

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Moreau was held December 8, 2015 in the Town of Moreau Municipal Building, 351 Reynolds Road, Moreau, New York.

Supervisor Jenkins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Deputy Town Clerk called the roll.

**Town Board Members Present**

Todd Kusnierz	Councilman
Robert J. Vittengl, Jr.	Councilman
Bob Prendergast	Councilman
Preston L. Jenkins, Jr.	Supervisor

**Town Board Members Absent**

Gina LeClair	Councilwoman
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**Also present:** Tammy Daley, Deputy Town Clerk, Diane Foster, Deputy Town Clerk, Karla Buettner, Attorney for the Town; Paul Joseph, Highway Superintendent; Jesse Fish, Water Superintendent; Ted Monsour, Transfer Station Laborer; Sandy Mahoney, Recreation Program Director; Peggy Jenkins, Assessor; Ben Marcantonio, Assistant Building Inspector, arrived at 7:20 pm; Reed Antis, Planning Board Member and Town Resident; Town Residents: Chris Music, Jim Rando, Rich Morris, Joe Tardif, Charlie Granger; Moreau Emergency Squad Members, Steven VanGuilder, Joshua Jacobs, Ron Quinn Jr., John Bonn. Also present were Damon Hartman from Prentiss and Carlisle and Charles Gerber from Saratoga Land Management. Gardner Congdon arrived at 7:10 pm.

The Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance and then welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that all electronic devices be silenced or turned off.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from November 24, 2015 (2 sets) were prepared and presented to the Town Board in advance of the meeting for their review, comment, correction and approval.

A motion was made by Supervisor Jenkins and seconded by Councilman Vittengl to approve the minutes from November 24, 2015 (2 sets) as prepared.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilman Kusnierz	Yes
Councilman Vittengl	Yes
Councilman Prendergast	Abstain
Councilwoman LeClair	Absent
Supervisor Jenkins	Yes

**SET FUTURE MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS**

A Water Committee meeting was scheduled for Thursday December 10, 2015 at 8:30 am.

**15 MINUTE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Terry Clark discussed some issues about the Town Building and Town water line problems.

**SARATOGA LAND MANAGEMENT- DISCUSS LAND CLEARING**

Charles Gerber from Saratoga Land Management Corporation talked about what the Company did for the Town. He started by saying that they were contacted by the Town in November of 2013 to take a look at some properties in the Town; one along the Riverfront properties and the other being Palmerton Mountain track. He said they presented a proposal in December 2013 keeping in what the Town

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envisioned. In January of 2014 The Town Board entered into an agreement with Saratoga Land Management to do some consulting services on Palmerton properties and Riverfront properties. This included marking and tallying the timber. He believes the Town did exceptionally well for the sale of the timber from the project in his opinion. Councilman Kusnierz asked how they selected and marked the trees for cutting. Mr. Gerber explained in detail how they marked the trees. He stated the trees that were taken down were dead trees, diseased trees and trees that were hindering the growth of other trees. Gardner Congdon stated that they cut down every single decent tree and left every dead and dying tree there. He also said that his presentation does not follow the contract with the Town of Moreau. He also stated that they got paid before the trees were even cut down so they didn't oversee the cutting of the trees. Mr. Gerber stated that the Town minutes could be wrong. Rich Morris asked about the trees that were over 100 years old. Mr. Gerber said they marked trees that were diseased and trees for thinning. He stated that was in the contract. Councilman Vittengl said that some trees were marked to be cut down because they were going to put solar there and decided not to. He stated the trees are still there. Mr. Gerber stated he did not come here to get attacked. Councilman Kusnierz said that Mr. Gerber didn't have to take the job, the Town Board selected their company and if they have questions they should ask the Board because they are accountable for it.

Damon Hartman from Prentiss and Carlisle spoke next. He is the forester and director of sales and does a lot of State jobs and Municipal work, he stated there is a lot of detail in logging these sights, like this next to a river and on a side of a mountain in doing recreation trails. To do this type of work you need a higher level of quality. He said that he appreciates Chuck saying the job that was done was done well. He stated it's not uncommon to hear these misconceptions about jobs done. The problem that he is having with that sale of timber is that there has been so much press associated with it and accusations made with the new elected officials coming in. He said that contractors don't want to touch this sale because of all the scrutiny. He offered to the Town Board if they want to do away with the next sale and refund his money he has no problems with that. He said that they could rebid it and maybe get more money since there has been talk about not getting enough money from the previous sale. He said the decision would pretty much have to be made tonight because they were going to start the sale this week. Supervisor Jenkins said that they would discuss the matter and be in touch with him.

### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REQUESTS**

A motion was made by Councilman Prendergast and seconded by Councilman Vittengl authorizing the purchase of (1) Carbide Cutting Edge 11' Complete setup. This will be paid from account DB5130.492, which has a balance of \$11,494.78 as of December 4, 2015.

Roll call voted as follows:

Councilman Vittengl	Yes
Councilman Prendergast	Yes
Councilwoman LeClair	Absent
Councilman Kusnierz	Yes
Supervisor Jenkins	Yes

Paul Joseph stated that all the dry wells were finished at the Recreation Department. He said all the Recreation Department has to do is put some grass seed down and hay on top and around it to prevent the mulch from running into them.

Next Paul discussed the bids for heaters on the "old shop," he has only received two bids back as of now and waiting for another one. Councilman Prendergast said he was looking where they could get more money. They talked about bringing it back to the next meeting. Paul said if the weather changes they would have to blow the lines out. Councilman Prendergast said if the weather changes to what it should be, there could be a big problem there. He said to bring them the bids and if something needed to be done before the next meeting at least they will have the paperwork.

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**WATER DEPARTMENT REQUESTS**

A motion was made by Councilman Vittengl and seconded by Councilman Prendergast and carried, that \$2,000 be transferred from V8320.1 Water 5- Administration- Personal Services and \$2,000 be transferred to V8310.2 Water 5- Administration-Equipment. The transfer is needed to pay Vellano for (10) water meters that were replaced in Water District 5.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilman Prendergast	Yes
Councilwoman LeClair	Absent
Councilman Kusnierz	Yes
Councilman Vittengl	Yes
Supervisor Jenkins	Yes

A motion was made by Councilman Prendergast and seconded by Councilman Vittengl authorizing the purchase of 24 water meters for Water District 2 from Vellano Corporation at a cost of \$4728.00.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilman Kusnierz	Yes
Councilman Vittengl	Yes
Councilman Prendergast	Yes
Councilwoman LeClair	Absent
Supervisor Jenkins	Yes

A motion was made by Councilman Prendergast and seconded by Councilman Vittengl to authorize \$595.11 to be paid from account GI8110.4 for purchase of a relay switch from Askco Electric for the sewer at the Technical Park.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilwoman LeClair	Absent
Councilman Kusnierz	Yes
Councilman Vittengl	Yes
Councilman Prendergast	Yes
Supervisor Jenkins	Yes

A motion was made by Councilman Prendergast and seconded by Councilman Vittengl authorizing \$1,277.50 to be paid from account GI8110.4 for labor services done by K & J Electric.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilman Kusnierz	Yes
Councilman Vittengl	Yes
Councilman Prendergast	Yes
Councilwoman LeClair	Absent
Supervisor Jenkins	Yes

**RECREATION DEPARTMENT REQUESTS**

None

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT/ASSESSOR REQUESTS**

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The Building Department and Assessor's Office requested to purchase (3) Samsung Galaxy Notebook Pro Tablets at the cost of \$549.99 each for their departments. Supervisor Jenkins said that it will help with note taking that they do with pencil and can't read later. The tablets are also compatible with their current system. Assessor Peggy Jenkins said they can do all the sketches, photos and put in all the information about the property on the notebook and send it to the system. She stated this will save time and steps. She said the new technology will help them. Councilman Prendergast stated it makes a lot of sense to get them, from his understating they have a computer expert in the field coming on board in January. He will be able to tell us if it's the right tablet or what tablet to get. He thinks it should be tabled until January. Supervisor Jenkins said they would put this aside.

### **TRANSFER STATION REQUESTS**

A motion was made by Councilman Kusnierz, and seconded by Councilman Prendergast authorizing the purchase of 1 full set of dumpster guards not to exceed \$1085.00.

Roll call vote resulted as followed:

Councilwoman LeClair	Absent
Councilman Kusnierz	Yes
Councilman Vittengl	Yes
Councilman Prendergast	Yes
Supervisor Jenkins	Yes

### **AUTHORIZATION FOR SUPERVISOR TO SIGN AHC HOUSING REHAB GRANT**

A motion was made my Councilman Prendergast and seconded by Councilman Vittengl authorizing the Supervisor to sign the AHC Housing Rehab Grant Contract.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilman Vittengl	Yes
Councilman Prendergast	Yes
Councilwoman LeClair	Absent
Councilman Kusnierz	Yes
Supervisor Jenkins	Yes

### **MOREAU COMMUNITY CENTER BINGO LICENSE RENEWAL**

A motion was made by Councilman Vittengl and seconded by Councilman Prendergast authorizing the Town Clerk to sign the Moreau Community Center Bingo License Renewal.

Roll call voted as follow:

Councilman Prendergast	Yes
Councilwoman LeClair	Absent
Councilman Kusnierz	No
Councilman Vittengl	Yes
Supervisor Jenkins	Yes

### **BANKING PROPOSALS**

The Supervisor stated that two banks submitted proposals. He said we have been with Glens Falls National for the last few years, and they have offered the better deal.

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A motion was made by Councilman Prendergast and seconded by Councilman Vittengl to continue using Glens Falls National Bank.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilwoman LeClair	Absent
Councilman Kusnierz	Abstain
Councilman Vittengl	Yes
Councilman Prendergast	Yes
Supervisor Jenkins	Yes

**15 MINUTE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Gardner Congdon asked the Town Board if they were going to start doing some more cutting of trees on the trail. If they were, he wanted it on record that he was opposed to it and asked them not to start again because there was too much wrong with it. He stated the discussion that they had earlier in the meeting didn't cover the relations or problems with the project. Supervisor Jenkins stated that Mr. Congdon was invited into executive session to talk about it.

**SUPERVISOR'S ITEMS**

Supervisor Jenkins said they would be going into executive session to talk about some personnel issues with an unnamed employee and the attorney is going to discuss the litigation with the Highway Garage.

A motion was made by Councilman Vittengl and seconded by Councilman Kusnierz to close the public hearing on the Moreau Emergency Squad Contract.

Roll call resulted as follows:

Councilman Vittengl	Yes
Councilwoman LeClair	Absent
Councilman Prendergast	Yes
Councilman Kusnierz	Yes
Supervisor Jenkins	Yes

A motion was made by Councilman Kusnierz and seconded by Councilman Vittengl authorizing the Supervisor to sign the 2016 contract between the Town of Moreau and the Moreau Emergency Squad.

Roll call vote as follows:

Councilman Prendergast	No
Councilwoman LeClair	Absent
Councilman Kusnierz	Yes
Councilman Vittengl	Yes
Supervisor Jenkins	Yes

A motion was made by Councilman Vittengl and seconded by Councilman Prendergast to close the public hearing on the South Glens Falls Fire Company Contract.

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Roll call vote as follows:

Councilwoman LeClair	Absent
Councilman Kusnierz	Yes
Councilman Vittengl	Yes
Councilman Prendergast	Yes
Supervisor Jenkins	Yes

A motion was made by Councilman Prendergast and seconded by Councilman Vittengl authorizing the Supervisor to sign the 2016 contract between the Town of Moreau and the South Glens Falls Fire Company.

Roll call as follows:

Councilman Kusnierz	Yes
Councilman Vittengl	Yes
Councilman Prendergast	Yes
Councilwoman LeClair	Absent
Supervisor Jenkins	Yes

A motion was made by Supervisor Jenkins and seconded by Councilman Vittengl to adjourn to executive session at 8: 15 p.m. to discuss negotiations with CSEA and to discuss personnel matters regarding an unnamed employee.

Roll call resulted as follows:

Councilman Vittengl	Yes
Councilman Prendergast	Yes
Councilwoman LeClair	Absent
Councilman Kusnierz	Yes
Supervisor Jenkins	Yes

Gardner Congdon was invited into executive session. The Deputy Town Clerk did not sit in on the session.

A motion was made by Councilman Prendergast and seconded by Councilman Vittengl to adjourn the executive session and re-open the regular meeting at 10:13 pm.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilman Prendergast	Yes
Councilman Vittengl	Yes
Councilwoman LeClair	Absent
Councilman Kusnierz	Yes
Supervisor Jenkins	Yes

No action was taken in the executive session.

A motion was made by Councilman Prendergast and seconded by Councilman Vittengl to adjourn the regular meeting for the evening at 10:15 p.m.

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Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilwoman LeClair	Absent
Councilman Vittengl	Yes
Councilman Prendergast	Yes
Councilman Kusnierz	Yes
Supervisor Jenkins	Yes

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Daley  
Deputy Town Clerk

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

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