant Building Inspector is needed and that they would need to find creative ways to fund the position.

Councilmember Donohue asked where they were at with the Erie litigation. Supervisor Kusnierz believed that there was a court date set. Attorney O'Hara stated that he didn't know but that he would have Attorney Buettner advise the Town Board.

Councilmember Donohue asked the Supervisor if the Fire Company ever got back to him as to the reasons for needing their money up front. The Supervisor stated that they hadn't and that the contract is ready

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and waiting to be signed. Councilmember Noonan stated, that as Fire Company liaison, he would reach out to them. Councilmember Donohue stated that he would like to know what their issues are. Councilmember Hogan recalled, during budget workshops, that they hoped to get their money up front so they could invest it, so they would be able to do more things.

A motion was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember Noonan and carried, to close the meeting for the evening at 7:40 p.m.

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

Councilmember Hogan	Aye
Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember VanTassel	Aye
Supervisor Kusnierz	Aye

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Leeann McCabe
Town Clerk