

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Moreau was held on April 13, 2021 in the Town of Moreau Municipal building, 351 Reynolds Road, Moreau, New York.

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

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 and Karla Buettner, Attorney for the Town

The Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The month-end minutes from March 30, 2021 were presented to the Town Board members prior to the meeting for their review, comment, correction and approval.

Resolution #2021-146

A motion was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember Noonan and carried, to approve the month-end minutes from March 30, 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

None scheduled.

COVID-19 UPDATE

In Saratoga County

14,167	Confirmed Cases
498	Active Cases
13,509	Recovered
20	Currently Hospitalized
160	Total Deaths

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In the Town of Moreau

646	Confirmed Cases
34	Active Cases
600	Recovered
12	Total Deaths

In the Village of South Glens Falls

175	Confirmed Cases
7	Active Cases
168	Recovered
0	Total Deaths

As of the close of business yesterday:

101,340 Saratoga County residents have had at least one dose of the vaccine, which is 44% of Saratoga County Residents.

70,892 Saratoga County residents have completed the vaccine series, which is 31% of Saratoga County Residents.

32,250 Seniors in Saratoga County have had at least one dose of the vaccine, which is 74.6% of the Seniors in Saratoga County.

28,458 Seniors in Saratoga County have completed the vaccine series, which is 66% of the Seniors in Saratoga County.

The Supervisor reported an increase in the 7-day Rolling Average Testing Positivity Rate to 3.3%.

The Governor has issued guidance with regard to outdoor ceremonies. Effective May 1, 2021, they will be allowed with limited capacity depending on the event size and location. Outdoor ceremonies of over 500 people will be limited to 20 percent of capacity, applicable to venues with a total capacity of 2,500 or more. Indoor event ceremonies of over 150 people will be limited to 10 percent of capacity, applicable to venues with a total capacity of 1,500 or more. The Supervisor stated that the updated guidance from NYS Department of Health, in relation to end of year celebrations during the COVID State of Emergency, will be on the Town's website.

MS4 ANNUAL STORMWATER REPORT

The Supervisor stated that he has the annual report from the Stormwater Management Officer. As required by law, the Supervisor read the following:

The Annual Stormwater report has been completed for the period of March 10, 2020 to March 9, 2021. The draft report is available for review on the Town's website. In addition, copies are available at the Town Clerk's office as well as the Highway Department. Should the public have any questions or comments, they should be directed in writing to: Maureen Leerkes, Stormwater Management Officer, 1543 Route 9, Moreau, New York 12828. Or, they can be submitted via e-mail to: moreauhwy@townofmoreau.org

NBRC GRANT APPLICATION

The Supervisor stated that the Northern Border Regional Commission is a partnership between the Federal Government and the States of Maine, New Hampshire, New York and Vermont. He stated that it provides for an opportunity to secure infrastructure grants up to \$1,000,000.00. He stated that it would be a 50% matching grant. He stated that there was a resolution, which would allow the Town to move forward with the grant application. He asked the Town Clerk to read the following resolution aloud:

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**TOWN OF MOREAU
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE
FUNDING UNDER THE NORTHERN BORDER REGIONAL COMMISSION (NBRC) GRANT**

WHEREAS, The Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) is a partnership between the Federal Government and the States of Maine, New Hampshire, New York and Vermont; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the NBRC is to provide investments to job-creating projects that help reduce poverty, unemployment, and outmigration; and

WHEREAS, under said grant program, applicants are required to authorize an official representative to file the application; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Moreau plans to extend sewer infrastructure in the Route 9 commercial corridor to further future economic development efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Moreau is eligible to apply for an infrastructure grant up to \$1,000,000 which must include a 50% local match; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the Town of Moreau with the 2021 NBRC grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized and designated as the representative and to act as such in connection with the application to provide additional information as may be required including all understandings and assurances contained in the application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to execute any contract and/or agreement executive's permission to sign any and all NBRC investment documents that bind the Town of Moreau; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to the extent all or any actions hereby authorized have been executed and/or performed by the Supervisor all are hereby ratified and confirmed and this Resolution take effect immediately.

Resolution #2021-147

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 Town Clerk.

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

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Recreation Leader made a request to purchase a new 6' x 12' dump trailer with at least a 9,500 lb. gross vehicle weight rating and minimum 7,500 lb. payload capacity, electronic trailer brakes, a combo gate with ramps, and a tarp kit.

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The following quotes were submitted:

Brummers Unlimited 4234 State Route 4 Hudson Falls, NY 12839	\$6,995.00 * Not currently in stock but on order – expect to have soon
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Kloss Equipment 1356 U.S. 9 Wilton, NY 12831	No Quote *No 12’ trailers in stock and may not have any this year
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Versatile Trailer Sales 786 Route 9 Gansevoort, NY 12831	\$9,166.00 *In stock as of 3/25/2021
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Outdoor Motor Sports & Trailer Sales 3952 State Highway 30 Amsterdam, NY 12010	No Quote * No 12’ trailers in stock, not sure when they will receive any
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The recommendation of the Recreation Leader was to purchase from Brummers Unlimited.

Resolution #2021-148

A motion was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember Noonan and carried, authorizing the purchase of a new 6’ x 12’ dump trailer from Brummers Unlimited at a cost of \$6,995.00. The expense will be paid from account A7140.2.

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 Recreation Leader also submitted a request to purchase an OEM replacement engine for the Park’s Titan Powerliner 850 Airless Paint Sprayer (replacement part number 0293943). The following quotes were submitted:

Sherwin-Williams 5462 736 Upper Glen St. Queensbury, NY 12804	\$650.00 Verbal Quote
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SprayPartsUSA.com (online) P.O. Box 2411 Carrolton, GA 30112	\$625.22
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Spray Equipment Parts (online) P.O. Box 4437 Grand Junction, CO 81502	\$637.08
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The Recreation Leader’s recommendation was to purchase locally from Sherwin-Williams, where the Town currently has an account.

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Resolution #2021-149

A motion was made by Councilmember VanTassel, seconded by Councilmember Noonan and carried, authorizing the purchase of an OEM replacement engine for the Town’s Titan Powerliner 850 Airless Paint Sprayer from Sherwin-Williams in Queensbury, at a cost of \$650.00. The expense will be paid from account A7140.4.

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

CROSSING GUARD

The Supervisor reported that the Town has received a letter of resignation from Crossing Guard, John Hayes, which is effective May 28, 2021. The Supervisor stated that he’s done a phenomenal job for the Town. He stated that the kids love seeing him and Mr. Hayes liked dealing with the children. He was a great asset to the Town.

Resolution #2021-150

A motion was made by Councilmember Noonan, seconded by Councilmember Hogan and carried, to accept the resignation of John Hayes, Crossing Guard at Tanglewood School, effective May 28, 2021.

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 Hogan asked if they should be interviewing for crossing guards. The Supervisor stated that they would have a discussion on this at a later date.

SUPERVISOR ITEMS

The Supervisor stated that he had received a CC correspondence from Kristine Orr, Superintendent of South Glens Falls CSD, requesting authorization from the Board of Elections Commissioners to use their voting machines on May 18, 2021. No action is required on the part of the Town.

The Supervisor stated that the Town has received good news from the Environmental Facilities Corporation, in relation to the Engineering Agreement Amendment No. 2018107-01 dated March 26, 2021 for an endangered species impact study in the amount of \$2,875.00 between Laberge Group and the Town of Moreau, for the referenced water pollution control project. The scope of services was reviewed and found to be acceptable as being in compliance with applicable Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) regulations. Costs associated with providing these services have also been found to be eligible for CWSRF financial assistance.

The Supervisor stated that he had reached out to Board Members in relation to a request from Moreau Emergency Squad. They typically purchase fuel for their vehicles from the Village of South Glens Falls, however, the Village will be changing out their pumps and the Moreau Emergency Squad will need to get their fuel elsewhere. The Highway Superintendent stated to the Supervisor that they can track the amount of fuel they use and that he was okay with the request. He did state that the Town’s tanks are small and

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may need to be refilled more often. The Supervisor stated that his office had polled the Town Board members and they were all okay with the request. The Supervisor asked the Moreau Emergency Squad for a copy of their fuel usage and from 9/1/2020 to 12/31/2020 they used 1,151 gallons of gas and 1,111 gallons of diesel. The Supervisor stated that they'll need a key to the pumps. He also stated, that at this point in time, it would be a temporary use.

The Supervisor stated that he completed a request for an application for funding through Congresswoman Elise Stefanik's office. The application was submitted through the Environmental Protection Agency's State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG) program, to supplement funding for the Town of Moreau's Wastewater Collection System Improvements Project/Water Meter Purchases.

The Supervisor stated that he had received correspondence from the Town's Zoning Administrator, looking for direction on where the Town wants to go with the recommendation of a change to the Local Code in relation to fences. He stated that they would take this up at the next Town Board meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Supervisor received information from the County that there is no eligible list for a Transfer Station Manager position. Therefore, the Town is free to advertise for the position. He asked the Board Members to come up with a salary range, so they can advertise.

The Supervisor reported that Councilmember Hogan has been working on the Town Hall fire alarm system replacement. The Supervisor stated that he was unhappy to learn, that at the time of the installation, the fire alarm system that was installed was already obsolete and that you couldn't get parts for it. He also stated that there was no warranty in effect. Councilmember Hogan stated that he had three quotes and was hoping that a fourth would be coming. The Supervisor thanked Councilmember Hogan for working on this and obtaining the quotes. He stated, that when they have the fourth quote, they can compile the information. Councilmember VanTassel stated that he has access to some people who will give a professional opinion on the subject matter.

Councilmember Donohue stated that he had spoken with the Recreation Leader regarding the chain that's across the metal recycling bin. He stated that it wasn't safe, and that Pete Olesheski would look into something safer, like a swing gate. The Supervisor thought that they had given the residents the option to just leave their recyclables outside the chain. Councilmember Donohue stated that large objects must be placed outside the chain, but small objects are left up to the resident. Councilmember Hogan stated that it should be employees only that throw the objects in the bin. The Supervisor stated, that if they move forward with the Transfer Station Manager position, there will be more oversight.

Councilmember Donohue stated that the Highway Superintendent did a good job improvising on the step to the loader, but it still swings and it's dangerous. Mr. Joseph told Councilmember Donohue that the unit is too old to get a replacement part. Councilmember Donohue stated that they need to do something, so no one gets hurt. The Supervisor stated that he would follow up on this.

Resolution #2021-151

A motion was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember Noonan and carried, to adjourn to executive session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations.

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 Town Clerk did not sit in on the executive session.

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The Town Board returned from executive session at 8:02 p.m. The Supervisor stated that there was no action taken in executive session and that none would be taken as a result of the executive session.

A motion was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember Noonan and carried, to close the regular meeting for the evening at 8:02 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