

A Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Moreau was held on August 29, 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

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

Town Board Members Absent

Mark Stewart	Councilmember
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Also present: Ellen Buttles, Deputy Town Clerk; Dianne Lewis, Deputy Town Clerk; Lisa Sperry, Confidential Secretary to Supervisor; Chris Abrams, Highway Superintendent; Jeremy Brogan, Recreation Director; Alex Porter, Reporter for the Post Star; Karla Buettner, Attorney for the Town; Kristine Orr, Superintendent of South Glens Falls Central School District; Tim Dawkins, Deputy Superintendent of South Glens Falls Central School District; Town Residents, Amy Noonan, Brad Nelson, Bruce Lant, Ray & Helen Morres, Pete & Chris Carlisi, Adam Seybolt, Ronald Quinn Jr., Steven Van Guilder, Dominic Tom, Brigid Martin.

The Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The following minutes were prepared and presented to the Town Board members in advance of the meeting for their review, comment, correction, and approval:

- July 20, 2023 – Month-end Meeting
- July 20, 2023 - Regular Town Board Meeting

Resolution #2023-250

A motion was made by Councilmember VanTassel, seconded by Councilmember Donohue, and carried, to approve the minutes as prepared for the July 20, 2023 – Month-end and Regular Town Board Meetings.

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

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

South Glens Falls School District Update

Kristine Orr, Superintendent of the South Glens Falls Central School District & Tim Dawkins, Deputy Superintendent of the South Glens Falls Central School District presented.

Orr and Dawkins gave a Power Point presentation of the South Glens Falls State of the District, stating that the school has used three different themes- Pre-Covid, Post Covid and Life Beyond.

Orr mentioned they are to introduce two new programs to the district: a full-day universal prekindergarten and fully provided school supplies for our UPK to grade 5 students. They are delighted to

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be offering full-day universal prekindergarten for the 2023-24 school year. By offering full-day PreK, they can offer our youngest learners a more comprehensive early education experience. The South Glens Falls CSD will have six UPK classrooms for the 2023-24 school year. Three will continue to be housed at Moreau Elementary School, and one classroom at each of the other three elementary buildings. Funding for the expanded program is being provided by New York State. They know that these can be trying times economically. By offering full-day UPK and elementary school supplies, they are trying to help our working families stretch their budgets further. New positions possible for 2023-24 school year. The 2023-24 proposed budget calls for the introduction of a new district psychologist and several new teaching positions and additional counselors. The district psychologist position completes re-evaluation assessments and preschool initial evaluations among other tasks. The groundskeeper position will help with increased needs in our building and maintenance capacities. At their elementary level, we will introduce new teachers at our UPK level, along with a new department head to oversee the expanded program. Four AIS math and one AIS ELA elementary teacher openings are being added. They are also looking to add two elementary-level counselors and four full-time elementary substitute teachers. Additional aides are focused on safety at the middle and high schools, a new restorative coordinator/peer mediation at the high school and a new full-time nurse at the high school are all slated to join our bulldog team for the 2023-24 school year.

The Supervisor thanked Kristine and Tim for coming. The Supervisor mentioned that the South Glens Falls Central School District has a 14% lower enrollment. The School Superintendent mentioned the 14% is about 1 class size per grade. Councilmember Noonan mentioned how he appreciated their presentation and that the timing was perfect. The Town recently had some Housing developments being proposed for South Glens Falls and the Town of Moreau. He added, "I feel like this presentation is perfect to show them we can pursue that housing and bring more families, so thanks for that."

The Supervisor thanked Superintendent Orr and Deputy Superintendent Dawkins for their time.

Attached you will find a copy of the school's presentation.

Sewer and Water

A recommendation from Don Rhodes, representative from Laberge Group in reference to the 2021 MPR for the County Forcemain Connection was put on hold when it became apparent that all Town of Moreau sewer districts would substantially benefit from sending sewer flow to Saratoga County instead of to the City of Glens Falls. With the construction of the County Forcemain Connection nearing completion, to the benefit of all Moreau sewer districts with a requirement to set 2024 user rates for budgeting, they recommend that the consolidation efforts proceed without delay. If the Town finds it acceptable, Laberge Group offers their services to assist with the consolidation effort. Laberge proposed a new Map, Plan & Report (MPR) based on the version from the 2021 consolidation, which will be modified to reflect current and development trends, treatment options, and project costs. The MPR will analyze the current potential of future districts' organization, potential cost savings and reductions, along with convenience and comfort of the newly consolidated sewer district to Town residents. The proposed fee from Laberge group for the work described in the proposal for a lump sum fee of \$25,000.00.

Resolution #2023-251

A motion was made by Councilmember Noonan, seconded by Councilmember Van Tassel, to authorize the Supervisor to sign the proposal for the sewer district consolidation study from Laberge Group for \$25,000.00.

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

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

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Heath Insurance

The Supervisors Office met with Marshall and Sterling for our health insurance renewal for employees and retirees. The individual rate will increase from \$119.31 per month to \$127.21 per month. This represents a 6.6% increase. Marshall and Sterling as the Towns Health Benefits Administrator has recommended Humana Medicare Advantage plan for eligible retirees.

Resolution #2023-252

A motion was made by Councilmember Van Tassel, seconded by Councilmember Noonan, and carried, to authorize Marshall & Sterling to contact Humana to administer this plan on the Town's behalf.

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

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

Highway Department

The Highway Superintendent has requested (7) sets of dry well grates & rings.

Vendors Name and Address

J.R. Hoe and Sons, 101 Ironwood Rd., Middlesboro, KY 40965	Price: \$ 436.43 per set \$ 695.57 shipping Total: \$ 3,750.68
EJ Co., 132 County Rt 59, Pheonix, NY 13135	Price: \$ 373.58 \$ 100.00 shipping Total: \$ 2715.06
N.E.I., 2121 Brooks Ave., Neenah, WI 54965	Price: \$ 889.00 per set \$ 210.54 shipping Total: \$ 6,433.54

Acct# purchase will be made from: DB 5110.450
Balance in account and date: \$2,823.00 as of 7/31/2023
Amount budgeted for the current year: \$4,000.00.

The Highway Superintendents recommendation was to go with EJ. Co., in the amount of \$2,715.06

Resolution #2023-253

A motion was made by Councilmember Van Tassel and seconded by Councilmember Noonan to utilize the Highway Superintendents recommendation of EJ Co. in the amount of \$2,715.06.

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

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

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The Supervisor mentioned that the Town Engineer and Saratoga County DPW have been helping with the intersection of Birch Drive & Ft Edward Road. The Highway Superintendent mentioned that the intersection would be redesigned in more of a T-like intersection with Birch Drive. Additionally, Speakman should be opened as a one way by Thursday (8/31).

Transfer Station:

Chris Abrams, Acting Manager of the Transfer Station, has requested Brush Grinding service. The Supervisor a transfer will need to take place first.

Resolution #2023-254

A motion was made by Councilmember Van Tassel, seconded by Councilmember Noonan, to approve a transfer of \$2,000.00 from A1990.4 General Contingent account to A8160.4 General Refuse Garbage Contractual Account.

All in favor, the following responses were:

Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember Van Tassel	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Supervisor Kusnierz	Aye
Councilmember Stewart	Absent

The Highway Superintendent provided the following quotes for brush grinding services:

Advantage Tree Service, 772 Delaware Ave., Delmar, NY 12054 Price: \$7,500.00

Galusha, 426 Dix Ave, Queensbury, NY 12804 Price: \$ N/A -Service no longer available

W.M. Biers, 100 Port St., Albany, NY 12202 Price: \$N/A-No response.

The service would be paid from: A8160.4
Balance in the account as of 7/31/2023 is \$5,500.00.
Amount budgeted for the current year: \$5,500.00.

Abrams recommended to go with Advantage Tree Service.

Resolution #2023-255

A motion was made by Councilmember Van Tassel, seconded by Councilmember Noonan, to approve Advantage Tree Service for brush grinding services for an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00.

All in favor, the following responses were:

Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember Van Tassel	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Supervisor Kusnierz	Aye
Councilmember Stewart	Absent

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The Supervisor stated it was brought to his attention that there was a political sticker on a compactor at the Transfer Station, which was removed by the Supervisor. The Highway Superintendent and the Supervisor spoke with the employees, and the video surveillance is being watched.

Assessor's Office:

The Supervisor gave a shout out to our Assessor, Leah Cronin, who has been working in the assessor field for over 14 years. She just obtained her IAO designation, which is the Institute & Assessing Officers. This takes a long time and experience to be able to secure that, so she should be commended for the accomplishment and for bringing that expertise to the Town of Moreau.

The Assessor's Office had a request to attend the 2023 Assessors Fall Conference, which will be held in Saratoga Springs for Assessment training from October 3rd through October 6th, 2023. She indicated 12 hours are required for continuing education hours will be earned. The conference has been budgeted for. It will be pulled from the individual budget line A1355.4 with the remaining balance of \$11,994.68.

Resolution #2023-256

A Motion was made by Councilmember Noonan and seconded by Councilmember VanTassel to approve the Assessor's training class in Saratoga Springs, Oct.3 through Oct. 6th, 2023.

All in favor, the following responses were:

Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember Van Tassel	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Supervisor Kusnierz	Aye
Councilmember Stewart	Absent

Recreation Department:

The Recreation Director proposed an agreement with the SGF Pop Warner for use of fields from August 15, 2023-November 1, 2023. The Town shall purchase and supply the paint for all SFG Pop Warner games played. The Agreement also proposes that by August 1, 2023, SGF Pop Warner shall provide the Town Clerks Office with a roster of all registered participants, and Pop Warner shall pay \$500.00 or \$10.00 per participant, whichever is greater. The Supervisor is looking for authority from the Board to sign the Agreement.

Resolution #2023-257

A motion was made by Councilmember Noonan and seconded by Councilmember VanTassel to give the Supervisor authority to sign Agreement with Pop Warner.

All in favor, the following responses were:

Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember Van Tassel	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Supervisor Kusnierz	Aye
Councilmember Stewart	Absent

The second request from our Recreation Director was for shirts for Flag Football and he has reached out to three vendors. Arca Ink declined to provide a quote, Northwind Graphics offered \$1120, and NE Promo couldn't produce in the time needed. The recommendation of the Recreation Director was to go with Northwind Graphics and indicated that we've used them in the past and they're the only local

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company that can handle the orders in the timeframe necessary. This would be paid from account A7310.4 which has a current balance of \$11,708.88.

Resolution #2023-258

A motion was made by Councilmember VanTassel and seconded by Councilmember Noonan to approve t-shirts for Flag Football at the cost of \$1120.00.

All in favor, the following responses were:

Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember Van Tassel	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Supervisor Kusnierz	Aye
Councilmember Stewart	Absent

Saratoga County Trail Grant

The Supervisor made the Recreation Department, the Board, and the public aware that the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors, at their last meeting on August 15th, approved the Town of Moreau's Trail Grant Program in the amount of \$10,000 and this now will total over \$40,000 that the Town has secured since he was Supervisor for Town of Moreau.

Zoning Board Administrator

Jim Martin's contract is set to expire July 31, 2023. Mr. Martin would like to continue as our Zoning Board Administrator until he retires on May 10, 2024. Jim's hourly rate will remain at the current rate of \$110.00 per hr. which has not changed since 2016. The Supervisor asked for a motion to approve and the authority to sign the contract.

Resolution #2023-259

A motion was by Councilmember VanTassel and seconded by Councilmember Noonan to approve the Supervisor to sign the contract for ZBA Jim Martin, with a term from August 1, 2023 through May 10, 2024.

All in favor, any opposed the following responses were:

Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember Van Tassel	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Supervisor Kusnierz	Aye
Councilmember Stewart	Absent

Supervisor Items

The appointment of Bradley Nelson at the last Board meeting was to begin October 1st, 2023, needs to be rescinded and changed to Sept 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025. The Planning Board Chair and the Zoning Board Chair asked to move the date due to a possible challenge to have a quorum.

Motion was made by Councilmember VanTassel and seconded by Councilmember Noonan

Resolution #2023-260

All in favor, any opposed the following responses were:

Councilmember Noonan	Aye
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Councilmember Van Tassel	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Supervisor Kusnierz	Aye
Councilmember Stewart	Absent

The County Clerk has asked the Town to post information about a Passport Night. They will be available 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday September 20, 2023, by appointment only. The Town also has this information posted on the Town website or contact the County Clerk.

The Board of Supervisors, at the Aug. 15th meeting, unanimously approved an apprenticeship program in relation to any County construction projects that have a value of \$3,000,000.00 or more. They are now required to have apprenticeship requirements based on NYS labor laws in effort to support the County's workforce. Most counties have a \$250,000.00 threshold, but the County also wanted to protect small businesses by raising funds to \$3,000,00.000. The resolution was passed unanimously by the Board of Supervisors.

The Supervisor stated he received a resignation from Brigid Martin from her position as Town Historian, effective August 1, 2023. She will be taking on other employment. The Supervisor thanked Ms. Martin for all her efforts and years of service, and the amazing job she has done with the history of Moreau.

Mortgage tax report from July 1st -July 31st for Moreau is \$35,991.00, dramatically lower than previous year which was \$77,866.00. Which could indicate contraction of housing market as well the rates for borrowing money.

The Town received \$55,556.59, from the Landfill profit sharing program. Since the Supervisor has been in the office the Town has received \$218,410.00. Some of this comes from population based, however each town regardless of size, gets a minimum of \$20,000.00.

Saratoga Municipal Animal Shelter received their annual inspection August 1, 2023, by the Dept of Agriculture and Markets. The inspection was rated satisfactory on 19 different items tested.

The Supervisor stated he did not need an Executive Session and the Board agreed.

Councilmember Noonan mentioned the school had asked to mention Mike Nolan 5k November 5th Sunday: no road closure.

The Supervisor mentioned privilege of the floor, no member of the public wished to speak.

Motion to adjourn:

A motion was made by Councilmember VanTassel, seconded by Councilmember Noonan, and carried, to close the meeting for the evening at 8:09 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,

Ellen J Buttles, Deputy Clerk