

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Moreau was held on October 25, 2022, 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 Deputy Town Clerk called the roll.

Town Board Members Present

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

Town Board Members Absent

None

Also present: Dianne Lewis, Deputy Town Clerk; Chris Abrams, Deputy Highway Superintendent; Malcolm O’Hara, Attorney for the Town; Peter Loyola, CLA Site; Brian MacKenzie, BKM Properties; Jeanne Kozloski, Town Resident

The Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the September 27, 2022 Audit Meeting, September 27, 2022 Regular Town Board Meeting, October 5, 2022 Town Board Budget Workshop and October 11, 2022 Budget Workshop were prepared and presented to the Town Board members in advance of the meeting for their review, comment, correction, and approval.

Resolution 2022-317

A motion was made by Councilmember Noonan, seconded by Councilmember Stewart, and carried, to accept the minutes of September 27, 2022 (2 sets), October 5, 2022, and October 11, 2022 as prepared.

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

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

BKM PROPERTIES LLC

Project on south side of Exit 17 would require a local law as it involves a lot line adjustment that includes two differently zoned areas. The proposed change would increase residential from 23.54 to 27.23 acres and decrease commercial from 52.83 to 49.14 acres to create a buffer for the residents. They would all be separate lots and wouldn’t add to the current lots. It would also include a conservation all along the western section that will be forever wild.

Councilmember Stewart asked about the one property that wasn’t included on the map because the line goes behind it. If that parcel is currently zoned commercial and the change would make all the area around it residential, Councilmember Stewart is concerned that there could be an issue with the neighbors down the road. Mr. MacKenzie stated that the parcel in question currently has a single-family home on it.

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Supervisor Kusnierz reminded everyone that a notice would go out to all the people within 500 feet, and there would have to be a public hearing. Councilmember Noonan suggested talking to the property owner in question to ask if they would want their property rezoned residential. It is technically non-conforming to the commercial requirements.

Attorney O'Hara stated that the Planning Board would need to get involved. Supervisor Kusnierz described that a local law would have to be drafted, the Town Board would have to review it, and a public hearing would be scheduled after hearing back from the Planning Board. The Town attorney will begin drafting the law for review.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Deputy Highway Superintendent provided quotes for the purchase of a utility equipment trailer.

The following quotes were received:

Brummer's Unlimited 4324 State Route 4 Hudson Falls, NY 12839	\$9,995.00
Outdoor Motor Sports 3953 State Highway 30 Amsterdam, NY 12010	\$11,999.00
Trailer Marketing Services 4560 State Rt. 253 Clinton, NY 13323	\$11,200.00

The recommendation from the Deputy Highway Superintendent was to use Brummer's Unlimited.

Resolution #2022-318

A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Noonan, and carried, authorizing the Highway Department to purchase a 2023 B Wise EH18-16HD Equipment Hauler from Brummer's Unlimited, at a cost of \$9,995.00. The expenses will be paid from account DB5130.2.

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

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

Deputy Highway Superintendent Abrams stated that we should be able to have the new trailer in a couple of weeks.

Resolution #2022-319

A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember VanTassel, and carried, authorizing the extension of the four-day, ten-hour work week by an additional two weeks. The five-day, eight-hour work weeks would resume on Monday, November 7, 2022.

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

The Deputy Highway Superintendent provided quotes for the purchase of winter sand, in the amount of \$5,000.00, from the 2022 budget year as follows:

Friedman Excavating 54 North Street Hudson Falls, NY 12839	\$7.35/ton picked up (gravel pit in Fort Ann) \$14.85/ton delivered
Cranesville Block Company 1206 Saratoga Road Gansevoort, NY 12831	\$11.39/ton picked up (4 miles south on Route 9)
O'Connor Sand & Stone 147 Meadowbrook Road Glens Falls, NY 12801	\$9.00/ton picked up (gravel pit in Queensbury – 10 miles)

The recommendation from the Deputy Highway Superintendent was to use Friedman Excavating.

Resolution #2022-320

A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Noonan, and carried, authorizing the purchase of winter sand in the amount of \$5,000.00 from Friedman Excavating. The expense will be paid from DB5142.491.

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

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

The Deputy Highway Superintendent provided quotes for tree and stump removal.

The following quotes were received:

Adirondack Tree Surgeons 354 Gurn Springs Rd Gansevoort, NY 12831	Tree Removal: Over 5” to 12” - \$500.00 each Over 12” to 18” - \$900.00 each Over 18” to 24” - \$1,900.00 each Over 24” to 36” - \$2,700.00 each Over 36” - \$2,700.00 each	Stump Removal: Over 5” to 12” - \$100.00 each Over 12” to 18” - \$200.00 each Over 18” to 24” - \$300.00 each Over 24” to 36” - \$400.00 each Over 36” - \$500.00 each
Richard Sears Tree Experts 16 Harold Harris Ave Queensbury NY 12804	Tree Removal: Over 5” to 12” - \$375.00 each Over 12” to 18” - \$575.00 each Over 18” to 24” - \$1,310.00 each Over 24” to 36” - \$1,475.00 each Over 36” - \$2,100.00 each	Stump Removal: Over 5” to 12” - \$100.00 each Over 12” to 18” - \$135.00 each Over 18” to 24” - \$150.00 each Over 24” to 36” - \$185.00 each Over 36” - \$225.00 each

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The recommendation from the Deputy Highway Superintendent was to use Richard Sears Tree Experts.

Resolution #2022-321

A motion was made by Councilmember Noonan, seconded by Councilmember Stewart, and carried, to use Richard Sears Tree Experts for tree and stump removal. The expenses will be paid from DB5110.457.

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

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

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Supervisor Kusnierz stated that we are not charging for PUD Applications or PUD Engineer Reviews. We need to have those categories on our list. The Supervisor would like the Board to submit ideas to his office to be added to the spreadsheet. Councilmember Noonan inquired if Laberge Group would be our engineers for the reviews, and we would set up a fee schedule with them.

TOWN COURT

Supervisor Kusnierz reminded the board that the Town Court had requested to apply for a 2022 – 2023 Justice Court Action Plan grant for \$1,250.00. They are required to seek Town Board authorization to apply for the grant.

Resolution #2022-322

A motion was made by Councilmember VanTassel, seconded by Councilmember Noonan, and carried, to allow the Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant and for Supervisor Kusnierz to sign it.

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

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

TRANSFER STATION

Supervisor Kusnierz received a drawing on the doors. They want to make the deposit area for the recyclables safer for the residents and the employees. It can all be done in-house. There is some water-damaged plywood & other wood at the Transfer Station that can be used. They believe that it can be done for under \$500.00 as we just need the Building & Grounds department to purchase the hardware.

Resolution #2022-323

A motion was made by Councilmember VanTassel, seconded by Councilmember Stewart, and carried, to allow the Transfer Station employees to spend up to \$1,000.00 for materials to fix the doors, in absence of a department head. The money will come out of the Transfer Station fund.

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

Councilmember Stewart remarked that they will work with the Building Department to get it inspected and make sure that it is up to code as well.

SUPERVISOR ITEMS

The Supervisor stated that the Board needs to set the salaries for elected officials before the budget can be adopted, and read the proposed salaries based on the budget workshops.

Be it RESOLVED that the Town of Moreau set the salaries for elected officials for the 2023 budget year as follows:

Supervisor	\$52,273.00
Council People	\$13,375.00
Town Justices	\$30,937.00
Town Clerk	\$49,943.00
Highway Superintendent	\$80,000.00

Resolution #2022-324

A motion was made by Councilmember Noonan, seconded by Councilmember VanTassel, and carried, setting the salaries for the elected officials as proposed.

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

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

The Supervisor stated that they must decide what to do with any additional sales tax revenue that comes in as we have met the needs that were budgeted for the 2022 fiscal year. In years past, we have put it in single accounts. The Supervisor's recommendation is that we authorize 50% to the Town Outside account, as we've had to rely on it this year, and the other 50% in the General Fund, so that we have flexibility. If it is put in the Highway fund, it can't be moved. If it is put in the Town Outside account or the General Fund, it can be moved.

Resolution #2022-325

A motion was made by Councilmember Noonan, seconded by Councilmember Stewart, and carried, authorizing remaining sales tax revenue for fiscal year 2022 be split evenly between the Town Outside account and the General Fund.

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

The Supervisor reported on sales tax. We just got our allotment for October. Moreau received \$356,247.00. It's a 5.81% decrease from 2021. Some of the other towns in the county have larger reductions. We're still in a good position financially and are getting more revenue than we're budgeted for.

The Rec Leader sent a memo regarding increasing fees for tournaments. One of the issues in the past was waste disposal. The Supervisor would like the Rec Committee to look at it and come up with a recommendation prior to the next Town Board Meeting, so that the Board can act on it. The Rec Leader will need that information prior to getting requests for softball tournaments for 2023.

The Supervisor stated that he was involved in establishing a Saratoga County Fire Department and EMS Agency Recruitment Grant Fund Program. The County earmarked \$100,000.00 of AARPA funds to be used for this. The County Board decided to give each organization around the county a flat amount to help with their recruitment efforts. Last week the Moreau EMS was given a check for \$2,273.00 and Supervisor Kusnierz spoke with the Fire Company and gave them the information so that they could apply for the grant as well.

Supervisor Kusnierz stated, that as part of the mandated 2023 – 2026 Community Health Assessment, the Saratoga County Health Department has released a survey for residents to share feedback about the health issues and concerns that are important to them. They can complete the survey by going to the Saratoga County website.

Supervisor Kusnierz informed everyone that the Planning and Zoning Board Secretary has provided her resignation effective October 27, 2022, which is after the next meeting. Brenda from the Supervisor's office has agreed to sit in on the next meeting to find out what goes on in case we don't have someone in place prior to next month's meeting. We'll have to have someone in mind for that position going forward and advertise for that position.

Resolution #2022-326

A motion was made by Councilmember VanTassel, seconded by Councilmember Stewart, and carried, accepting Katrina Flexon's resignation as the Planning and Zoning Board Secretary, effective October 27, 2022.

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Stewart touched on the Transfer Station, Rec Department, and Highway Department. He worked with the acting Highway Superintendent as well as Councilmember Donohue, and they will be trucking the chips from the Transfer Station tomorrow and all the mulch will be brought down to the Rec next week to plan for some future green space. Councilmember Stewart thanked the committees and

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department heads for working together. Councilmember Donohue commented that it's perfect timing as they're running out of room at the Transfer Station.

Councilmember Donohue stated that he spoke with Mike at the Transfer Station as well as Councilmember VanTassel from the Personnel Committee. We had advertised to fill a position at the Transfer Station, but we never filled it. Councilmember Donohue asked if we could re-advertise for the position. Councilmember VanTassel said that he'd check with the Town Clerk's office about any applicants. Mike from the Transfer Station stated that if he could get one more person down there, we wouldn't have to hire anyone to replace Betsy. Councilmember VanTassel stated that he didn't know if we had posted the position anywhere but social media.

Resolution #2022-327

A motion was made by Councilmember VanTassel, seconded by Councilmember Donohue, and carried, authorizing the Town to run a Help Wanted ad in the Post Star and the Chronicle for a Part Time Laborer at the Transfer Station.

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Supervisor stated that there was no need for an Executive Session at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Noonan commented that the South Glens Falls Central School District would like to announce that the annual Mike Nolan 5K Fun Run will be on Sunday, November 6th starting at 8:00 AM. In the past they have requested road closures, but they have re-worked the route this year so there will be less people mixing with cars. There is no request for road closures this year and there are other events going on throughout the morning. Last year they raised \$5,000.00.

Councilmember VanTassel discussed the Trunk or Treat event that was held at the Rec last weekend with the Rec Leader. It was a great success. There were more than 2,500 people. It was hard to get an exact count. Councilmember Donohue discussed feedback he received about people staying there for hours. There were food trucks and other activities. Councilmember Noonan stated that it's a great event, and it's wonderful that it is organized by people outside of the Town. Supervisor Kusnierz gave special thanks to Falls Farm and Garden for loaning us the tractor free of charge to use for the wagon rides.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

There were no members of the public wishing to be heard.

A motion was made by Councilmember VanTassel, seconded by Councilmember Noonan, and carried, to close the meeting for the evening at 7:44 p.m.

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Councilmember VanTassel	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Supervisor Kusnierz	Aye

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Lewis
Deputy Town Clerk