

A Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Moreau was held on April 11, 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 Town Clerk called the roll.

Town Board Members Present

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

Town Board Members Absent

Mark Stewart	Councilmember
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Also present: Brenda Hutter, Town Clerk; Chris Abrams, Highway Superintendent ;Brigid Martin, Town Historian; Town Residents; Steven Hutter and Angela Wadsworth

The Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Highway Superintendent provided the Board with a list of several miscellaneous items that he requested to have declared as “Surplus Equipment/Parts”. Once these items have been declared as “Surplus Equipment/Parts”, he would like to advertise them for auction on the website-Auctions International.

Resolution #2023-128

A motion was made by Councilmember Noonan, seconded by Councilmember VanTassel, and carried, to declare the aforementioned list of miscellaneous items as “Surplus Equipment/Parts” with an effective date of April 5, 2023.

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

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

A request from the Highway Superintendent was made asking that some miscellaneous mower parts that the Town of Moreau no longer has any use for, also be declared as “Surplus Parts” and then sold to the Town of Northumberland Highway Department for a fair market value of \$3,000. Supervisor Kusnierz stated that by doing so it will save the Town any middleman fee.

Resolution #2023-129

A motion was made by Councilmember Noonan, seconded by Councilmember VanTassel, and carried, to declare the miscellaneous mower parts from the Highway Department as “Surplus Parts” and authorizes sale to the Town of Northumberland at a fair market value price of \$3,000.

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

MS4 ANNUAL STORMWATER REPORT

The Supervisor has received the MS4 Annual Stormwater Report, which has been completed for the period of March 10, 2022, through March 9, 2023. The 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 at 1543 Route 9, Fort Edward, NY 12828, or they can be submitted via email to moreauhwy@townofmoreau.org

The Supervisor thanked the Stormwater Management Officer, Maureen Leerkes, for continuing to ensure compliance.

TOWN COURT

The Town Justices recommend the hiring of Ella McFadden as a Part-Time Clerk at a rate of \$14.20 per hr., not to exceed 17.5 hours per week.

TOWN BOARD TOWN OF MOREAU

WHEREAS, the Town Board hired Ella McFadden by Resolution #2023-65, as a Part-Time Clerk for the Town Court on January 10, 2023; and

WHEREAS, on February 28th, 2023, the Town Board accepted by Resolution #2023-92, Ella McFadden's resignation dated January 26, 2023; and

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2023, the Town Board received written notice from Ella McFadden rescinding her prior resignation dated January 26, 2023; and

Therefore, be it, RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby rescinds Resolution #2023-92; and

Be it, FURTHER RESOLVED, that Ella McFadden's employment status will revert to active immediately, subject to the successful completion of a background check and pre-employment physical within a two-week period, at a rate of \$14.20 per hr., not to exceed 17.5 hrs. per week.

Roll call results as follows:

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

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Resolution #2023-130

A motion was made by Councilmember VanTassel, seconded by Councilmember Noonan, and carried, to adopt the foregoing resolution.

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

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

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Supervisor stated that he has had conversations with the Recreation Department liaison and found that it has been difficult having the previous Part Time Seasonal Laborer staff willing to return at the current established rate of \$14.20 per hr. It is Supervisor Kusnierz's recommendation to increase the hourly rate of pay to \$16.00 per hr. for the following individuals: Xavier DeRush, Bruce Homicz, William Noonan, and Chris Rich. Please note that Mr. Rich has been actively working since April 10, 2023, at \$14.20 per hr., due to short staffing, however his rate will also be increased. These new rates will all take effect on April 16, 2023.

Resolution #2023-131

A motion was made by Councilmember VanTassel, seconded by Councilmember Noonan, and carried, of the re-hiring of Seasonal Part-Time Laborer Chris Rich at a rate of \$14.20 per hr. on April 10, 2023, as well as increasing the hourly rate of pay with an effective date of April 16, 2023 from \$14.20 per hr. to \$16.00 per hr. for the following seasonal Part-Time workers at the Recreation Park : Xavier DeRush, Bruce Homicz, William Noonan, and Chris Rich.

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

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

Supervisor Kusnierz stated that the Board has been working on the restructuring of staff to run the Recreation Department in a more efficient manner. As it stands, the position of Recreation Director basically requires having the responsibility of handling different programs as well as direct interaction with the public; however, the Board has discussed the need to create a new position in a Supervisory capacity. This particular position would be responsible for not only the Recreation Department, but also for the Town as a whole. The title that the Board came up with was "Working Maintenance Supervisor". This position would include duties that would involve responsibility for the maintenance and repair of Townwide Buildings and Grounds facilities, with general policy and instructions being received from the Recreation Director with the incumbent permitted leeway in planning and overseeing specific projects. Supervision would be exercised over subordinate maintenance employees.

Resolution #2023-132

A motion was made by Councilmember VanTassel, seconded by Councilmember Noonan, and carried, of the creation of the new position of a "Working Maintenance Supervisor".

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

Councilmember VanTassel briefly discussed the potential hiring of Bruce Siergiey for the newly created position of Working Maintenance Supervisor. He began by stating that Mr. Siergiey has been actively working with the Town of Moreau since 2009. He feels that over the years Mr. Siergiey has proven his work ethic, willingness to step-up, and has a clear understanding of the position at hand. The compensation for this position would be for a 40 hour work week, to include weekends and holidays, at an annual salary of \$52,000. Councilmember Donohue agreed that Mr. Siergiey would absolutely make an incredible asset to the Town.

Resolution #2023-133

A motion was made by Councilmember Noonan, seconded by Councilmember VanTassel, and carried, to hire Bruce Siergiey as Working Maintenance Supervisor at an annual salary of \$52,000, effective April 16, 2023.

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

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

Discussion was made regarding a new computer structure system that will perhaps have the new Recreation Director work out of the Annex Building as well as having the Working Maintenance Supervisor work out at the Recreation Department. He proceeded to say the Town's current IT vendors have given a quote for the Town under State contract, to look over, however not all Board members have had the opportunity to look it over to make any decisions. There are several different scenarios that may be needed in order to network computers, phone lines, give extensive Wi-Fi service etc. The Board decided to allow Councilmember VanTassel to do a summary of a cost comparison in order for the Board to make an educated decision on the needs of our growing Town.

SUPERVISOR ITEMS

Supervisor Kusnierz reported that the Town of Moreau recently received the March 2023 Mortgage Tax Receipts , and that we expect to be receiving \$19,622.62, which is a 63% decrease from what we had received last year which was \$53,485.00. The softened Market and increased interest rates have had a factor in this; however, in comparison to other towns in the County we are still doing quite well.

The Supervisor would like to take the time to congratulate Edwin G. Robbins for receiving a certificate from The Volunteer Fire Police Association of the State of New York in recognition of his 54 years of continued commitment for the Fire Police, and for the Fire Service for the South Glens Falls Fire Volunteer Fire Department Inc. in appreciation for all he has done.

The Supervisor received correspondence from the New York State Department of Transportation, dated March 22, 2023, regarding the request to reduce speed limits on three particular roads.

On September 15, 2020, a letter was written to NYS DOT regarding the reduction of the speed limit on Old Saratoga Road between Mountain Road and South Road in the Town of Moreau. NYS DOT has determined that the existing speed limit is appropriate, and a reduction is not warranted at this time.

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On July 1, 2021, a letter was written to NYS DOT regarding the reduction of the speed limit on Winterberry Lane in the Town of Moreau. NYS DOT stated that Winterberry Lane is included within an area 30 mph speed limit, which was established by the New York Department of Transportation in 1972, and in accordance with the NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law (Section 1622 #2), they are prohibited from establishing an area 20 mph speed limit as requested.

On February 15, 2022, a letter was written to NYS DOT regarding the reduction of the speed limit on Fort Edward Road between Bluebird Road and Route 197 in the Town of Moreau. NYS DOT responded that the mentioned section of Fort Edward Road is governed by a 45 MPH speed limit, which was established by their office in 2009. In response to your most recent request, NYS DOT conducted a speed limit investigation of the requested section and recommend enforcement of the existing speed limit rather than reducing it. They will notify the New York State Police and Saratoga County Sheriff's Department with their findings for whatever action they may deem appropriate.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None needed.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Town Resident Angela Wadsworth requested permission from the Town Board to take a moment of silence in recognition of three Town residents that had recently lost their lives. The first was a retired Teacher, the next was a beautiful musician, and the third was a fantastic pipe fitter. She continued by stating that these three individuals were respected members of our community and deserve to be honored in this way. Supervisor Kusnierz asked if she would like to name each person individually, however she responded with only the last names of each. Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Dick, and last was Mr. Lanphear. Supervisor Kusnierz honored Ms. Wadsworth's request by holding 1 1/2 minutes of silence in each of their honor.

No other members of the public wished to be heard.

A motion was made by Councilmember Noonan, seconded by Councilmember VanTassel, and carried, to close the meeting for the evening at 7:34 p.m.

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

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

Meeting adjourned,

Respectively submitted,

Brenda Hutter
Town Clerk

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