

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Moreau was held on December 22, 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.

Town Board Members Present

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

Town Board Members Absent

None

Also Present: Leeann McCabe, Town Clerk; Karla Buettner, Attorney for the Town; Paul Joseph, Highway Superintendent; Jesse Fish, Water Superintendent; B. Spaulding, M. Johnson, M. Touart, B. Martin, Reed Antis, Bob Sand, Mike Burke, Forest Bevins, Alan VanTassel, Robert Gatland, Mike Romanowski, Diane Morency, Stevee Vittengl, Chris Music, Jim Rando, Rich Morris, Terry Clark and Chris Fitzgibbon

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

The Supervisor read a statement that outlined his accomplishments over the past eight years. He concluded by thanking the Town Board, the Employees for their service and the Citizens of the Town for having served as their Supervisor for the past eight years.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of December 8, 2015 (3 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 Councilman Prendergast and seconded by Councilman Vittengl to approve the three sets of minutes from December 8, 2015 as prepared.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

SET FUTURE MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS

The Supervisor stated that the Organizational Meeting would have to be scheduled at a later time, when the newly elected Supervisor has selected a date. He also stated that the public hearing on the Sewer District 1 Extension 5 can be set at the beginning of the year.

15 MINUTE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

A member of the audience thanked Supervisor Jenkins and Councilman Vittengl for their eight years of service and all they've done for the Town. The Supervisor stated that the Board didn't always agree but they did get things done and it couldn't have been done without the four members of the Board.

UPSTATE MODEL RAILROADERS

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Moreau was held on December 22, 2015 in the Town of Moreau Municipal Building, 351 Reynolds Road, Moreau, New York.

Mike Burke, President of the Upstate Model Railroaders, gave a presentation to the Town Board about their charitable organization and the fact that they will be losing the space that they currently use in February 2016. It has been offered to them, that they may use a portion of the space that they have been using at a cost of \$1,500/month but their budget is only \$4,500 for a whole year. The organization has looked at the two buildings that the Town owns in front of the Municipal Building and they are requesting permission for an exclusive use of the Annex Building. The Supervisor stated that there will be two new members of the Board as of January 1st and he thought it would be wise for the new Board to handle this request. He stated that they might set up a workshop at the Organizational Meeting to go over their request. He thanked Mr. Burke for his presentation.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REQUESTS

The Highway Superintendent requested proposals for new heating units at the old Highway Garage as the old units either wouldn't start or were making bad noises when they did start, which forced him to shut them down. He presented three quotes to the Board and is recommending Jack Hall Plumbing and Heating.

A motion was made by Councilman Prendergast and seconded by Councilwoman LeClair to engage the services of Jack Hall Plumbing and Heating, Inc. at a cost of \$13,833.00 for the parts and labor to install five 125,000 btu unit heaters at the old Highway Garage and to remove and dispose of the old. This will be paid from account A5132.472.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

WATER DEPARTMENT REQUESTS

None

RECREATION DEPARTMENT REQUESTS

The Supervisor explained that they've been having problems with birds nesting in the eaves of the entranceways at the Town Hall building and they are looking at a device that could be installed that has spikes that will deter the birds from nesting. The cost to purchase the bird spikes and to rent a lift to reach the area will be \$684.32.

A motion was made by Councilman Prendergast and seconded by Councilman Vittengl to purchase 240 feet of spike from Bird-X and for the rental of a lift to gain access to the eaves at a total cost of \$684.32.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

TRANSFER STATION REQUESTS

None

REDUCE WATER RATES – DISTRICTS 2 AND 4

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Moreau was held on December 22, 2015 in the Town of Moreau Municipal Building, 351 Reynolds Road, Moreau, New York.

Councilwoman LeClair and Councilman Prendergast gave a brief presentation to the Board of their Committee meeting that was held to discuss the possibility of lowering water rates in Districts 2 and 4. Councilwoman LeClair stated that there are 130 users in District 4 that pay a minimum charge three times per year. She stated that the district has no debt and it would save these people money by only billing them twice per year as they do in Districts 1 and 2. She suggested billing only by usage and not minimums at \$2.75 per each 1,000 gallons used. This would save on average \$67.50 per year for these users. Councilman Prendergast stated that they looked at lowering rates by .10 per 1,000 gallons but this would only be a decrease of less than 4%. Lowering the rate by .15 would cause a 5% decrease in the rate. He went on to say that these two districts have a very large fund balance and they've been advised by the State that they shouldn't have as much as they do. He stated that in these two districts, if something goes wrong, these are big ticket items. They're looking to do a re-coat for the Water Tower in Water District 2 in the future and the price tag on that is \$500,000.00. He stated that the system is in pretty good shape and commented that the Water Superintendent is going a great job. We have an Engineering Firm that this Board and previous Boards have had a lot of confidence in. Councilman Kusnierz asked how a change in the rates would affect revenues. Councilman Prendergast and Councilwoman LeClair replied that they had the figures but not with them tonight. Councilwoman LeClair stated that the Asset Management Plan hasn't been finished yet and that they looked at these adjustments conservatively. Attorney Buettner made two suggestions, the first relating to the way charges are set up in the Town Code. She recommends amending the law to do what Districts 4, 5 & 6 did so that charges are amended by resolution and not by code as it is in Water District 2. She also stated that she had spoken with the Comptroller's office regarding the Water Towers. If you have a Tower in one District but the other Districts use it as well, they can be charged for the repairs. She stated that the Code needs to be updated so that the language reads the same for all districts. Supervisor Jenkins stated that a meeting can be scheduled after the first of the year to go over these suggestions.

RE-APPOINT GERHARD ENDAL TO ANOTHER TERM OF ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Councilman Kusnierz stated that a re-appointment can't be made before a term is up and therefore because the term for Mr. Endal ends December 31, 2015, this was tabled until the first meeting in January.

DISCUSSION REGARDING INTERFUND LOAN WATER IV AND WATER VI

The Town Board received a memo from the Principal Account Clerk stating that she will be unable to repay Water District IV for an interfund loan from Water District VI. Audit and control states that all interfund loans should be paid in full by the end of the accounting year. She's hoping to repay this interfund loan in January 2016 once the Town receives the Water District VI relieved water rents totaling \$22,499.02. Supervisor Jenkins stated that if it's not paid the Comptroller will just give the Town a slap on the wrist. Attorney Buettner stated that the Town should abide by the law. The Supervisor asked if everyone was ok with repaying the loan by December 31st and there were no objections.

REQUEST TO CLOSE CHECKING ACCOUNT (MUNICIPAL OFFICE COMPLEX CAPITAL PROJECT)

A memo was received from the Principal Account Clerk relating to the checking account for the Municipal Office Complex Capital Project. There is only \$8.61 left in the account which isn't collecting any interest and after the first of the year the Bank will be charging fees for open accounts. She's requesting to close this account and transfer the money into the Highway Garage Capital Project account.

A motion was made by Councilman Vittengl and seconded by Councilwoman LeClair to close the Municipal Office Complex Capital Project checking account, with a balance of \$8.61 and transfer the funds to the Highway Garage Capital Project account.

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

15 MINUTE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Reed Antis asked the Board about the energy costs for the Annex Building and the old Sheriff's Building. He stated that he wasn't sure what they were talking about earlier in the meeting. Councilwoman LeClair stated that she was going to be meeting with the Recreation Department to go over the utility costs for tournaments and such. Her conversation wasn't related to the two buildings out in front of the Town Hall. He asked what the new Boards plans will be for these buildings. Councilman Prendergast stated that there was a proposal submitted tonight for the use of one of the buildings that the new Board will have to look at. Councilman Prendergast also stated that the 61 Hudson Street property is still for sale. Mr. Antis asked if anyone knows how much it's costing the Town to maintain the Sheriff's building. He stated that there was a resolution in December of last year to renew the Integrys Power Purchase Agreement to buy power (which is now known as Constellation) and wanted to know who negotiated the contract. The number of meters dropped from 26 to 14 and the rate went up 28%. Attorney Buettner stated that they spent hours yesterday with a gentleman from Mega and he's looking into this. She'll get him information as soon as she gets it. He asked again, who on the Board, negotiated the contract with Constellation. Attorney Buettner stated again that she was waiting on the information. Mr. Antis thanked the Board.

Terry Clark asked about the mold problem in the old Sheriff's building. He stated that the Town was to cover the mold with paint and wondered if this got taken care of. Supervisor Jenkins stated that it wasn't dangerous mold, just simple moisture problems due to no air movement. Mr. Clark asked about handicapped accessibility at this location and the Supervisor replied that a ramp could be added off the back of the house at the slider doors.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilwoman LeClair thanked the Supervisor for his eight years of dedicated service to the Town of Moreau and also thanked Councilman Vittengl and stated that the more she learns about solar power, the more impressed she is with the work he has done. Councilman Vittengl stated that he's more than happy to help if needed with the Micro Grid.

Councilman Prendergast stated that Councilman Vittengl was always at the Town Hall building. He's put in a great deal of time and effort. He thanked him for all his efforts on all of the projects he's completed and the ones that are in the process of being completed. He stated that from the first meeting the Supervisor chaired his impression was that he was a nice guy. He made concessions to bring the Board together and with controversial issues politically, like the reval, where previous Boards wouldn't do, he did and this took guts. He stated that he knows the Supervisor cares deeply for his Town and thanked him for his service.

Councilman Kusnierz stated that to serve as an elected official is a noble profession and has a tremendous impact on your family. He thanked the Supervisor and Councilman Vittengl for their service to the community. There is no doubt in his mind that both of them always believed they were doing what was right for the community. It's no secret that from time to time they had their differences but he didn't think that the public always expected 5-0 votes. He thanked them both on behalf of the residents of the Town of Moreau. He stated that they've changed the direction that the Town is going in and he appreciates that.

SUPERVISOR'S ITEMS

The County Public Works sent a letter to the Town regarding a Ragnar Relay that has taken place in our Town over the past two years. They ask that each municipality the relay runs through approve the event.

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A motion was made by Councilman Vittengl and seconded by Councilwoman LeClair approving the use of Town Roads for the 2016 Ragnar Relay.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

The Supervisor gave an update on the point system relating to a possible loan for a sewer system. The Town has gained 25 points, which puts the Town above the funding line and this may put them in a position to get a 0 interest loan. He stated that it's too late to file an application that would need to be done by March 1st and that it would have to wait. He commented that he feels this is still a worthwhile project and that there can be no significant development without sewer.

Gardner Congdon had arrived 20 minutes into the meeting and Councilman Kusnierz asked if they wanted to set the organizational meeting. The Supervisor asked Mr. Congdon when he wanted the meeting scheduled for. He replied January 4, 2016. He asked if they might schedule it a little earlier than 7:00pm but Councilman Kusnierz stated that he couldn't be here before then. The Organizational Meeting was scheduled for January 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilman Vittengl and seconded by Councilwoman LeClair to adjourn to executive session at 8:17 p.m. to discuss CSEA Negotiations.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

Gardner Congdon and Alan VanTassel were both invited into the executive session. The Town Clerk did not sit in on the executive session.

A motion was made by Councilman Vittengl and seconded by Councilman Prendergast to adjourn the executive session and re-open the regular meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

No action was taken in the executive session.

A motion was made by Councilman Vittengl and seconded by Councilman Prendergast to adjourn the regular meeting for the evening at 9:52 p.m.

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Roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

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 complete audio of the meeting, you may visit the Town's website at: www.townofmoreau.org