

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Moreau was held on November 29, 2022, in the Town of Moreau Municipal building, 351 Reynolds Road, Moreau, New York.

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:12 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

Also present: Dianne Lewis, Deputy Town Clerk; Brenda Hutter, Town Clerk; Lisa Sperry, Supervisor's Confidential Secretary; Jeffrey Cruz, Principal Account Clerk; Chris Abrams, Deputy Highway Superintendent; Karla Buettner, Attorney for the Town; Jeffrey McCabe, Town Justice; Harry Gutheil, Resident

The Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the October 25, 2022 Audit Meeting, October 25, 2022 Regular Town Board Meeting and the November 01, 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 2022-338

A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Noonan, and carried, to accept the minutes of October 25, 2022, and November 01, 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

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Resolution #2022-339

A motion was made by Councilmember VanTassel, seconded by Councilmember Noonan, and carried to open a purchase order with Global Montello Group for gasoline in the amount of \$12,000.00 from account DB5142.460.

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

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

Resolution #2022-340

A motion was made by Councilmember Noonan, seconded by Councilmember Stewart, and carried, to purchase diesel fuel from Main Care Energy in the amount of \$25,000.00 from account DB5142.460. 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

Resolution #2022-341

The motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Noonan, and carried, to increase the hourly rate for as needed Wing Persons to \$18.00 an hour.

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

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Resolution #2022-342

There was discussion regarding repairs and tires on two of the trucks, a 2014 & a 2019 F-250. They both need tires, and the 2014 truck needs repairs.

A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Noonan, and carried, to purchase new tires from Adirondack Tire for \$1,615.36 and to purchase the necessary parts to repair the 2014 pick-up truck, in an amount not to exceed \$2,400.00.

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

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Resolution #2022-343

A motion was made by Councilmember VanTassel, seconded by Councilmember Stewart, and carried, to change the rate for three of the part time laborers: James Davenport, David Gould, & Vincent French to \$16.00 an hour, starting January 01, 2023.

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

Councilmember VanTassel discussed the work being done on the Big Bend trail. That work is on schedule. The archaeology report has been completed and there are no significant concerns. Everything is moving forward as planned.

WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT

A public hearing was held earlier this evening regarding the Map, Plan, & Report for the Saratoga County connection. We will refer the questions from the public to the Town engineers. We will consider whether we want to move forward at the next Town Board Meeting.

Resolution #2022-344

A motion was made by Councilmember VanTassel, seconded by Councilmember Noonan, and carried, to hire Jeffrey Parrish as a Full-Time Laborer for the Water Department at a salary of \$54,000.00, effective Monday, December 5, 2022, and subject to the successful completion of a background check and preemployment physical within a 2-week period.

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

Resolution #2022-345

A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Noonan, and carried, to approve Change Order Number 3, Attachment 1, regarding the Town's contractor, New Castle Paving, LLC, for the Sewer District 1, Extension 5 Project, Contract 1, and authorized the Supervisor sign the change order. The proposed changes and their associated costs are as follows: To extend the date for substantial completion from December 15, 2022 to October 15, 2023, to address the lift station material availability issues. The cost increase for that change is \$12,500.00. To install an additional pre-cast concrete manhole and relocate the flow meter downstream with a lift station valve to offer more reliable readings by increasing the distance from the nearest fitting. The contract amount would be increased by \$10,338.17. The total change in cost for the Town is \$22,838.17.

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

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

The Supervisor stated that there is a public hearing in relation to the Saratoga County Water Authority's increase of their municipal water rate by 1.5% per the contract, effective December 14, 2022. At the Saratoga County Board of Supervisor's Small Meeting Room, Building 1, 40 McMaster St, Ballston Spa.

The Supervisor received correspondence from the Town of Queensbury Water Superintendent and Wastewater Director regarding the calculation for budgeted water production costs for the 2023 year. This year's rate is \$1.36 per 1,000 gallons. (\$1.31 per 1,000 gallons, plus \$.05 transmission costs.) The increase is mostly due to renegotiated union agreement concerning wage increases, significant price increase on electric and chemical costs, and significant price increases on supplies and materials.

BILLING COORDINATOR

Resolution #2022-346

A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember VanTassel, and carried, to hire Anna Labiak as the Water Clerk/Billing Coordinator at a salary of \$46,000.00, effective November 30, 2022. Half of the position would be funded from the Water Department, and half of the position would be funded by the Supervisor's Office.

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

SUPERVISOR ITEMS

The Supervisor stated that he has correspondence from the Saratoga County Treasurer regarding sales tax for November. The Town of Moreau's share is \$333,369.00, which is a 6.61 % increase over last year. Mortgage Taxes collected were \$294,726.65, which is \$103,000.00 over what we received last year.

The Supervisor received a request from the Assessor's Office to close from 12:30 – 4:00 on Friday, December 09, 2022, so that the Town Assessor and the Senior Assessment Clerk can attend the Saratoga, Warren, & Washington County Assessors' Associations collaborative meeting. The Town Clerk's Office will work with the Assessor's Office to take messages and aid residents.

Resolution #2022-347

A motion was made by Councilmember VanTassel, seconded by Councilmember Stewart, and carried, to close Town Hall on Friday, December 23, 2022 with Town employees using their own personal or vacation leave on that day.

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Councilmember VanTassel	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Supervisor Kusnierz	Aye

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Supervisor received an email from a resident asking if there was any progress on upgrading the tennis courts and converting space to pickleball courts. The discussion has been tabled at this time, for forwarding to the Rec Committee and inclusion of the new Rec Leader.

Councilmember Donohue discussed the Transfer Station and there was a consensus that the Town should re-visit the fee schedule.

Resolution #2022-348

A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Noonan, and carried, to increase the hourly rate for as needed Wing Persons, as agreed upon in Resolution #2022-341, effective December 01, 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Supervisor stated that the Town Board will need to take an Executive Session to discuss an employee or employees' work history. The Town Justices will be invited to participate.

Resolution #2022-349

A motion was made by Councilmember VanTassel, seconded by Councilmember Noonan, and carried, to break for Executive Session at 8:00 p.m.

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

No action was taken during Executive Session. The Regular Meeting resumed at 9:07 p.m.

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Resolution #2022-350

A motion was made by Councilmember Noonan, seconded by Councilmember Donohue, and carried, to hire a Part Time Clerk to work in the Court, Jennifer Miller, at a rate of \$20.00 per hour, not to exceed 10 hours per week, for a period of up to 90 days.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

The Supervisor stated that he had no other business. None of the Board members had any other business either.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Harry Gutheil spoke regarding his prior FOIL request. The Town Attorney stated that there was nothing currently before the Town. Mr. Gutheil was informed that he would need to submit another FOIL request.

A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Noonan, and carried, to close the meeting for the evening at 9:15 p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Hutter/dl
Town Clerk