

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Moreau was held on January 10, 2023 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
Theodore T. Kusnierz, Jr.	Supervisor

Town Board Members Absent

John Donohue, Jr.	Councilmember
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Also present: Dianne Lewis, Deputy Town Clerk; Chris Abrams, Highway Superintendent; Jeff McCabe, Town Justice; Karla Buettner, Town Attorney

The Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the November 29, 2022, Sewer Distr. 1, Ext. 5 202-b Public Hearing, Audit Meeting, and Regular Town Board Meeting, and the December 13, 2022, Regular Town Board Meeting, were prepared and presented to the Town Board members in advance of the meeting for their review, comment, correction, and approval.

Resolution #2023-55

A motion was made by Councilmember VanTassel, seconded by Councilmember Stewart, and carried, to approve all three sets of minutes from November 29, 2022, as prepared.

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

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

Resolution #2023-56

A motion was made by Councilmember Vantassel, seconded by Councilmember Stewart, and carried, to approve the minutes from December 13, 2022, as prepared.

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

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

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MOREAU BIG BEND TRAIL

Resolution #2023-57

A motion was made by Councilmember VanTassel, seconded by Councilmember Noonan, and carried, to accept the Full Environmental Assessment Form, Part 1, as completed, and to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Right of Way Clearance Certificate, as well as the Certification Under Executive Order No. 16 Prohibiting State Agencies and Authorities from Contracting with Businesses Conducting Business in Russia.

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

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

Resolution #2023-58

A motion was made by Councilmember VanTassel, seconded by Councilmember Noonan, and carried, to declare the Town of Moreau Lead Agency for the Moreau Big Bend Trail project.

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

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

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Resolution #2023-59

A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Noonan, and carried, to authorize the Supervisor to sign a "Letter of Intent to Purchase/Lease" on Town letterhead for a one ¼ Ton Small Dump truck with a stainless-steel tip-spreader body and plow attachment from H.L. Gage Sales, Inc. for \$167,717.00.

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

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

This will be a "piggyback" purchase off Onondaga County Contract #106-19. This is a 2023 budgeted item purchase from account # DB5130.2 with a balance of \$250,630.00 as of 01/01/2023.

Resolution #2023-60

A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Noonan, and carried, to authorize the Supervisor to sign a "Letter of Intent to Purchase/Lease" on Town letterhead for a Tandem Dump truck with a stainless-steel tip-spreader body and plow attachments from H.L. Gage Sales, Inc. for \$293,635.52.

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

This will be purchased under NYS Contract for Heavy/Medium Trucks #8996. This is a 2023 budgeted item purchase from account # DB5130.2 with a balance of \$250,630.00 as of 01/01/2023.

The Supervisor stated that Highway Superintendent Abrams had appointed Brian Huntley to Deputy Highway Superintendent, Mark Aubrey to Working Foreman, and Paul Patterson to MEO, effective January 1, 2023, and read three memos aloud pertaining to the same.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Resolution #2023-61

A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Noonan, and carried, to approve Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Matt Dreimiller's request to attend the Northern Adirondack Code Enforcement Officials Association Educational Conference in Lake Placid from Monday, February 27, 2023 through Thursday, March 2, 2023.

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

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

By attending the courses offered at the conference, Mr. Dreimiller will fulfill the NYSDOS' annual requirement of twenty-four in-service credit hours that are mandated by New York State to maintain his certification for Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer.

Councilmember Noonan thanked Mr. Dreimiller for using the proper forms.

Resolution #2023-62

A motion was made by Councilmember VanTassel, seconded by Councilmember Noonan, and carried, to refer a proposed zoning amendment to the Planning Board for a report pursuant to section 149-87 of the Town Code at the request of BKM Properties LLC.

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

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

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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Resolution #2023-63

A motion was made by Councilmember VanTassel, seconded by Councilmember Stewart, and carried, to authorize Town Clerk Brenda Hutter to be the Handicap Parking Permits Issuing Agent.

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

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

SUPERVISOR ITEMS

The Supervisor reported on the December 20, 2022 sales tax distribution. The Town of Moreau will be receiving a check for \$315,654.00 if we have not already, which mirrors the County's increase of over 10% from the same period last year. The mortgage tax that the Town will be receiving for December 2022 will be \$33,605.00.

The Supervisor stated that the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors is sharing \$5,300,000.00 in funds that were earmarked to go to the towns based on the sales tax formula. \$326,168.00 is earmarked for the Town of Moreau, which will be deposited into the General Fund. The Supervisor thanks his colleagues on the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors for their cooperation on the resolution.

The Supervisor acknowledged that the Dog Control Inspection Report was received on December 21, 2022. Everything was copacetic. There is a copy in the Supervisor's office for anyone who would like to review it.

The Supervisor indicated that our Special Counsel collaborating with us on Water and Sewer provided correspondence specifying that the final resolution order and determination of the Town Board was recorded in the Saratoga County Clerks office on December 16, 2022 in relation to our 202-b proceeding.

The Supervisor advised that his office will be sending out a newsletter which will go out before the end of the month. A new law impacting the real property tax law was signed into effect in December 2022. It requires that all residential property owners be notified that senior citizens have another exemption for which they can apply.

The Supervisor confirmed that our Assessor is teaming up with other assessors around the county and is looking for direction from the Saratoga County Real Property Tax Service department regarding an exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Supervisor stated that he will need a brief Executive Session to discuss an unnamed employee's work history and performance. The Town Justices were invited to join in Executive Session after a few minutes.

Resolution #2023-64

A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember VanTassel, and carried, to break for Executive Session at 7:19 p.m.

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

No action was taken during Executive Session. The Regular Meeting resumed at 7:47 p.m.

TOWN COURT

Resolution #2023-65

A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember VanTassel, and carried, to hire Ella McFadden from Queensbury as a Part-Time Clerk in the Court at a rate of \$14.20 per hour, not to exceed seventeen ½ hours per week. Ms. McFadden could start as early as January 11, 2023, pending a physical and a background check.

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

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Resolution #2023-66

A motion was made by Councilmember VanTassel, seconded by Councilmember Stewart, and carried, to reschedule the Town Board Meeting from January 24, 2023 to January 31, 2023. The Public Hearings for the Moreau EMS and SGF Fire Department Contracts will be at 6:35 p.m. and 6:40 p.m., respectively, with the Month-End Meeting at 6:45 p.m. and the Regular Town Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

The contracts for the Moreau EMS and SGF Fire Department are identical to last year, with the only changes being approved in the 2023 Budget.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

No members of the public wished to be heard.

A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember VanTassel, and carried, to close the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Lewis
Deputy Town Clerk