

The meeting was held in person and called to order by the Supervisor at 7:02 p.m. with an attendance roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT:	John Donohue, Jr.	Councilmember
	Patrick Killian	Councilmember
	Mark Stewart	Councilmember
	Jesse A. Fish, Jr.	Supervisor

ABSENT:	Kyle Noonan	Councilmember
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ALSO PRESENT:	Erin Trombley	Town Clerk
	Glen Bruening	Town Counsel
	Chris Abrams	Highway Superintendent
	Josh Westfall	Building, Planning and Development (BPD) Coordinator
	Jeremy Brogan	Recreation Director
	Elizabeth Bennett	Confidential Secretary
	Reed Antis	Town Historian

OTHERS PRESENT: Nicole Underwood, Vince Sporrer, Olivia Feldman (Lightstar Renewables), Dave Byrne (Renua), Bruce Lant, Richie Wiltshire, Maureen Dennis, Alex Portal (Post-Star)

FUTURE MEETINGS/UPCOMING EVENTS

Supervisor Fish said that the barbecue at the Saratoga County Fair had been a success and that the fair was well worth visiting. He said the Moreau Community Center would be hosting its annual Block Party on Saturday, September 6. He also said there were three more concerts in the park: August 13 featuring Down Home Band, Rustic Spirit will be August 20, and on August 27 the Newell Family Band will play.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments were made

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Supervisor Fish said the Town had received an Eagle Scout project proposal from Kyle Underwood of Troop 99. He invited Kyle to explain his project. Kyle addressed the Board saying his proposed project would be rehabilitating the Old Bend Cemetery. He said he would fix gravestones and make general repairs, and was working with Town Historian Reed Antis as his mentor.

Councilmember Donohue said Mr. Antis would be a good mentor for the project because he is so knowledgeable and enthusiastic about the subject. He said the cemetery had been neglected for years, indicating his support for the project, and wished Mr. Underwood good luck. Councilmember Stewart thanked Kyle for the detailed proposal, and noted that there was a lot of support for his project. Councilmember Killian asked Kyle how long he thought the project would take. Mr. Underwood stated that he would start the project in the fall, and if he wasn't able to finish before winter, he would resume work in the spring to complete the project.

The Town Clerk read:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes Kyle Underwood to proceed with planned cleaning, repair and improvements to the Old Bend Cemetery, for the purpose of achieving his Eagle Scout designation.”

Resolution 315-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Donohue, seconded by Councilmember Killian to accept the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Noonan	Absent
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 4:0.

Attendees gave Mr. Underwood a round of applause.

PUBLIC HEARING: Proposed Local Law 9 of 2025, related to rezoning

Resolution 316-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Donohue to open the public hearing for proposed Local Law No. 9 of 2025.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Noonan	Absent
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 4:0.

Supervisor Fish opened the floor for comments. No comments were made. See comments submitted by email outside the meeting attached after page 249.

The Town Clerk read the following:

“Having opened a public hearing on August 12, 2025 to hear comments regarding proposed Local Law 9 of 2025, concerning Zoning Updates in certain districts of the Town of Moreau;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby closes the public hearing.”

Resolution 317-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Donohue, seconded by Councilmember Killian to accept the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Noonan	Absent
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 4:0.

PUBLIC HEARING: Proposed Local Law 10 of 2025, related to unsafe structures

Resolution 318-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Donohue to open the public hearing for proposed Local Law No. 10 of 2025.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Noonan	Absent
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 4:0.

Supervisor Fish opened the floor for comments. There were no comments from attendees. The Supervisor opened discussion among the Board members. Councilmember Stewart said he had shared his concerns previously about the Town Board making a determination about whether a property has value. He said he understood the real issue is time, that some so-called “zombie” properties have taken years to be resolved. He said he was concerned that the Town Board was taking on liability by allowing demolition, and that as it was written, he did not support passage. He said a judge should hear the case.

Councilmember Donohue said if it were up to the Board, they would get attorney and/or engineer advice to avoid legal issues. Councilmember Stewart pointed out that hiring engineers or consulting with Counsel were not required in the current draft. Councilmember Killian said he agreed with the other Councilmembers. He added that in demolition there would be multiple contractors needed, for example to take down the structure, and then to remove the foundation. He said he was unsure of the liability with that. Councilmember Stewart said if the Town Board authorized demolition, the Town would also have to determine if filling a foundation resolved the safety issue or if the foundation would need to be removed. He said there are costs involved; that the Town would be assuming debt in hopes of recovering the funds from the owner, but that they may not.

Supervisor Fish recommended leaving the public hearing open. Councilmember Donohue said the Board and BPD Coordinator Westfall should look at it again. He said he agrees with this type of law to prevent unsafe properties from being unaddressed for many years. He suggested they spell out the steps they would take and look at it again. Councilmember Stewart addressed a question to Attorney Bruening and BPD Coordinator Westfall, asking whether they know if other Towns delegate the authority to Code Enforcement or engineers, and whether the process the Board might follow was defined in other municipalities. Mr. Westfall replied that they follow the regular process of code enforcement followed by referral to the Town Board.

Councilmember Stewart asked if a Town Board can overrule a judge when a case is open. Attorney Breuning said yes and no; that regular enforcement is first and may resolve the issue, and if not, it would be referred to Town court. If the issue is still unresolved, the only other steps that can be taken currently is for the Town to make a deal with the property owner, or petitioning the Supreme Court. The proposed legislation would be an additional tool, he said, to be used when the case is clear and an engineer is not needed to determine the structural integrity, as in a burned out property. He continued, saying when there is a partial loss, an engineer would be needed to determine if the property is salvageable. He said if an engineer felt it was salvageable, the case would move to court, and if not, the Town Board could take action.

Councilmember Stewart stated that the drafted law was not specific to emergencies and public safety risks. He asked if a violation was issued and the case was sent to court, could the Town Board supersede a court action in progress, and if so, was it legal. Counsel said the Board is not required to do anything. The Councilmember asked if the court was acting slowly, can the Board act anyway. Attorney Bruening said if Mr. Westfall were to make a referral to the State Supreme Court, he wouldn't also make a referral to the Town Board unless something unusual happened in between the referrals, such as the second floor collapsing into the first floor. He said if it goes to the Supreme Court and the referral isn't warranted based upon actions of the Town Board, “the judge would ask, ‘What’s wrong with you guys?’” He urged the Board to trust themselves and Town staff, and to

remember that the Board can always decline a referral. He acknowledged that this does give the Board additional authority, and with it, potential additional liability, but he said the Board would know whether a case was clear or not and whether it was clear they should or should not act.

Councilmember Stewart said that if the legislation were worded to say the Board would act only based upon community safety concerns, the law would have his support. Councilmember Killian said he agreed and that it seems self-explanatory. Counsel asked the Board to identify which specific items in the draft law make the members uncomfortable, and to let Mr. Westfall know. Councilmember Stewart said he wanted to work on the legislation because there is a need. Supervisor Fish said the hearing would be left open.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Fish asked the Town Clerk to read a prepared resolution. She read:

“Be it resolved that the Town Board accepts and approves the minutes for the special Town Board meeting on July 15, 2025 as submitted.” She also indicated that Councilmembers Noonan and Donohue were absent from the meeting.

Resolution 319-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Killian to accept the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Abstained
Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Noonan	Absent
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 3:0.

The Town Clerk read:

“Be it resolved that the Town Board accepts and approves the minutes for the month-end audit and Regular Town Board meetings on July 22, 2025 as submitted.” She also indicated that Councilmember Killian had been absent from the meeting.

Resolution 319-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Donohue to accept the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Abstained
Councilmember Noonan	Absent
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 3:0.

OLD BUSINESS

Town Logo

Supervisor Fish said they were looking again at logo submissions as Town staff works on a new website. He said his office had contacted some of the artists and requested changes. He also said Counsel had drafted copyright documents giving the Town rights to the designs.

Meadow Drive Update

Supervisor Fish said the Meadow Drive drainpipe replacement was complete, and that the pipe had more than 1/3 volume running. He said homes on Marine Drive had been flooding and the Highway Department wasn't able to address the water issue so he had declared it an emergency. He said they had received price quotes from four companies, and that they had selected the least expensive, and that the chosen contractor had subbed out the work to Tom Kubricky (TKC Construction), who agreed to honor the quoted pricing. Cameras were used to assess the lines once it was possible, and imaging showed the line was rotten and collapsed, and it would not be possible to slip line the pipe. He said they had been working on this for 15 weeks so far, and now they were working on paving and repairing lawns and driveways of private properties that were damaged during the repair. Supervisor Fish said it was a 25-year pipe they had replaced which was 50 years old. He said the new pipes would last "most of our lifetimes."

Looking ahead, he said Hilton and Marine Drives, and Windy Lane would have to be addressed, but they were not an emergency. Those lines have been camera-ed and engineers have been consulted, he said, and they were working to determine the remaining lifespan on the existing lines. He said the Board had decided to expand the existing drainage district, which would be discussed along with how to finance the repairs later. The work so far, he said, had come to \$850,000. He said he didn't know how to be more transparent regarding this matter. He said the crews in the area had spoken with residents, and that they had been very understanding and supportive during this process. He asked if anyone had questions or comments. No residents commented.

Councilmember Killian asked for the outlook for the rest of the project based on camera imaging. Supervisor Fish said one spot is 50% collapsed but water is still running through it. To replace the rest of the lines in the district could cost as much as \$2 million, he said. He added that they were trying to be proactive, and because they were planning ahead there are opportunities to seek grants. He said for the emergency situation they had contacted all Moreau's government representatives at New York State and House of Representatives, but none had been given. Councilmember Killian asked BPD Coordinator Westfall if there was a better or worse time to do the work structurally, such as dry or wet conditions. Mr. Westfall said that was really an engineering question. Councilmember Stewart said the engineers can set the priorities, and that the estimated figure was given not to scare the residents, but to plan and is an educated guess. He suggested that perhaps some costs could be reduced with in-house labor, where possible.

Supervisor Fish said there was a quote from TKC to do initial paving Meadow Drive with wings for \$55,000. There was discussion with Highway Superintendent Abrams about whether the Town Highway crew could pave there. Superintendent Abrams said they cannot do wings, so they can't do the initial paving but can do the top coat next year. Councilmember Stewart asked if the binder would help the initial layer make it through the winter. Mr. Abrams confirmed. Councilmember Stewart asked if they should act on this quote under the emergency or if they should go out to bid. Counsel said it was up to the Board. Supervisor Fish confirmed the emergency was still in place. The consensus of the Board was to go ahead to finish the project.

Resolution 320-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Killian to authorize payment to TKC Construction in an amount not to exceed \$55,000 to complete Meadow Drive paving with wings and binder, with the binder being provided by the Town at Saratoga County pricing.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Aye

Councilmember Noonan	Absent
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 4:0.

Discussion: Mike Shaver commented that for the work being done next, the Board should consider replacing the water lines because he said when he was the Water Superintendent clamps had been put in place on the lines. He said at least four clamps had been on the line for a number of years and that those lines are brittle asbestos that are not in good shape. Councilmember Stewart said that was a good thought since the pavement would be dug up for the drainage anyway. Mr. Shaver said replacing the water line could potentially help the Town secure grants as well.

Maureen Dennis asked for clarification, that the Town was completing the work, but the residents were expected to pay for the work. Councilmember Killian and Supervisor Fish said that it hadn't been determined yet. Ms. Dennis said the Town cannot pay for the work or it would constitute an illegal gift. Supervisor Fish said taxpayer money can't be used, and that they were still looking into their options as far as how to pay the bill for the work that's been completed so far, and the resolution was just adding to the bill. Councilmember Stewart said the motion was just to finish the project to the minimum safety standard. Supervisor Fish said this just adds to the total cost of the project.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Supervisor Fish said the Selfridge Road project would likely not be completed until 2026, but engineering begins in 2025 so Highway Superintendent Abrams can budget for the project.

Discussion: Councilmember Stewart asked BPD Coordinator Westfall and Highway Superintendent Abrams if they had a preference of vendor, since there were two under consideration. Neither expressed a preference.

Resolution 320-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Donohue to approve the proposal from LaBella Associates for professional services associated with the replacement of the Selfridge Road culvert over the North Branch of the Snook Kill. Be it further resolved that the Town Board authorizes the expenditure not to exceed \$117,970 for the proposed engineering, to be paid out of account DB5112.431.2 and authorizes the Supervisor to sign the agreement.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Noonan	Absent
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 4:0.

BUILDING, PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Washburn Road Solar

Supervisor Fish said the Washburn Road Solar project had received a favorable review from the Planning Board, with concerns about fire suppression and Town training noted. He asked if there were any comments, and there were none.

The Supervisor asked Town Clerk Trombley to read a prepared resolution. She read:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board sets a public hearing for the solar project to be sited at 148 Washburn Road, in the Town of Moreau, by Washburn Road NY PV, LLC on August 26, 2025 at 7:01pm.”

Resolution 321-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Donohue, seconded by Councilmember Stewart to accept the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Noonan	Absent
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 4:0.

Old West Road Solar

Supervisor Fish said the Planning Board had sent a unanimous unfavorable recommendation to the Board on the Old West Road solar project. He asked for any comments from the Board. Councilmember Donohue said he respected the opinion of the Planning Board but said the project had originally been proposed five years prior. He said one of the objections was the sight line, and that he had walked the properties in question and did not see the issue. He indicated the only view would be from the Northway (I-87), with people passing by at high speeds, and where there are already five billboards installed. He called the objection “crazy.” He continued, saying the project followed the Town solar law point-by-point. He said he believes in property owner rights as well, and that the owner wants this project. He added that the project would not eliminate prime farmland, but the alternative—development—would. He also said the NY State Department of Agriculture and Markets has strict regulations and criteria that have to be met. He said it was not the Planning Board’s place to mandate that this land has to remain a farm and that both solar projects met the law’s criteria. He said he wanted to move them both forward.

Councilmember Killian said he agreed with much of what Councilmember Donohue had said, and that having this option is good for the landowner. He indicated that he favored moving forward as well. Councilmember Stewart asked if fire suppression soil impacts were addressed in the code. BPD Coordinator Westfall said they were not. Councilmember Stewart said the fire suppression question on the Washburn Road project could be a valid suggestion for an amendment to the law, but that he had questions about the other feedback they received. He asked Mr. Westfall if the Planning Board had hired anyone to determine whether the value of the land would be depreciated by the project. Mr. Westfall said they had not.

Councilmember Stewart said the project met the requirements of the law. He also said the Planning Board had expressed a preference for zero visibility, which is not required by the code, and asked if there were safety concerns. Mr. Westfall said chemical fire suppression could possibly affect groundwater. Councilmember Stewart questioned the staff training concern expressed by the Planning Board, and asked if it wasn’t a training opportunity for staff. Mr. Westfall said the Town’s engineers offered training information after the first project advanced. Councilmember Stewart said the objections raised by the Planning Board were all based on personal opinions and that the requirements of the law had been met. He said he didn’t want to overrule the Planning Board but said he felt the Planning Board should make determinations based strictly on the requirements of the law. He added that he agreed with the fire suppression concern, and suggested there could be an amendment to the law on that issue.

Councilmember Killian asked if they could still amend the project to work on fire suppression issues. BPD Coordinator Westfall said he could engage the fire department for future inspections. Councilmember Stewart said this project should go to public hearing.

The Town Clerk read the following resolution:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board sets a public hearing for the solar project to be sited at 81 Old West Road, in the Town of Moreau, by Old West Road NY, LLC on August 26, 2025 at 7:02pm.”

Resolution 322-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Donohue, seconded by Councilmember Killian to accept the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Noonan	Absent
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 4:0.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Recreation Contracts

Supervisor Fish said some changes had been made to contracts, and that Attorney Bruening had expressed concerns. He invited Counsel to walk the Board through the issues. Attorney Bruening suggested introducing some of the bigger issues in the meeting and taking other specific concerns about Recreation contracts with outside organizations into an attorney/client session for further discussion. He prefaced his remarks by saying he appreciated the staff who had worked on the contracts over the years, and said the organizations and programs involved are great--that his concerns were criticisms of neither. Counsel said he was asked to review the contracts and two things stood out to him. He continued, saying the templates being used were long-standing and include the concept of donating to not-for-profits and/or organizations that do good things, but he said the Town does not have legal authority to do so except in rare instances where there is a statutory obligation. The second concern he highlighted was that the Town cannot lease the fields in the way they had been done, but can instead grant temporary revocable licenses. Mr. Bruening said he needed some time to lightly restructure the contracts under discussion. He indicated that the contracts were mostly okay, the logistics in them would be unchanged. He said the Board could continue to use the old agreements if they preferred to do so.

Councilmember Stewart said waiving fees was not the same as giving money. Counsel said it could be interpreted as a waiver or as a gift. He posited that if fees were waived for group A and not for group B, it raises the question “Why,” and that the answer may be that group A gives something to the Town. Councilmember Stewart said that had been the intention, and that the Town had received more value than they waived. He said residents use the facilities without paying if they are not rented, and they don’t get kicked out for not paying. Counsel said the agreements should specify that the fee is waived in exchange for something to avoid the appearance of impropriety. Councilmember Stewart said the Town had had these reviewed by multiple legal representatives in the past. Attorney Bruening declined to comment on the work done by previous counsels.

Councilmember Killian said he agreed with both sides. He said he didn’t want to make things more difficult, but that the Board needs to be cautious. Councilmember Stewart said they had been transparent about waived fees and also transparent about not wanting to compensate volunteers who run programs. He said he didn’t want to eliminate the Board’s ability to take this action. Attorney Bruening said he had not been asked, and he didn’t

want them to ask, but if they ask for a legal opinion, he would give it to them, and they should be prepared to receive or reject that advice. He also said if they felt comfortable with the existing agreements as they are, they could go ahead and sign them. He again urged the Board to discuss the matter further in an attorney/client session. Councilmember Stewart agreed to go into an attorney advice session for more discussion, but pointed out that in some cases, the contracts they would be discussing would be for 2026 because the seasons of play in 2025 had passed already in some cases. Counsel said that fees could still be collected without an agreement if fees are due and that he would still revise those contracts as templates for 2026 agreements. Councilmember Killian said Attorney Bruening was trying to protect the Town.

Supervisor Fish asked if they could not act on contracts before them at that time. Attorney Bruening said revisions could be completed quickly. No additional action was taken.

Recreation Bathroom Upgrades

Supervisor Fish invited Recreation Director Brogan to walk the Board through the information he had sent to the Board the previous day related to bathroom upgrades at the Betar Recreation park. Recreation Director Brogan said two restrooms, made of plywood, need complete upgrades. He said the plywood partitions have to be replaced annually. Options for bathroom partition materials in the provided quotes are metal or plastic, he said, adding that metal restrooms on the “Quad” was rusting. He said his recommendation was for the more expensive plastic option for a better look and longer warranty, but he needed to ask for additional funds.

Councilmember Stewart asked what the Recreation Director was asking for specifically at that meeting. Mr. Brogan said he was upgrading toilets and faucets and making other general upgrades with a portion of the bathroom grant funds, and was asking for an additional \$6,000 to add to the grant to upgrade the two bathrooms. When asked if Mr. Brogan had those funds on his budget, he said that the Board had allocated funds to purchasing golf carts in 2025 that would not be purchased this year, so he hoped he could use those funds. Councilmember Stewart said he believed the golf cart funds were allocated specifically to equipment and could not be used for non-equipment without a budget amendment.

Councilmember Stewart asked if Mr. Brogan could continue to work on the project with available funds while the Board looks into how to allocate additional funds. Mr. Brogan said one of the bathrooms in question was closed and gutted, and the plywood removed already. Councilmember Stewart asked if the Board was in favor of using golf cart funds to upgrade the bathrooms. He then asked Mr. Brogan if he had 3 quotes on the bathroom units. Mr. Brogan said he had emailed four quotes, and that he really needed an additional \$1,000, which he had in his budget. He said the warranty on the metal unit was three years, and the warranty on the plastic unit was twenty-five years. Councilmember Killian said he thought they should invest in longevity. Councilmember Stewart asked what the actual figures were that would go into this project. The response from Mr. Brogan was \$8,500 from the grant plus \$1,000 to cover the recommended plastic partitions, plus \$5000 for other bathroom upgrades.

Confidential Secretary Bennett said the \$10,000 grant funds had been approved generally but that the Town procurement policy doesn’t allow general approval. She said, according to a conversation with Principal Account Clerk Cruz, the policy requires specific quotes, descriptions of what is being purchased, and named payees in resolutions. She continued, saying that those details need to be brought back to the Board for approval to spend the grant funds. Councilmember Stewart said he was struggling to word a resolution because the additional funds were allocated to equipment. Ms. Bennett said they can approve the expenditure and Mr. Cruz can include a budget amendment in the month-end audit to address this.

Resolution 323-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Donohue to authorize the Recreation Director to purchase solid plastic bathroom partitions with a 25-year warranty from One Part Partitions in an amount not to exceed \$9,599 including shipping.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Noonan	Absent
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 4:0.

Flag Football T-Shirts

The Board reviewed the shirt pricing provided by the Recreation Director. Councilmember Stewart noted that the lowest bid was from a vendor in Malta and that shipping was not included. He said that the cost to send a Town employee to get the shirts exceeded any savings they may get from using that vendor, and that they had ordered from Arca before without issue. He said they should support a business in Town whenever they can.

Resolution 324-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Donohue to approve payment to Arca Ink for 173 jerseys at a cost not to exceed \$1,557 from account A7310.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Noonan	Absent
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 4:0

The motion was rescinded following clarification.

Resolution 325-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Killian to authorize the purchase of flag football shirts from Arca Ink per the supplied quote, in an amount not to exceed \$1700 from account A7310.4.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Noonan	Absent
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 4:0

Employment

Resolution 326-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Donohue to accept the resignation of Sean Melvin effective August 26, 2025.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Noonan	Absent
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 4:0

Resolution 327-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Killian to post the Full-Time Recreation Laborer position with an application deadline of September 2, 2025.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Noonan	Absent
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 4:0

MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The Supervisor asked the Town Clerk to read a prepared resolution. She read:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board accepts the July Monthly Reports for the following:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Building, Planning and Development Office• Assessor’s Office• Dog Control Officer• Highway Department• Historian | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recreation Department• Town Clerk• Transfer Station• Water & Sewer Department.” |
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Resolution 328-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Donohue, seconded by Councilmember Killian to accept the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Noonan	Absent
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 4:0.

ASSESSOR’S OFFICE

Supervisor Fish said the Assessor was looking to attend the New York State Assessor’s Association Fall Conference in Lake George. He said the conference was at one the Courtyard Marriot hotel, and accommodations would be at a different hotel. He said the hotel stay would be \$372, plus \$25.20 for mileage, with reimbursement for two nights of the stay from the State Comptroller’s Office. \$124 would be the Town’s

cost for the accommodations after reimbursement, for a total cost, with mileage, of \$149.20. The mileage cost to commute would be \$75.60.

Councilmember Stewart said they had discussed previously the value of the time spent with colleagues outside of the actual training sessions, and that it was equally valuable, and with the difference in cost of around \$75, he said he was okay with authorizing the Assessor to stay during the conference. Councilmembers Donohue and Killian agreed.

The Town Clerk read:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Town Assessor to attend the New York State Assessors Association Fall Conference at the Courtyard Marriott in Lake George from October 6-9, 2025 which includes the meal plan at \$405 and a three night stay at Marine Village in Lake George at \$372, for a cost not to exceed \$1022.20, to be paid from account A1355.4.”

Resolution 326-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Donohue, seconded by Councilmember Killian to accept the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Noonan	Absent
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 4:0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bruce Lant asked about progress on the fire company contract between the Town and Village of South Glens Falls. The Supervisor said they will meet with the Village and Fire Company representatives. Mr. Lant said the first of the new year was approaching quickly. Supervisor Fish said they would get the meeting set up by the beginning of September.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Stewart said that issues with the Town’s tax exempt status had delayed the Town Board Room screen he has been working on but that it should be installed by September.

Recreation Director Brogan said the hours at the sand bar beach would be changing starting the week after the meeting. One lifeguard was returning to college and the others are school athletes who will continue to work around their schedules. He also said he was looking to hire more staff. He said all but one of his summer hires had left, and that he had been in contact with the tournament organizers to let them know it was not possible for his remaining staff to prepare the fields for a tournament outside of their four fields without help. He said he was hoping to hire more. Councilmember Stewart asked if other Town staff could help at the Recreation Department. Supervisor Fish said he thought so as long as the staffer did not exceed their weekly hours. Highway Superintendent Abrams said his employees could not due to their labor contracts. Councilmember Killian said the new website should help with getting new recruits. Councilmember Stewart said they need to post those part-time positions.

ADJOURNMENT

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Moreau was held at 6:00 p.m. on August 12, 2025 at the Moreau Municipal Building, 351 Reynolds Road, Moreau, Saratoga County, New York.

Resolution 327-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Killian to adjourn the meeting.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Absent
Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 4:0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Erin Trombley
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Town Clerk



Council Meeting 8/12 Questions

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Good morning.

I am unable to attend the town council meeting this evening due to another time commitment. I do have questions I'm hoping you can address, though. I have read through 149-24.1, particularly in regard to cannabis growing facilities. First, thank you for reconsidering large-scale growing in the Town of Moreau. My questions are as follows:

- 1) How will 149-24.1 work with cannabis being an agricultural crop by definition in A01235/S01752, which Governor Hochul signed into law in January of 2025?
- 2) Does the Town have the power to limit cannabis growing to indoor facilities only? It doesn't appear that any other agricultural crop is legally required to be grown indoors in the state of New York.
- 3) How does 149-24.1 not penalize farmers who wish to grow cannabis as an agricultural crop in an agricultural district? Are farmers in areas zoned agricultural restricted from growing this agricultural crop outdoors on their own farmland, or is this strictly for large-scale growing facilities unaffiliated with typical farming practices? I can see parallels between the arguments surrounding solar farms and cannabis farming in relation to property rights and impact on neighbors.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Bri Lebrecht

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