

A budget workshop was held by the Town Board of the Town of Moreau on October 22, 2015 at the Town of Moreau Municipal Building, 351 Reynolds Road, Moreau, New York

The Supervisor called the workshop to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Town Board Members Present**

Gina LeClair                      Councilwoman  
Robert J. Vittengl, Jr.      Councilman  
Preston L. Jenkins, Jr.      Supervisor

**Town Board Members Absent**

Bob Prendergast              Councilman  
Todd Kusnierz                Councilman

**Also Present:** Leeann McCabe, Town Clerk; Peggy Jenkins, Assessor; Pete Corlew, Recreation Department Laborer [arrived at 6:45pm]; Town Residents, Reed Antis and Gardner Congdon.

The workshop started with the Assessor's Department.

The Assessor stated that she wanted to re-assure the Town Board of the expenditures coming up. She stated that Lou Lewis' projection to move forward on the Erie Boulevard litigation are estimated at \$310,000.00. This is for the auditor, appraisal, George Bunk, Attorney fees. This estimation is for just Erie Boulevard. There is still outstanding SCA, which if an appraisal is needed, it will be upwards of \$10,000.00 along with Attorney fees. The total cost would be around \$15,000.00. Home of the Good Shepherd is still hanging. They're fighting their exemption not the assessment. The Town would also have to consider anyone else that comes forward during the Grievance process.

The Supervisor stated that they would be looking at payroll at Monday night's workshop.

Reed Antis asked about political signs and also asked about a FOIL he had submitted to the Town Clerk.

Fran Thibodeau asked about DOT physicals. She stated that the Medical Insurance doesn't cover the cost of these because they're DOT. There's more to these than a normal physical. You can't always go to your primary care physician. Sometimes you have to go to someone in the National Registry. One of the Highway Department employees submitted a voucher for \$100. He had to pay this at the time services were rendered. The Supervisor stated that if the Town mandates physicals and it's not covered under medical insurance, then the Town should pay for them. Fran asked what fund this reimbursement should come out of. It was suggested that the reimbursement come out of DB9060.8.

Pete Corlew entered the workshop at 6:45 p.m.

The Supervisor stated that there was \$3,000 budgeted for a Dump Trailer, Generator and Fuel Transfer Tank and Pete stated that the Generator and Fuel Transfer Tank have already been purchased. The Supervisor asked what the \$3,000 is for and Pete wasn't sure what the previous Director of Maintenance was budgeting for. The Supervisor asked him what his needs were. He stated that the dump trailer was dependent upon the Highway giving them their old truck if they got a new one. The Supervisor stated that it doesn't look like that will happen. The Supervisor stated that the Recreation Department was looking to get another defibrillator and Pete replied that Sandy Mahoney was looking into that. There was discussion regarding the unit at the Recreation Park. Pete stated that it didn't work and that it needed parts. The Supervisor thought that the Board had approved the new parts. They were looking at a second unit to be used at the beach and when it wasn't in use at the beach it would be used at the Highway garage. Pete stated that the one at the park needs a new battery pack and pads and along with that, you have to have training in order to use it.

There was discussion on the drainage of the parking lot and the Supervisor asked if that had been done already. It had been discussed at a previous Town Board meeting but nothing was approved. This will be put on the agenda for the next regular Town Board meeting.

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The cost for fertilizer was left the same for 2016 as it was in 2015. Pete explained what fields get fertilized with just fertilizer and which fields get fertilizer and grub control. Gina talked about the mowing at the Town Hall and she thought they were only going to mow back part of the way and let the rest get mowed only a couple times per year. Pete stated that if it gets too long, they don't have the equipment that can cut through it.

Councilman Vittengl asked if there's anything that he thinks they will need at the Park for maintenance and Pete replied that he was looking to replace the 1997 rake. The other one that they have is a 1992. From June to October they use the rakes every day and on weekends when they have softball and baseball tournaments they're used about 39 times. He stated that every time you flip a field it has to be raked. He has three prices that are good through the end of the year and if it has to wait, he was told that there would probably be a 2% increase in the cost. It was asked if it could be purchased this year and paid for next year. Fran explained how the funds would need to be available. Councilman Vittengl stated that they should be looking at the fees that are charged for tournaments. Councilwoman LeClair stated that she would be getting together with Pete and Sandy to go over the fee schedule. Pete stated that right now, we're not even covering our costs. He stated that the concession stand made \$10,000 last year during the State Softball Tournament. Councilman Vittengl asked what the lifespan of the rake would be. Pete stated that with the amount of money that they are putting into the rakes they have right now, he would say that an average life span would be about 10 years. Fran asked if they were putting it in this year's budget or next years. The Supervisor stated that it can be put in the Capital budget and they can decide later. Fran stated that there is \$25,000 in there for the adaptive playground. Fran stated that she had talked with Sandy and that she will be asking the Marathon Dance for another donation. She was unsure as to whether or not this would be to match the \$25,000 from the Town. The Supervisor asked her to add the \$15,000 for the rake to the \$25,000 that has already been budgeted. He stated that they don't have to spend it. The Supervisor stated that for capital projects, they don't spend it until it's adopted. They haven't adopted anything at this point, they're just considering it.

Councilwoman LeClair asked about a part-time person to do billing. The Supervisor stated that they can discuss this Monday night. There was discussion regarding the contracts for the programs that use the fields (soccer, softball etc.). Councilwoman LeClair stated that this part-time person would help Sandy and someone to help Pete with billing and tournaments, contracts and background checks. Fran stated that right now she's the one that does the background checks. Sandy had to do a few when Fran was busy. The Supervisor stated that they would have to find somebody that would be willing to work on an as needed basis. Pete stated that this would help Sandy more than it would help him. The Supervisor suggested budgeting \$4,000 for extra help. This was added to A7310 as Sandy would be the one using this person. Councilwoman LeClair also stated that they might need another part-time person to help with the duties that Tim Johnston did. Pete has taken over but there are things that he doesn't do. The Supervisor stated that he had already built that into the number.

Councilman Vittengl asked about running our own tournament to increase revenues. Pete asked what we would run. Softball wants to run their own. Pete explained why he didn't think this should be considered.

The discussion on the Recreation budget concluded.

Gardner Congdon was present and asked question of the Supervisor relating to a FOIL request he had made with the Town Clerk.

The workshop resumed with discussion on sewer. Jesse has in his budget a request to trade his 2009 truck. The Supervisor stated that he thought last year would have been a better year to trade. The Supervisor didn't have a problem with the equipment part of Jesse's budget. The discussion changed over to HRA's. The Supervisor stated that the other night they didn't have a problem with \$2,000 + \$4000. He stated that the problem was going higher than that. With the \$2000 + \$4000, the budget is the same as last year. Councilwoman LeClair stated that \$2000 + \$4000 in the end will cost the Town \$402,562.00 for medical insurance. If we go \$1500 + \$3000 it will cost the Town \$377,062.00 and \$3000 + \$6000 would cost \$453,000 and some extra. It would be an additional cost of \$50,000 to move to \$3000 + \$6000. Fran stated the grand total with everyone's copays using \$2000 + \$4000=\$599,022.00. She stated that the \$1500 + \$3000 would be \$573,522.00. The Supervisor stated that the HRA works very

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well and saves the Town money. He stated that we have some people that will be getting no raise that will have to pay for their insurance and some people that will be getting a 2% raise and they will be paying that much. He stated that as an employer we need to look at how we can help these people too. It was agreed upon that they would go with the \$2000 + \$4000. Fran stated that she would have to check her figures. She wasn't sure which numbers she used and stated that the numbers could change. She does think that she used the \$2000 + \$4000. The Supervisor stated that they will discuss the Medicare supplement when they have five people.

Fran stated that at the regular Board meeting on October 27, 2015, they will have to decide on the amount of sales tax that will be sent to the County and also elected officials salaries and will need resolutions for both. An ad needs to be published in the newspaper no later than October 30, 2015 informing the public of the public hearing scheduled for November 4, 2015. Fran also stated that at the regular meeting, the Board will have to decide where to put the excess sales tax.

The workshop adjourned for the evening at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leeann McCabe  
Town Clerk

The above minutes are not intended to be a complete transcript, only a summary. To hear the complete audio, please feel free to visit the Town's website at: [www.townofmoreau.org](http://www.townofmoreau.org)