The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

The Town Clerk called the roll.

### **Town Board Members Present**

John Hogan Councilman
Alan VanTassel Councilman
Gina LeClair Councilwoman
Kyle Noonan Councilman
Theodore T. Kusnierz Supervisor

### **Town Board Members Absent**

None

Also present: Leeann McCabe, Town Clerk; Malcolm O'Hara, Attorney for the Town; Paul Joseph, Highway Superintendent; Peggy Jenkins, Assessor; Sandy Mahoney, Recreation Program Director; Jesse Fish, Water Superintendent; Shelby Schneider, Marty Vanags and Michael Hagerty – Saratoga Prosperity Partnership; Edward Connell, Adirondack Trust; Bill Pels and Bob Murphy, Barton and Loguidice; Rebecca Ring, SGF Girls Softball; Steve VanGuilder, Moreau Emergency Squad; Don McPherson, LA Group; Reed Antis, Planning Board Member; Town Residents: Richard Hughes, Patricia Hughes, Vince Sporrer, Virginia Livsey, Bruce Flayer, Thomas Wade, David and Elaine Kramer; Village Resident: Brigid Martin

The Supervisor asked if there were any Veteran's in attendance that would like to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. A gentleman offered to and led the Pledge.

# **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from March 20, 2018 and March 27, 2018 (4 sets) were prepared and presented to the Town Board prior to the meeting, for their review, comment, correction and approval.

A motion was made by Councilman VanTassel and seconded by Councilwoman LeClair to approve the minutes of March 20, 2018 and March 27, 2018 (4 sets) as prepared.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilman Hogan Aye
Councilman VanTassel Aye
Councilwoman LeClair Aye
Councilman Noonan Aye
Supervisor Kusnierz Aye

### SET FUTURE MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS

A workshop was scheduled for April 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Recreation Field usage.

### FENIMORE BRIDGE PROPOSAL

The Supervisor stated that he had met a few weeks ago with a group interested in helping the Town secure grant money for the Fenimore Pedestrian Bridge proposal, which will connect the Town of Moreau to the Village of Hudson Falls. He stated that the bridge was built in 1907 and it took 8 months to build. Bob Murphy and Bill Pels, from Barton & Loguidice, were present to explain a grant opportunity. Mr. Murphy gave the presentation. He stated that there is a high chance of funding if the pieces come together. He stated that the bridge is owned by both Counties. In order to submit a joint application, a letter of support

would be needed from both municipalities. Mr. Murphy stated that this is a fundable project under the NYS Parks & Recreation Historical Preservation Program as well as the Department of State's Local Waterfront Revitalization Program. Both programs offer funding of up to 75% grant with 25% local match. The grant would cover design and construction elements. In-kind services can be used for the 25% match, it doesn't have to be cash. Mr. Murphy stated that funding from both programs is done through Consolidated Funding, which usually comes up in May, with a deadline in mid-summer. An award date would be in December. He asked if this was something the Town wanted to pursue. He stated that before the Town were to go further, they would need to make sure that both Counties are on board.

The Supervisor stated that the proposal submitted from Barton & Loguidice is in the amount of \$4,000.00, which would be split between the Town of Moreau and the Village of Hudson Falls. The Supervisor stated that it would take coordination between both municipalities. He spoke with the County Administrator and he's willing to meet with him to discuss the proposal in greater detail. The Supervisor commented that this pedestrian trial trail [amended 4/25/18 lm] could benefit the Town of Moreau.

Councilman Noonan asked what they see happening on the bridge. Mr. Murphy stated that some of the initial ideas were: fishing platforms, binocular outlooks, community gardening. He stated that if the project is funded, the first step would be a structural analysis. He stated that the structure is solid, they just don't know how solid. Once they get that figured out, they can determine what it will support. Councilman Noonan asked what was on the Hudson Falls side of the bridge that they would want to connect to. Mr. Murphy stated that there are plans for a park with a kayak launch and fishing platforms on the Moreau side. Mr. Murphy stated that once you get to the other side of the bridge it will connect to publicly owned property on the north side of the river. It won't connect directly to the south side, which the old GE property is on. Supervisor Kusnierz stated that he believed the Village of Hudson Falls has secured funding for park development along the river.

Councilwoman LeClair stated that they might be able to use the old rail beds for access to these walkways. She also asked if they were to apply for this grant, would it have a negative effect on the Nolan Road grant application.

Councilman Noonan stated that the Town had applied for a grant, which wasn't awarded, but will be applied for again, for a river project at the end of Nolan Road. He asked, if the Town were to apply for a grant for the proposed bridge project, would it interfere with the Nolan Road project. He stated that obviously they would want all the projects to happen but that he wouldn't want the Fenimore Bridge project to hinder the Nolan Road project.

Supervisor Kusnierz stated that he's familiar with the Consolidated Funding application process. He stated that one of the things that helps score high are inter-municipal agreements. He stated that the same rubric is given to score all projects. He asked Mr. Murphy when he needed to know if the Town is interested. Mr. Murphy stated that it would be good to know by the second meeting in May. The Supervisor suggested that the Board members review the proposal and if they're interested, it can be put on the agenda for the next Town Board meeting.

Mr. Murphy stated that he could work with the LA Group to see what program they're applying under. He mentioned again that there were two different funding programs.

Councilwoman LeClair asked, if they apply for this grant, what would they be asking for. Mr. Murphy replied that they would be asking for design and construction costs. He believed the limit for funding under both programs is \$750,000.00 but that they would find out for certain in the next couple of weeks.

The Supervisor thanked the gentlemen for their time.

#### LA GROUP PROPOSAL – PLAYGROUND DESIGN & SPRAY YARD

The Supervisor stated that there had been a workshop a few weeks ago to discuss the proposed Universally Accessible Playground and Spray Yard. The LA Group was willing to give a proposal. He introduced Mr. Don McPherson from the LA Group.

Mr. McPherson gave a short presentation stating that they would like to regroup and verify the plans and the budget. The Supervisor stated that the extensive price for the playground equipment was \$300,000.00. He had suggested that those who worked on the project, come back to the Town Board with three different levels of what they were looking for. He stated they wanted to know what the thoughts were for a bare bones cost for plans, a medium and a high, so the Town Board could decide what plan they thought would be best moving forward. He stated that the proposal from the LA Group was \$10,000.00, which would include preparation and design for the play area and the layout design. It also includes preparation of options for materials. Following that they would meet with the Town Board or Committee to review the conceptual sketch plan and options and facilitate vendor interviews for play equipment. Mr. McPherson stated that the low, medium, high could be a phased in project, which could be done gradually.

Councilman Noonan asked if LA Group was going to do a complete re-design or if they would still be using any of the original design. Mr. McPherson stated that their job is to re-affirm the original vision.

Supervisor Kusnierz thought that this project would fit well into the Town's five year Master Plan they're hoping to develop for the Recreation Park. He stated that one of the components that's missing from the Rec facility is that when the older siblings in families are playing sports, we don't have extensive playground equipment for younger kids. He thought that a project of this nature would go a long way in addressing the needs at the Park. He asked how large of a project do they want to have. He stated that he believed there has been \$57,000.00 raised between donations and commitments for the playground to date. He stated that the most important thing to do, is to decide on how much money they want to allocate for the project if they decide to move forward. He also stated that the Rec Capital Project fund and the Townwide Capital Project funds both have money. He didn't think that the Town Board would want to use all of that for funding.

Councilman Hogan stated that this project came about because of someone who is handicapped. He thought they should create the handicapped accessible swing first. Along with that would come accessible ground layout. Mr. McPherson stated that the design will allow those in wheelchairs to be able to roll through the entire playground. Councilman Hogan's second priority would be the Spray Yard. He also stated that Gavin Park charges admission to their park and asked our Town Board if they would want to charge admission. Supervisor Kusnierz stated that if we're securing the funding for the project, we shouldn't charge admission.

Councilman VanTassel stated that they were looking at three different approaches or phases and he didn't see that in the proposal and asked if it's included. Mr. McPherson stated that it is.

Councilwoman LeClair commented on the swings that the Oueensbury School District has.

The Supervisor asked the Town Board to consider the playground layout and decide what they want to spend toward a component of that and then they can discuss their thoughts at a later Board meeting.

### SARATOGA COUNTY PROSPERITY PARTNERSHIP

The Supervisor stated that he had met with the folks that were here tonight earlier in the year. He stated that they had offered to develop an economic development plan for the Town at no cost. They agreed to come to this Board meeting to give a presentation. He introduced Shelby Schneider, Marty Vanags and Michael Hagerty from the Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership. Mr. Vanags gave a presentation and explained what the Prosperity Partnership and the Next Wave Communities are. He stated that in 2014 the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors commissioned a study on the state of economic development. The end report was that recent successes hadn't been capitalized on. He stated that their job is to help create what the Town needs and wants. He stated that it could be transportation or it could be sewer and water. Their proposal is for an economic development plan. What they would need from the Town are its desires and needs and they'll provide the expertise. He presented median household incomes and home values for cities, towns and villages in Saratoga County. The Town of Moreau was about average for both. He explained how the project would start.

# Phase I – Kickoff Meeting

They would meet with the economic development committee to determine their needs.

They will build a Next Wave Communities Team.

# Phase II – Economic Development Workshop Themes

They would do an economic development survey and distribute to stakeholders asking them about their desires and needs.

#### Phase III – Asset Identification

They will work with the community to identify and develop an inventory of Town economic development assets. Potential Assets were listed.

Phase IV – Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats (SWOT) Exercise They will perform a SWOT analysis and a Foresight analysis.

# Phase V – Final Plan and Strategy

A final plan and strategy will be developed and written by the committee and the Saratoga Partnership. It will include but not be limited to:

Goals & Objectives

Vision for community

Results of SWOT

Opportunities for collaboration

Responsibilities for implementation

Next Steps

Linkage to external resources

He commented that the plan would be specific to the Town of Moreau. He stated that they have 50 years of experience and that they're here to help not to hinder. He asked if there were any questions.

The Supervisor thanked Mr. Vanags and the Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership. He also stated that it behooves the Town to have a plan in place.

Councilwoman LeClair stated that the Town has the most potential for build out. She asked if the Partnership had spoken with the Village at all. She then commented that the Village is part of our community. Mr. Vanags stated that he hadn't spoken with the leaders in the Village but thought it would be advantageous to work together. He suggested, that if we could get everyone together, he'd be happy to discuss this with them.

Councilman Noonan asked what the first step is. Mr. Vanags ran through a scenario of how they would assist the Town in bringing in what the Town wants. He stated that there have been businesses that have looked at the Town of Moreau but we didn't have all the components that they were looking for. He stated that in order to bring in business, the properties they would be looking at must be shovel ready. He explained how businesses are looking for property that has water and sewer.

The Supervisor stated that Moreau is unique in that it has direct access to the interstate. We also have access to high pressure natural gas and water. He stated that we're just missing sewer.

Councilman VanTassel agreed with everything that had been said. He stated that the only thing missing is that the Town doesn't have a plan. He stated that he understood the phase approach and that they want the Town to tell them what we want. He commented, that the reality is, we don't know all the answers. He asked what value his organization can bring to help the Town sort out what the best opportunities might be. Mr. Vanags stated that they would use their experience, professionalism and knowledge. He stated that they have the ability to bring in people from the outside who can help do some of the work. Councilman VanTassel asked about the timeline. Mr. Vanags stated that it would take 3-4 months to get through the 5 phases. He stated that the Town would help organize meetings, help to decide where surveys go, help in giving them space to do the work they need to do. The Town's lift would be to energize the community and to get people to participate.

Councilman VanTassel asked how they are funded. Mr. Vanags stated that they're funded by occupancy taxes. He stated that they receive half from what's collected. He stated that last year they received \$450,000 in occupancy taxes and the rest of their funding comes from the general fund in the County. Councilman VanTassel commented that there would still be some expense to the Town to do mailings and such and asked what the Town would have to budget. Mr. Vanags stated that he hadn't thought that through and didn't have an exact answer but didn't think that it would be more than \$1,000.00.

Councilman VanTassel stated that he and Councilman Noonan could contact the Village and find out who their stakeholders are and also contact the Community Center to set up a meeting date. He asked Mr. Vanags if there is anything that he can send in advance of the meeting with data. Mr. Vanags stated that if the Town is interested in doing this, they would send an engagement letter stating the specific steps and with time frames. He also stated that they could leave the times blank and work with the Town to fill them in.

Mr. Vanags was thanked for his time.

### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REQUESTS

The Highway Superintendent stated in a memo that he's been receiving calls related to brush pick-up. He's requesting to schedule the program from April 23<sup>rd</sup> through May 18<sup>th</sup>. He stated that he would use the week of May 21<sup>st</sup> for any residents that may need extra time to get their debris out beside the road. His memo stated that he would run an ad in the Post Star and Chronicle newspapers and also post the information on the Town's website. Handouts would be available at Town Hall and at the Transfer Station.

A motion was made by Councilman VanTassel and seconded by Councilman Hogan authorizing brush pick-up from April 23<sup>rd</sup> through May 18<sup>th</sup>, with the week of May 21<sup>st</sup> being used for any residents that may need extra time to get their debris out beside the road. Also to advertise the pick-up in the Post Star and Chronicle newspapers and to put the information on the Town's website.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilman Hogan	Aye
Councilman VanTassel	Aye
Councilwoman LeClair	Aye
Councilman Noonan	Aye
Supervisor Kusnierz	Aye

The Highway Superintendent submitted a proposal for a six year maintenance examination for the fire suppression system around the fuel oil at the Highway Garage. This is required by the State's Division of Building Standards and Codes. The proposal includes inspection of the inside of the cylinders; discharge of the cylinders; sand, prime and paint cylinders; rebuild valves; recharge cylinders; and, take down & reinstall cylinders.

A motion was made by Councilman VanTassel and seconded by Councilman Hogan authorizing the Highway Superintendent to engage the services of New York Fire & Security for a 6 year maintenance examination of the fire suppression system at the Highway Garage for a cost of \$1,795.00.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilman Hogan	Aye
Councilman VanTassel	Aye
Councilwoman LeClair	Aye
Councilman Noonan	Aye
Supervisor Kusnierz	Aye

The Highway Superintendent had also requested authorization for New York Fire & Security to add devices to the old highway garage using the current panel in the new highway garage. The proposal is to install 4 pull stations, 1 Outdoor Strobe/Horn, 13 heat censors, 3 strobe/horn, 3 CO detectors, 1 smoke detector, 1 strobe, 10 polling loop modules, 1 polling loop extender, plus miscellaneous wiring and materials. The proposal was in the amount of \$4,595.00, which included materials and labor. Supervisor Kusnierz stated that he had checked with the Town's Insurance Carrier and was told that this is not required but highly suggested to do when we can. He stated that this wasn't budgeted for. Councilman VanTassel asked Mr. Joseph if the service had been budgeted for and the answer was no. The Supervisor also pointed out that the proposal didn't include prevailing wages and suggested that the cost would come in higher than what was proposed. He stated that they should have more discussion on what the Insurance Company is suggesting. He suggested that this be a budgeted item for 2019. Councilman VanTassel was in agreement.

The Supervisor made mention of a memo received from the Highway Superintendent that they will be hosting an 8-hour Defensive Driving class on Wednesday, May 2, 2018. It will be held at the SGF Fire House on Route 197 from 8am to 4pm and will be open to all Town employees. The cost is \$32.00 per person payable the day of the class. The Supervisor stated that his office has notified all non-Highway Department employees of the class. Councilman Hogan asked if the employees who choose to go, will get paid for the time they are at the class. Supervisor Kusnierz replied that they would.

The Supervisor reported that there had been storm damage that resulted in a tree coming down on a private property at 228 Potter Road. The tree had fallen from Town owned property and landed across the driveway, damaging 3-4 arborvitaes. The Highway Department has cleaned up the fallen portion of the tree. The property owner has requested that the Town pay for the damages. The Supervisor stated, that historically, the Town hasn't paid for that kind of damage. He stated that this was an act of God and not due to negligence on the Town's part. He asked how the Town Board wanted to respond. Councilman VanTassel asked if the fallen tree has been cleared up and Mr. Joseph replied that it had. Councilman Hogan stated that as long as the debris has been cleaned up, he felt that the Town had fulfilled their obligation. He didn't feel the Town should be responsible for the shrubbery. Councilman Noonan agreed. Councilwoman LeClair stated, that if it were her tree that caused the damage, she would have replaced their trees. She didn't have a problem replacing the shrubbery. The Supervisor stated that this was an unfortunate accident and that he would report to the property owner what the Board's decision was, which was to not pay for the damages.

### TRANSFER STATION REQUEST

Ted Monsour has requested to install 2 doors on 2 structures at the Transfer Station. The Supervisor stated that he had visited the Transfer Station and right now there are tarps that cover the openings to keep debris from blowing in and out. The total cost of the doors would be \$405.64. There was no opposition to the request and since it was under the procurement threshold of \$500.00, the purchase didn't need a resolution.

The Supervisor stated that he had been approached by a Transfer Station employee asking if she could rewrite the guidelines for the Transfer Station to bring them up to be more current. He told her that would be ok and when she's done with it, he would bring it before the Town Board.

### RECREATION PARK REQUESTS

Sandy Mahoney had presented a request from SGF Girls Softball to the Town Board asking if they could paint the floor of the concession stand. Rebecca Ring was present representing SGF Girls Softball. She stated that they had already purchased the paint. The Town Board was in agreement to allow this request.

The Supervisor stated that they would also like to place a floor down in the upstairs to be compliant with NYS DOH. The room has been enclosed per DOH and they just need to put down laminate. The Town Board was in agreement to allow this request.

The Supervisor reported that they had also requested to purchase and erect a sign at the Softball Quads. The Town Board received a mock-up of what the sign would look like. Rebecca Ring stated that it would be double sided. They would pay for the sign and do the landscaping around it.

Councilman VanTassel stated that he appreciates all the work that their entity does. He wanted to remind her that anything installed would become Town property. Ms. Ring stated that they were ok with that.

Supervisor Kusnierz stated that he would like either the Town Board or the Rec Committee to look where they want the sign to be placed and then have Randy reach out to them.

Sandy Mahoney stated that SGF Girls Softball would also like to install sun barriers at all softball dugouts. These would be slats that could be inserted into the fencing. Ms. Ring stated that she had called Afsco Fencing for a price, she just needs Town Board approval. Councilman VanTassel asked if you can see through the slats. Ms. Ring stated that it's a way to separate the players from the crowd so coaches can have the players' undivided attention. Councilman Noonan stated that it would be the fence outside of the dugout and that the players would still be able to see through the fencing looking out from the dugout. Councilman Hogan stated that it wouldn't be a sun shield for some of the fields and Ms. Ring agreed. Councilman Hogan stated that when his daughter plays ball, he likes to be able to comment to her through the fence. Ms. Ring stated that he would still be able to do that, it would just create a bit of a barrier. There was no opposition to her request.

Ms. Mahoney received a request from SGF Youth Lacrosse to replace the goal nets as their contribution for the year as well as lining and painting the fields after the initial lining. Councilman VanTassel stated that he thought they were trying to move away from in-kind services. He asked that this item be tabled.

The Supervisor stated that Ms. Mahoney is looking to move forward with this year's Color Run. Ms. Mahoney stated that the event is to be held on August 12, 2018 and the money raised will go towards the Universally Accessible Playground. Councilman VanTassel stated that Sandy has put a lot of effort into this over multiple years and commented that the Town appreciates her efforts. He also commented that if it weren't for some major sponsors, the Town would have been upside down. He was concerned about saying yes tonight, without hearing more about who she has secured for sponsors. He asked how we will know that we won't be upside down. Ms. Mahoney stated that this is the first step in getting the sponsors. Councilman VanTassel stated that he would be supportive of giving approval to move forward to see if this will be a profitable event but asked that she not take any money from participants yet.

Councilwoman LeClair stated that the Community Center will be moving their September event to the Betar Byway Park. She asked if it would benefit the Color Run to be a part of that event. Ms. Mahoney stated that her concern would be running on the road. With the Town Park the color stays in the woods. If you put markings on the pavement it stays. She felt that it was safer in the woods.

The Supervisor also received a request from Ms. Mahoney to have the School Summer Camps moved to the Rec Park this summer. There was also a request for a new backstop at the Legion Field. The Supervisor stated that he would like the recommendation of the Recreation Committee before they move forward on these requests.

Ms. Mahoney also asked for Town Board approval of her Flag Football flyer so she can get them out to the Schools. There was no objection to her request.

Councilman Hogan asked about clean-up day on April 21st at the Rec Park. He wanted to know if this had been coordinated with Randy. Ms. Mahoney stated that it had been. Councilman Hogan stated that Randy wasn't aware of this. Ms. Mahoney replied that she had spoken with Bruce but that she would talk to Randy tomorrow. She also stated that they're supposed to get together a list of things they would like done at the Park. Councilman VanTassel stated that there is a 3 year contract in place for Little League and Girls Softball and that clean-up day isn't for the purpose of in-kind service. He stated that it's been done for years as a way to instill life lessons and community involvement.

The Supervisor stated that he had received a request to change the hours at the Rec Park. Councilman Hogan stated that they need to stay open later than 6:00pm. He didn't know if they needed to set an actual time and suggested that by saying "closed at dusk" that would be ok. Supervisor Kusnierz asked, that with dusk as a rule, from the standpoint of staff, what do you tell them their hours are. He stated that employees are paid hourly and need to punch in and out. They will need to know what their hours are. The Supervisor suggested that the hours be a set time. Councilman Hogan asked what time programs start at the Park. Ms. Mahoney stated 9:00 a.m. The Town Clerk asked if this would be a permanent change as all of the forms in her office state that the Park is open until dusk. It was replied that this would be a closing time. The Supervisor stated, that by stating the Park is open until dusk, everyone has a different opinion of what dusk is. It was mentioned that employees could hold over if need be.

A motion was made by Councilman Hogan and seconded by Councilman VanTassel to make the hours for the Harry J. Betar Recreation Park from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., seven days per week and to be effective April 16, 2018.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilman Hogan Aye
Councilman VanTassel Aye
Councilwoman LeClair Aye
Councilman Noonan Aye
Supervisor Kusnierz Aye

### WATER BILL DISCUSSION - 20 HUDSON DRIVE

The Supervisor stated that there is a senior on a fixed income who requested to have her water bill reduced. The Board members were provided with a print out of the usage for the property. He stated that there was a period where the readings spiked and it resulted in a bill over \$400.00. The Supervisor asked the Town Clerk if any bills had ever been reduced in the past. She replied that there haven't been any to her knowledge but that previous Boards have allowed extra time to pay without penalty. Councilwoman LeClair asked what happened. Jesse Fish replied that the water had been running for about three months. Sandy Mahoney stated that this was her mother's house and that someone had turned her faucet on without her knowledge. She stated that it started on November 22<sup>nd</sup> and that she wouldn't have noticed it because she's elderly and would have no reason to go into her backyard. Ms. Mahoney didn't think her mother was looking to have the entire bill wiped out but because she's on a fixed income, she was looking to have it reduced.

A motion was made by Councilman VanTassel and seconded by Councilwoman LeClair to waive the interest fees for six (6) months, for water billing purposes at 20 Hudson Drive.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilman Hogan Aye
Councilman VanTassel Aye
Councilwoman LeClair Aye
Councilman Noonan Aye
Supervisor Kusnierz Aye

#### WINTERBERRY SUBDIVISION

Supervisor Kusnierz reported that he had received a request from Travis Mitchell, who is part owner in this development, asking the Supervisor to be given authority to state that the Town is willing to maintain the roads, right-of-ways and storm drains for this development. This request had never come to the Board before so he inquired as to why we're receiving the request when the work hasn't been performed. Mr. Mitchell indicated to the Supervisor, that there is a new individual with the Department of Health that has pointed out that DOH has the authority to within [amended 4/25/18 lm] regulations that to [amended 4/25/18 lm] require such a commitment from the Town and are asking the Town to do so. The Supervisor

stated that he had spoken with Counsel earlier today and he has no problem in stating that the Town would be willing to accept the road dedication etc. but included in the letter would be the caveat that certain things have to be met before the Town can do so. The Supervisor asked the Board if they wanted him to draft a letter and send it out or if they wanted to table this item for more discussion. He asked if Counsel had any thoughts on the matter. Attorney O'Hara stated that his office could be authorized to draft the letter. Councilman VanTassel asked if there is a homeowners association involved. Supervisor Kusnierz stated, that on the Mylar, the requirement for the HOA is to maintain the stormwater area. He stated that one of the things the Town needs to do moving forward, is to be very tight requiring HOA's, as part of the Planning approval process, to come up with the money and have some way for the Town to recoup cost should they have to go back in if the HOA doesn't do the work. He stated that the taxpayers shouldn't have to take on that responsibility. Attorney O'Hara stated that he had made an inquiry to DOH this afternoon and is waiting to hear back.

Reed Antis stated that the HOA's are supposed to take care of the work and suggested that in order to protect themselves, the Town could create a stormwater district so that the Town has funds to maintain them. Supervisor Kusnierz stated that they could look at that down the road.

The Supervisor asked for a motion. Councilman VanTassel asked if he was going to work with Counsel in drafting a letter once he hears back from DOH.

A motion was made by Councilman VanTassel and seconded by Councilwoman LeClair authorizing the Supervisor to engage the services of Counsel to determine the best course of action in framing a letter as required.

### Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilman Hogan	Aye
Councilman VanTassel	Aye
Councilwoman LeClair	Aye
Councilman Noonan	Aye
Supervisor Kusnierz	Aye

# WATER DEPARTMENT REQUEST

A request was received from the Water Superintendent looking for authorization for Alan Dubois and himself to attend school in Saratoga for credits toward their water license. The school is to be held on April 11<sup>th</sup> and is a one day class.

A motion was made by Councilwoman LeClair and seconded by Councilman Noonan authorizing Jesse Fish and Alan Dubois to attend school on April 11, 2018 in Saratoga at a cost of \$60.00 each for a total of \$120.00. The expense will be paid from all water 8310.4 accounts.

### Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilman Hogan	Aye
Councilman VanTassel	Aye
Councilwoman LeClair	Aye
Councilman Noonan	Aye
Supervisor Kusnierz	Aye

The Supervisor stated that he had his office reach out to Pittsburgh Paint regarding the pressure washing and painting of the Town's water tower. Their price remained the same as quoted last year at \$82,800.00, which is what was budgeted for. He asked if the Board wanted to move forward at this time.

A motion was made by Councilman VanTassel and seconded by Councilwoman LeClair authorizing the Town to engage the services of Pittsburgh Paint for the pressure washing and exterior painting of the

supported structure as defined in the proposal in the amount of \$82,800.00 and to be paid from the budgeted line item.

The Supervisor commented that the Town has done business with Pittsburgh Paint before. He stated that they're a better known company. As part of their proposal, they will be providing \$10,000,000.00 proof of insurance.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilman Hogan	Aye
Councilman VanTassel	Aye
Councilwoman LeClair	Aye
Councilman Noonan	Aye
Supervisor Kusnierz	Aye

The Supervisor stated that he would like Counsel to review the content of the quote before the Water Superintendent calls on them to do the work.

#### **MS 4 ANNUAL REPORT**

The Supervisor stated that he's required by law to make the public aware that the report has been completed for the period March 10, 2017 through March 9, 2018. The Draft report is available for review on the Town's website and in the Town Clerk's office. Should the public have any questions or comments, they should direct them in writing to: Maureen Leerkes, Stormwater Management Officer, 1543 Route 9, Moreau, NY 12828 or they can be emailed to <a href="mailto:moreauhwy@townofmoreau.org">moreauhwy@townofmoreau.org</a>.

# TOWN CLERK REQUEST

The Supervisor reported that he had received information from the Town Clerk regarding an offer from ZAR Corporation for the old folding machine in the amount of \$250.00. The unit would have to be put on a pallet for shipping.

A motion was made by Councilman VanTassel and seconded by Councilman Noonan authorizing ZAR Corporation to purchase the Town's used folding machine, which is no longer functional, for \$250.00, with the understanding that the Town will secure it to a pallet and that there will be no additional costs to the Town.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilman Hogan	Aye
Councilman VanTassel	Aye
Councilwoman LeClair	Aye
Councilman Noonan	Aye
Supervisor Kusnierz	Aye

### **BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW - APPOINTMENTS**

A motion was made by Councilman VanTassel and seconded by Councilwoman LeClair to appoint Christopher Abrams as a member of the Board of Assessment Review to fill the unexpired term created by resignation. The term will begin immediately and will end September 30, 2020.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilman Hogan	Aye
Councilman VanTassel	Aye
Councilwoman LeClair	Aye
Councilman Noonan	Aye

Supervisor Kusnierz Aye

A motion was made by Councilman VanTassel and seconded by Councilwoman LeClair to appoint Richard Noonan as a new member of the Board of Assessment Review. The new term will begin immediately and end on September 30, 2019.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilman Hogan Aye
Councilman VanTassel Aye
Councilwoman LeClair Aye
Councilman Noonan Abstain
Supervisor Kusnierz Aye

# **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Bruce Flayer commented on the Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership presentation. He stated that over a year ago the Board had paid a firm to develop a master plan for the Town. He stated that the plan was broken down into districts. It outlined population and zoning and prospects for development. He suggested that this document be a starting point for the Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership.

Reed Antis stated that Councilwoman LeClair had worked on a Hudson River Park project and he would rather see that developed instead of the Fenimore Bridge project.

Mr. Antis stated that there was a workshop this evening regarding field usage. He stated that these issues have gone on for years and suggested that the Town get it under control and not have the people using the fields control it.

Mr. Antis stated that there was money donated for a helipad last year and he hopes that the Town isn't going to go anywhere with it.

Mr. Antis stated that the playground project has dragged on for 3 years now.

Mr. Antis was curious as to the CFM's and how the heating is going in the Town Hall.

Mr. Antis stated that the work on the master plan has dragged out. There was a presentation in December. It's now April and it hasn't been completed.

Mr. Antis stated that the reason the Town is behind in economics is because the Town understaffs the Planning Department or rather the Building Department. He commented that code enforcement isn't being dealt with.

Mr. Antis is curious to know what's going on with the Highway Garage litigation.

Mr. Antis stated that there was to be some sort of program, which mapped out the assets of the Highway Department.

Sandy Mahoney thanked the Board for further looking into the Universally Accessible Playground. She understood from the workshop, that the Board is revisiting the plan and asked if that was correct. She asked that the Board look at the quote from LA Group and vote on it soon.

Brigid Martin stated that \$10,000.00 is a lot of money and commented that she didn't know what the Town would be getting for that.

### **SUPERVISOR'S ITEMS**

The Supervisor stated that the Town of Moreau has been awarded a sum of \$15,000.00 for a grant to amend municipal laws to remove unreasonable restrictions affecting agricultural lands and farm operations. The grant funding is from the NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets.

The Supervisor stated that there's been discussion on the Palmerton Heights subdivision. The Town has called the Letter of Credit and deposited \$200,000.00 into a capital reserve fund to conduct the paving to take place in that development. He stated that along the way, the Town Board had prohibited the issuance of CO's and Building Permits in an effort to secure funding to get the job done. He stated, now that the Town has called the Letter of Credit and cashed the check, that it was time to move forward and rescind the requirements that the Board had adopted back on June 27, 2017 and July 11, 2017, regarding the issuance of building permits in the Palmerton Heights subdivision.

A motion was made by Councilman VanTassel and seconded by Councilwoman LeClair to rescind the motions made on June 27, 2017 and on July 11, 2017 regarding the issuance of Building Permits in the Palmerton Heights subdivision.

### Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilman Hogan	Aye
Councilman VanTassel	Aye
Councilwoman LeClair	Aye
Councilman Noonan	Aye
Supervisor Kusnierz	Aye

The Supervisor reported that he had received a phone call from T-Mobile and they are going to locate cell phone antennas on top of one of our water towers that doesn't have an antenna. He stated that this is good news because the tower is in a water district that struggles on the revenue side. He stated that he would be getting language that he will transmit to Counsel for review. He hopes to have it through their legal department within 4-5 months, with construction in the fall and to be up and running shortly after that. He stated that it wouldn't help with this year's budget in Water District 1 but will help in 2019. He also stated that it will help with cell phone coverage for those in Fort Edward.

The Supervisor stated that Head Start had alarmed the building they rent from the Town and we weren't aware of it. They've since given the Supervisor's office and the Town Clerk a fob which will disarm the alarm, should we need to gain entry through the basement.

The Supervisor stated that he had signed the inter-municipal agreement for Shelter Services with the County for this year. He stated that this is something he is authorized to do by resolution at the organizational meeting.

The Supervisor wanted to make the Town Board and public aware that there was a Public Hearing notice in the Post Star regarding the Fire Company's loan of \$700,000.00 to purchase a new fire truck. The Public Hearing will be held at the Fire House on Route 197 at 7:00 p.m. on April 16, 2018.

The Supervisor reported receiving a \$35,000.00 check from Saratoga County to run the recycling operation at the Transfer Station.

The Supervisor reached out to a firm, who is a sub-contractor for National Grid, who administers a program to replace municipal lighting. They're interested in replacing all the lighting in the Town to LED bulbs. They will be coming to the next Board meeting to give a presentation to the Town Board. They propose to replace the 240-250 watt street light bulbs with 40 watt LED bulbs, which provides the same amount of lumens for a significantly lower cost. He stated that the program (funded through NYSERDA), depending on the type of bulbs being replaced, would cover 70-80% of the cost and on the balance, the Town would get 0% financing for 12 months. He stated that in most instances the new bulbs pay for themselves within the year. He stated that this would be a win for the environment and a win for the Town. The Supervisor stated that he had asked them to visit the Highway Garage, the Emergency Squad, the Fire Company, the Recreation Park and the Water Department. Steve VanGuilder (Moreau Emergency

Squad) was present and stated that they had already changed out their bulbs a year ago. He thought the cost of the replacement was \$16,000 - \$17,000. He thought the program paid for \$9,000 and they paid \$7,000.

The Supervisor reported that he was a member of the Committee for Health and Human Services at the County and at the Committee meeting last week, it was announced that the County received a grant through the office of NYS Temporary Disability Assistance, in the amount of \$163,479.00, to operate the Code Blue program.

The Supervisor also reported having met this week with the representative of the Capital District Regional Planning Commission. He stated that Robin Reynolds, who is a senior planner and clean energy coordinator, will be coming to a Town Board meeting to give a short presentation and answer questions on how the Town of Moreau can become a clean energy community. He stated that there are ten items that the Town would have to select from in order to meet the qualifications to be certified. He stated that the Town has already done 1 or 2 and is close to 2 others. He thought it would be a great opportunity for the Town.

The Supervisor stated that a member of the public brought up the HVAC at the Town Hall. He stated that the Town engaged the services of North Eastern Air Quality. He stated that he had reported at the last meeting, that there were deficiencies in many areas that were tested. He stated that nearly all areas have been corrected. The only exceptions are the Supervisor's office and the Zoning Administrator's office. He stated that the Town had approved up to \$5,000.00 to do the work and it only cost \$1,000.00.

The Supervisor stated that he had a resident reach out to him regarding an agreement made with the County to create a parking area for horse trailers off Redmond Road, so that people could use the trails for horseback riding. When the re-surfacing work was done, the Town was to get the road millings to create the parking lot. He stated that there is a stockpile down there but there were questions as to who was going to do the work. He stated, that after several phone calls to the County, he found out that BOCES was supposed to do the work. He stated that BOCES didn't know anything about the project but after a conversation, they stated that they would be willing to do the work. They went down to the area today, with their equipment, but the pile was still frozen. He reported, that when the pile thaws, they will take care of it.

The Supervisor reported receiving a complaint from a resident regarding the use of ATV's and dirt bikes in the Industrial Park. The same person also complained of activities at a certain residence, which results in a lot of speeding on Bluebird Road, from Moreau Elementary School to the Industrial Park. The Supervisor stated that he had spoken with the Sheriff this morning and he stated that they would increase surveillance and enforcement.

The Supervisor thanked Randy and his staff at Buildings and Grounds for getting the street lights to work out by the road and for lighting the Town of Moreau sign.

The Supervisor stated that he had a list of lifeguards that are interested in coming back this year, along with a few new applications. He stated that he will be looking for a recommendation at the next Board meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman VanTassel and seconded by Councilman Noonan to adjourn to executive session at 9:33 p.m. for the purpose of receiving an update on the Erie Boulevard tax certiorari case.

The Town Assessor was invited into the executive session.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilman Hogan Aye Councilman VanTassel Aye Councilwoman LeClair Aye

Councilman Noonan Aye Supervisor Kusnierz Aye

A motion was made by Councilman VanTassel and seconded by Councilwoman LeClair to adjourn the executive session at 9:55 p.m. and to resume the regular session, with no action being taken in executive session.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilman HoganAyeCouncilman VanTasselAyeCouncilwoman LeClairAyeCouncilman NoonanAyeSupervisor KusnierzAye

A motion was made by Councilman VanTassel and seconded by Councilwoman LeClair to close the meeting for the evening at 9:55 p.m.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilman HoganAyeCouncilman VanTasselAyeCouncilwoman LeClairAyeCouncilman NoonanAyeSupervisor KusnierzAye

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Leeann McCabe Town Clerk

The above minutes are not intended to be a complete transcript, only a summary. To hear the full audio of the meeting, please visit the Town's website: www.townofmoreau.org