

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Moreau was held via Zoom on February 23, 2021 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 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 the public the ability to view and/or listen to such proceedings.

The Deputy 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 - Jill Bennett, Deputy Town Clerk; Karla Buettner, Attorney for the Town.

The Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from February 9, 2021 (Regular Town Board Meeting) were prepared and presented to the Town Board prior to the meeting, for their review, comment, correction and approval.

Resolution #2021-111

A motion was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember Noonan and carried, to approve the minutes from February 9, 2021 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

Councilmember Donohue asked the Board if a workshop should be scheduled to discuss the Town Fee Schedule. Supervisor Kusnierz said he spoke to Jim Martin, the Town's Zoning Administrator about this and he has some information to share. The Supervisor asked Councilmember Donohue to speak to Mr. Martin about the information he has compiled, then the Town Board can set up a workshop.

Nothing was scheduled.

COVID-19 UPDATE

The Supervisor reported figures as of today:

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For Saratoga County:

The 7-day Rolling Average Positivity Rate is 2.06%

272 Cases in the last 7 days

11,687 Total Cases to Date

145 Total Deaths

221 Active Cases

11,321 Total Individuals Recovered

17 Currently Hospitalized

New York State 7-Day Rolling Average Positivity Rate is 4.02%

The Town of Moreau:

519 Total Confirmed Cases

18 Active Cases

490 Total Individuals Recovered

11 Deaths

Village of South Glens Falls:

142 Total Confirmed Cases

7 Active Cases

135 Total Individuals Recovered

New York State:

5,804 Hospitalized

6,146 Tests were positive out of 142,000 given (4.33%)

The Governor announced new regulations for Nursing Home visitations that will go into effect on Friday, February 26, 2021. The new guidelines will be posted on the Town's website. The new guidelines are for counties with a positivity rate below 5%. COVID testing is strongly encouraged and rapid testing can be utilized. Proof of COVID vaccination can be accepted if 14 days has passed since completion of the vaccine.

Weddings and catered events can resume beginning March 15th. Venues are restricted to 50% capacity with no more than 150 people per event. All attendees must be tested ahead of the event. Masks and other safety protocols will be required.

SOUTH HIGH MARATHON – WALK-A-THON

Supervisor Kusnierz shared correspondence he received from Dan Albert, Board of Director of the South High Marathon Dance Committee, dated February 19, 2021. The Committee would like to hold a Walk-a-thon which would be held on April 30, 2021 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. The committee has mapped out the streets that would be affected by the rolling closures. Those streets are Merritt Road, Elmwood Drive, Tanglewood Drive, Nolan Road, Bluebird Road and Fort Edward Road. The Marathon Committee has people to help with traffic control and will be responsible for informing residents that live on the affected streets of the activity. No segment of the affected roads would be closed longer than 45 minutes at a time. Mr. Albert wanted to get an idea of how the Town Board felt about this event. The consensus from the Town Board was, if the Marathon Dance Committee decided to go ahead with this event, they would approve. Dan Albert and Jody Sheldon joined the meeting through Zoom to answer questions from Town Board members.

SUPERVISOR ITEMS

The expiration date for use of the Hudson River Greenway Grant money is coming up. The amount awarded to the Town of Moreau for their trail system was \$7,500.00. The Supervisor authorized the LA Group to work on getting an extension for using the grant money. They were able to get an extension out to October 24, 2022. The Supervisor would like the Rec Committee to sit down with Tracey Clothier, from the LA Group, to find out what the Board needs to do to use the allocated funds.

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The Supervisor had pictures sent to him by a town resident of people sledding at the bowl at the Recreation Park over the weekend. Everyone was social distancing and they all looked like they were having a good time.

Committee Reports

Councilmember VanTassel reported on IT improvements. Spectrum has been working to get internet capabilities to all Town locations. One area of importance is getting the internet to the Transfer Station. The Board discussed putting a wireless bridge that would connect the Transfer Station to the Highway Department's internet service. The internet service would allow the Transfer Station to use online time clocks, payroll and cameras. There was a previous proposal to put in the wireless bridge and put 2 cameras at the Transfer Station. One camera would be in the booth looking down over the cash register and the second would be on the booth looking at the area where the public drops their trash. Councilmember VanTassel wanted to bring this back up to the Town Board to see where they are with this idea.

Supervisor Kusnierz said quotes were obtained in December 2020 and he would like to see this project move forward.

Resolution #2021-112

A motion was made by Councilmember Noonan, seconded by Councilmember Hogan, and carried to authorize the purchase of the necessary equipment with installation in reference to a quote stsq10949 dated December 11, 2020 supplied to the Town from Storedtech, from Sales Representative Ashley Underwood, for a total amount of \$6,852.83.

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

Councilmember VanTassel added that this is under State Contract pricing and the work is under the prevailing wage. For the record Councilmember VanTassel abstained from the vote.

Councilmember VanTassel also discussed the strong support from the Town Board to get prices for outsourcing payroll. He would like the Board to allow the Supervisor's office to write an RFP to get prices for payroll outsourcing.

Resolution #2021-113

A motion was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember Noonan, and carried to authorize the Supervisor's Office to write an RFP to get pricing for outsourcing payroll.

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

Councilmember VanTassel asked if the Board could start discussing their plans for the Recreation Park for Spring/Summer use. The Rec Leader is asking for guidance due to receiving many requests for

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pavilion rentals, field use and contracts. The recommendation from the Rec Committee is to proceed with optimism.

Supervisor Kusnierz agreed with moving forward if the Saratoga County Public Health requirements are followed. There was a brief discussion regarding the opening of the facilities. The consensus was that paperwork would need to be updated to follow Public Health guidelines and what refund policies would be if Public Health decided to shut down again. Supervisor Kusnierz asked the Recreation Committee to review all forms to make sure the verbiage complies with Public Health guidelines. There was also discussion about contracts for organized teams.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember Noonan, and carried to go into Executive Session at 7:39 p.m. to discuss the work history of an unnamed Town employee or employees.

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

The Deputy Town Clerk did not sit in on the Executive Session.

A motion was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember Noonan, and carried to return from Executive Session at 8:13 p.m. with no action taken in the Executive Session.

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember Noonan and carried, to close the meeting for the evening at 8:20 p.m.

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

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

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Bennett
Deputy Town Clerk