

A special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Moreau, Saratoga County, was held at the Town of Moreau Municipal Building, 351 Reynolds Road, Moreau, New York on the 1st day of April, 2024.

The special meeting was held in person. The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with a roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ALSO PRESENT:	Erin Trombley	Town Clerk
	Bill Nikas	Attorney
	Philip Gitlin	Attorney
	Elizabeth Bennett	Confidential Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: Ann Purdue, Tom Masso, Bob LeClair, Gina LeClair, Marie McHugh-LaClair, Michael Thomas, Alex Portal (Post-Star reporter)

Supervisor Fish described the purpose of the meeting; to adopt Local Law 3 of 2024, a 9-month land moratorium. He said a resolution had been drafted for that and asked the Town Clerk to read the resolution into the record:

“Resolution to adopt Local Law Number 3 of 2024 to adopt a nine-month land use moratorium to provide time for the Town to review and update its Comprehensive Plan and Town Code.

Whereas the Town Board of the Town of Moreau (herein the “Board”) is considering the adoption of Local Law Number 3 of 2024 which could, if adopted, implement a nine-month moratorium during which the Town intends to review and update its Comprehensive Plan and Town Code, as may be necessary, and

Whereas the Board finds that the adoption of Local Law No. 3 of 2024 is a necessary and proper exercise of authority by the Board, and

Whereas, pursuant to Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, a public hearing on the proposed adoption of Local Law No. 3 of 2024 was duly conducted on March 28, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall, and

Whereas the Board has considered the public comments made at the public hearing, and

Whereas, after thorough review and deliberation, the Board proposes to adopt Local Law No. 3 of 2024, and

Whereas the Attorney for the Town has prepared the necessary documents for filing this local law with the New York State Secretary of State, including the text of the law itself.

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Board hereby adopts Local Law No. 3 of 2024, and

Be it further resolved that the Board hereby authorizes the Town Clerk and Attorney for the Town to make such minor modifications to the local law documents as they deem necessary to execute and file the said documents as required by law, and to take all necessary actions for the promulgation thereof.”

Discussion: Councilmember Stewart said passing the law was the first step of the work, adding they had many hours invested in the process so far. He asked if counsel was comfortable with the steps taken

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to that point in the process and that action be taken at that meeting. Attorney Bill Nikas responded in the affirmative. Councilmember Stewart thanked Attorneys Nikas and Gitlin for their assistance.

Councilmember Donohue said the codes are antiquated and the moratorium is the first step in bringing them up to date. The old code is no longer reflective of current conditions. After the codes are updated, he said more businesses may be attracted.

Councilmember Killian said a large volume of information had been given to the Board and they have not been able to act as fast as the information is coming in. He said that being new to the Board it is a lot to digest. He said the moratorium is a good idea, will give them time to review everything, and allow them to make a plan.

Supervisor Fish said the Town and County Planning Boards approved the legislation with stipulations. He thanked them for approving the plan as well as the attorneys, especially Bill Nikas, for the many hours he put into drafting the documents, and Phil Giblin for agreeing to be the Town's Special Counsel.

Resolution 132-2024 A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Donohue, to accept the resolution for Local Law #3 of 2024, as read.

Supervisor Fish called for a roll call vote. Responses were as follows:

Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 4:0

Resolution 133-2024 A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Donohue to adjourn the meeting.

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

Councilmember Killian	Aye
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 4:0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Trombley

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Town Clerk