

A special meeting was held by the Town Board of the Town of Moreau on November 16, 2016 in the Town of Moreau Municipal building, 351 Reynolds Road, Moreau, New York.

The supervisor called the special meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Town Board Members Present

Alan VanTassel	Councilman
Bob Prendergast	Councilman
Gina LeClair	Councilwoman
Todd Kusnierz	Councilman
Gardner Congdon	Supervisor

Town Board Members Absent

None

Also present: Leeann McCabe, Town Clerk; John Wright, Attorney for the Town; Francine Thibodeau, Principal Account Clerk; Jesse Fish, Water Superintendent; Pete Corlew, Recreation Maintenance Director; Kathleen Moore, Post Star Reporter; Reed Antis, Planning Board member and Town resident; David Rogge, Lamplighter Mobile Home Park; Town Residents: Brian McKenzie, Betty Haseltine and Village Resident: Brigid Martin

The Supervisor asked if there were any more public comments to be made.

Councilman Kusnierz asked Ms. Thibodeau if she has all the numbers she needed. She stated that she needed answers on the planning and zoning. Councilman Prendergast stated that if he starts now, they do have some money. Ms. Thibodeau stated that they have enough for 2016 and thought that it would be about \$5,000.00 worth of work in December. The total project is \$53,964.75 over 2 years. Ms. Thibodeau thought that \$32,900.00 would get them through the 2017 budget. She needed to know what the Town's plan was to keep the position of Zoning Administrator. She stated that if they keep him on all year plus the \$20,000.00, you'll need a minimum of \$32,900.00 in the contractual account. Councilman Prendergast stated that he would like to keep him on. Councilman VanTassel shared the same feelings. Councilman Kusnierz asked where the money would come from and Ms. Thibodeau stated "fund balance". Ms. Thibodeau stated that she would allocate it to B8010 in the amount of \$22,260.00 and B8020 in the amount of \$10,640.00. Ms. Thibodeau stated that they will be changing appropriations for Town Outside for \$274,429.00 to include \$32,900.00 and then add the \$32,900.00 and take it out of fund balance. She stated that it doesn't impact the tax. The Board was in agreement.

Brigid Martin asked the Town to reconsider the tax to the Village, who are already having a tough year. Councilman Kusnierz stated that the Board did listen to the residents and did agree to restructure from the preliminary budget. Instead of funding the entire Fire Tax with sales tax money, they're funding \$200,000 less to reduce the impact on Village residents. Ms. Martin didn't understand the change. There was discussion on how the Fire tax has been funded in the past. Councilman Kusnierz stated that the Board put through a budget as best as they could that balanced the needs of the public. Councilman Prendergast stated that they couldn't ignore the Village's concerns and the amounts were readjusted to reflect that. He stated that instead of doing this all in one year, they can phase it in and eventually down the road it would be eliminated. Ms. Martin asked about the Fire District and if this was something the Town was exploring. It was explained that the Town wouldn't explore it, this is something the Fire Co. is looking into. If they create their own Fire District, they would have the right to set their own fire tax. She asked if that was another layer of government and the reply was yes. Councilman Prendergast stated that their commissioners would be elected.

Councilman Kusnierz stated that their goal is to put forward sustainable budgets and he feels that this one is moving in the right direction. They don't want to find themselves in the same position as in the Village.

Reed Antis asked how the budget was funded differently over the last few years. The Supervisor stated that there might have been some confusion over the rules. Councilman Kusnierz stated that you need to look at the rates as a whole and felt that they had put together a good budget.

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There was discussion regarding stortz fittings that were discussed at the public hearing held on November 10, 2016. Jesse Fish stated that they're on most of the hydrants already and if they're not it's because some have a different thread on them and would require a different stortz fitting. He believed the hydrants on Bluebird Road were that type. The Supervisor stated that according to Mike Shaver, there are some at the end of Feeder Dam Road. Councilman Prendergast asked Mr. Fish if he needs to put anything into the budget to purchase any of these fittings. Mr. Fish stated that he would need to check each hydrant to see how many stortz fittings they would need. He stated that the hydrants from Fort Edward Road to the Industrial Park would require someone to tell us what is needed because of the threads being different. Councilman Kusnierz asked Mr. Fish is he had any idea of what they cost. He didn't know but stated that he could let everyone know tomorrow.

A motion was made by Councilman Kusnierz and seconded by Councilman Prendergast to close the public hearing on the 2017 Budget.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilman VanTassel	Yes
Councilman Prendergast	Yes
Councilwoman LeClair	Yes
Councilman Kusnierz	Yes
Supervisor Congdon	Yes

There was a brief discussion on the budgeted item regarding maintenance to one of the water towers. There was a question as to who should be paying for the maintenance. One district or all districts. Mr. Fish stated that the companies who use our water towers for their cell towers pay rent that's supposed to go into water district 2 that pays for maintenance. Councilman VanTassel stated that the revenues have never been spread across all districts so his opinion is that the cost shouldn't be spread out either. The Supervisor asked Mr. Fish to schedule the painting when weather permits.

Councilwoman LeClair asked that the Emergency Squad portion of the budget be split out so that she may vote on that portion separately.

A motion was made by Councilman Kusnierz and seconded by Councilman Prendergast to adopt the proposed 2017 budget as presented and modified with the language for the financing of the Emergency Squad removed.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilman Prendergast	Yes
Councilwoman LeClair	Yes
Councilman Kusnierz	Yes
Councilman VanTassel	Yes
Supervisor Congdon	Yes

A motion was made by Councilman Kusnierz and seconded by Councilman Prendergast to provide funding in the amount as proposed in the 2017 budget for the Moreau Emergency Squad.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilwoman LeClair	No
Councilman Kusnierz	Yes
Councilman VanTassel	Yes
Councilman Prendergast	Yes
Supervisor Congdon	Yes

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Councilman Kusnierz stated that they have a resolution before them that will establish the Town of Moreau as lead agency with regard to establishing proposed Sewer District 1 Extension 5. He asked that the Town Clerk read the resolution into the record.

The following resolution was read by the Town Clerk.

**RESOLUTION
TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF MOREAU**

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION SETTING STATUS UNDER SEQR AND ASSUMING
LEAD AGENCY STATUS FOR MOREAU SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1
EXTENSION 5

WHEREAS, the Town of Moreau, hereinafter referred to as the “Town”, is proposing to cause to be constructed a sewerage collection system to serve town residents, businesses, and institutions (the “Action”); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Moreau Town Board must evaluate all proposed actions submitted to it for its consideration that may affect the environment in light of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQR”) and the regulations promulgated thereunder, and

WHEREAS, the involved agencies [as that term is defined in 6 NYCRR 617.2 (t)] include the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the New York State Department of Transportation, and the required environmental review will be conducted concurrently by the Town of Moreau Town Board; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Moreau desires to serve and act as the lead agency for the purposes of SEQR; and

WHEREAS, to aid the Town of Moreau Town Board in determining whether the Action may have a significant impact on the environment, a Full Environmental Assessment Form dated November 16, 2016, has been prepared by the Town with a copy filed with the Town Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Moreau that the Town Board makes the following findings and determinations with respect to the proposed project:

(1) The project constitutes a “Type I Action” as that term is defined in Section 6 NYCRR 617.2(ai) and 617.4;

(2) The Town Board of the Town of Moreau desires to serve as lead agency for the purposes of SEQR;

(3) The Attorney for the Town and/or the Engineer for the Town shall cause the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the New York State Department of Transportation, as other “involved agencies”, and any other interested agencies, to be notified of this resolution.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Councilman Kusnierz stated that they weren’t voting on whether or not they support the project, they are voting to determine lead agency status.

A motion was made by Councilwoman LeClair and seconded by Councilman Prendergast to adopt the resolution as read into the record.

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Councilwoman LeClair	Yes
Supervisor Congdon	Yes

Councilwoman LeClair stated that she had copied the Board members with a proposal from Tedford Consulting to do a salary survey for the proposed Sewer District 1, Extension 5 project. She stated that this was one of the companies that Jason Denno had suggested getting a price from. She stated that she is still waiting for Shelter Planning and Jim Martin to get back to her. She stated that if there are any questions, the Board members may reach out to Tedford Consulting. Councilwoman LeClair stated that the response rate doesn't have to be as high as when the Village did their survey. She stated that the Town would only need 38% of responses and this could lower the average income enough to qualify for a 0% interest rate.

Councilman Kusnierz congratulated the Supervisor for putting forward his first budget of his term that was fiscally prudent and reduces taxes. He also appreciated the Board members working so hard on it.

The Supervisor gave credit to Francine Thibodeau for her help. Councilwoman LeClair thanked the Supervisor for finding \$1,000,000.00 in the Sewer District that will help tax payers over time.

A motion was made by Councilman Prendergast and seconded by Councilman VanTassel to adjourn the special meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilman VanTassel	Yes
Councilman Prendergast	Yes
Councilwoman LeClair	Yes
Councilman Kusnierz	Yes
Supervisor Congdon	Yes

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Leeann McCabe
Town Clerk