

The 2026 Town Budget Public Hearing and regular Town of Moreau Town Board Meeting were held at 7:00 p.m. on November 6, 2025 at the Moreau Municipal Building, 351 Reynolds Road, Moreau, Saratoga County, New York.

The meeting was held in person and called to order by the Supervisor at 7:02 p.m. with an attendance roll and the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT:	John Donohue, Jr.	Councilmember
	Mark Stewart	Councilmember
	Jesse A. Fish, Jr.	Supervisor
ABSENT:	Patrick Killian	Councilmember
ALSO PRESENT:	Erin Trombley	Town Clerk
	Glen Bruening	Town Counsel
	Elizabeth Bennett	Confidential Secretary
	Reed Antis	Town Historian
	Jeffrey Cruz	Principal Account Clerk (PAC)

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim Perse, Mike Shaver, Maureen Dennis (Schermerhorn Real Estate Holdings), Alex Portal (Post-Star)

PUBLIC HEARING – 2026 Town Budget

Supervisor Fish asked the Town Clerk to read a prepared resolution. She read:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board opens the Public Hearing for the 2026 Moreau Town Budget.”

Resolution 437-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Donohue, seconded by Councilmember Stewart to adopt the resolution as read.

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

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

The motion carried 3:0.

Before opening the floor for public comments, Supervisor Fish stated that a change needed to be made to account A13551 – Assessor, an increase in salary of \$2,118, bringing Sole Assessor Leah Cronin’s salary to \$88,000.

Resolution 438-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Donohue to increase the Assessor’s salary for the 2026 budget to \$88,000.

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

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

The motion carried 3:0.

The Supervisor opened the floor for public comment.

Mike Shaver asked if money had been set aside to paint the water tower at the Highway garage. Supervisor Fish said money had been allocated to wash the tank and asked Principal Account Clerk Cruz for detail. Principal Account Clerk Cruz said \$215,000 had been allocated for paint and maintenance. The Supervisor said all three Town tanks were set to be pressure washed and if needed, and if needed, they will be painted after that if they can find someone to do it. He noted that it was good that there was no lead paint to contend with on the Town tanks. Mr. Shaver commented that salaries are up in the proposed budget, and indicated that was a good thing and he agreed with the increases. He said the Supervisor's salary needed to be looked at in comparison to other Supervisor salaries because it's an important job and Supervisor Fish won't be around forever. Councilmember Stewart agreed, that it was important to attract good people to these roles.

Maureen Dennis asked about revenue for water and sewer in the budget, asking if the sewer rents figure for the Industrial Park divided by 270 equals the number of EDUs. She said she had been asking for EDU counts since April and hadn't received them yet. Mr. Cruz said the budget number was an extrapolation based on the previous 12 months of sewer billing. Ms. Dennis asked when the Operations & Maintenance fee would convert from a price per thousand of gallons to EDUs, because it should be calculated based on the EDU rate for 2026. Supervisor Fish said figures from Water Clerk Labiak said there are 92 EDUs. Ms. Dennis said that was correct. She said she calculated extensions 1-4, subtracted 92 for Hexion, and the number she got was too high. She said it would be Schermerhorn with 692 EDUs, Sisson Reserve with 45 EDUs, Home of the Good Shepherd which had been raised from 21 to 35 EDUs, totaling under 800 EDUs. PAC Cruz said figures were based on past bills. Councilmember Stewart said he did not believe the figures were calculated out by EDU. He said he thought it was partially EDUs from the time EDUs were adopted, plus the previous calculations from earlier in the year, but he added this means enough dollars are allocated to the sewer budget to ensure all expenses are covered.

Mr. Shaver asked what sewer was flowing North. Everything but the Industrial Park and trailer park. Supervisor Fish said 80,000-90,000 gallons a day were going North and 100,000-110,000 gallons a day flow South. Since The industrial Park, mobile home park, and extension 5 began flowing South, the Supervisor said the volume flowing North hasn't reflected much of a drop due to rain infiltration.

Councilmember Stewart reiterated that the Supervisor salary needs to be addressed in the 2027 budget. He said they were able to do a lot in the budget and still drop the tax rate. He asked PAC Cruz for the exact figure, Mr. Cruz said there had been a tax rate reduction from 81 to 78.46. Councilmember Stewart said this includes full fire company funding plus \$250,000 toward the new fire truck. He thanked the Supervisor and Mr. Cruz. Supervisor Fish said increased sales tax revenue enabled the additional truck funds to be allocated. Councilmember Stewart and Mr. Cruz said \$400,000 was expected in sales tax for 2025.

Mr. Shaver asked about the Town having opted out of cannabis, but there's a cannabis shop in South Glens Falls. He asked where the revenue goes from the shop. Councilmember Stewart said the Village of South Glens Falls gets the money. Mr. Shaver asked why it went to South Glens Falls since it is within the Town. Councilmember Stewart said the Town is not entitled to cannabis money since the Town opted out. The Town would have received half of the approximately \$12,000 sales tax collected on cannabis in 2025 had they opted in, he said. He continued, saying the wording at the time was vague but that if they opted out they could opt in at a later time. He said they wanted to see how it played out before committing, and now he thinks the Town should consider opting in and making sure zoning regulations allow for dispensaries and on-site consumption. He added that it had been a good source of revenue for the Village since the Town can't just give the Village money, and the less of those funds was the Town's penalty for not opting in earlier. Supervisor Fish said initially the Town was sent funds. As a source of revenue, Mr. Shaver said it should be discussed. Councilmember Stewart said cannabis has been a success in the Village.

The Supervisor called for the Town Clerk to read a resolution closing the hearing. She read:

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“WHEREAS, the Town Board opened a public hearing on November 6, 2025 for the purpose of taking comments from the public regarding the preliminary budget; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby closes the Public Hearing for the 2026 Moreau Town Budget.”

Resolution 439-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Donohue to adopt the resolution as read.

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

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

The motion carried 3:0.

FUTURE MEETINGS & EVENTS

Supervisor Fish stated that on Tuesday, November 4, Kyle Noonan had resigned from the Town Board.

He read from the letter:

“Please accept this letter as my formal resignation from my position as a Member of the Town Council for the Town of Moreau, effective at the close of business on November 4, 2025.”

The Supervisor said the election results for one Town Council seat hadn’t been determined yet, that results weren’t expected until November 12. He said the Board will not act to replace Mr. Noonan until then.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board was unable to act on minutes due to attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The Supervisor opened the floor for public comment. No comments were made.

2026 BUDGET

Supervisor Fish said the public had an opportunity to comment on the proposed budget and changes, and asked if the Board was prepared to adopt the resolution. Following an affirmative response, the Supervisor asked Ms. Trombley to read a prepared resolution. She read:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby adopts the 2026 Moreau Town Budget, as amended at the public hearing.”

Resolution 440-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Donohue, seconded by Councilmember Stewart to adopt the proposed 2026 budget as amended.

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

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

The motion carried 3:0.

SEWER DISTRICT 1 EXTENSION 6

Supervisor Fish said the Board had received a Map, Plan and Report for Sewer District 1 Extension 6 that would serve the Arrowhead and Jacobie Parkside Farm developments. He said the Board had approved the extension, but that the law requires a 30-day permissive referendum. The period of the referendum had passed, he said, allowing the Board to approve the final order. The Town Clerk read the order:

“WHEREAS the Moreau Town Board has considered the proposed extension of its Sewer District No. 1, Extension No. 5 to be known as Sewer District No. 1, Extension No. 6 (referred to as “Extension No. 6”) to serve several parcels of property being developed for residential housing known as the Arrowhead Meadows, SRH-TJM, and Jacobie’s Parkside Farm subdivisions; and

WHEREAS a Map, Plan and Report last revised August 27, 2025 describing the proposed Extension No. 6 to connect the three subdivisions to Sewer District No. 1, Extension No. 5 has been filed in the Office of the Moreau Town Clerk, posted on the Town’s Website and is available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS by Resolution No. 352-2025, subsequent to the filing of the Map, Plan and Report with the Town Clerk, the Town Board unanimously adopted an Order Setting Public Hearing reciting (a) the boundaries of the proposed Extension No. 6, (b) the proposed improvements, (c) the cost of the improvements, estimated to be approximately \$1,500,000.00, to be paid entirely by the developers as part of their subdivisions, (d) the estimated hook-up fees and the annual cost to the property in Extension No. 6, (e) that the Map, Plan and Report is on file with the Town Clerk, and (f) the time and place of a public hearing on the proposed Extension No. 6; and

WHEREAS by Resolution No. 379-2025, made following the close of the Public Hearing on September 23, 2025, the Moreau Town Board approved the establishment of Extension No. 6 subject to permissive referendum in accordance with Town Law Articles 7 and 12-A; and

WHEREAS on September 25, 2025, *The Saratogian* published Notice that the Resolution approving the establishment of proposed Extension No. 6 was subject to permissive referendum consistent with Town Law Section 209-e; and

WHEREAS by Certificate of No Referendum filed with the Saratoga County Clerk, the Town Clerk has certified that no petitions for referendum were received by the Town Clerk within the 30-day period prescribed by Town Law Section 91.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED that Sewer District No. 1, Extension No. 6 is established to serve several parcels of property being developed for residential housing known as the Arrowhead Meadows, SRH-TJM, and Jacobie’s Parkside Farm subdivisions as set forth in the Map, Plan and Report on file with the Town Clerk with the boundaries as set forth in Schedule A attached to this Final Order; and it is further

ORDERED that construction may proceed and service provided subject to the following:

1. The subdivisions obtaining all necessary permits or approvals from the New York State Departments of Health, Transportation and Environmental Conservation; and
2. The filing of a construction security with the Town Clerk in such amount and form as approved by the Town Supervisor to ensure completion of construction of the public improvements; and
3. The Town being satisfied that construction of all improvements has occurred in accordance with the Map, Plan and Report and Town Code; and
4. Subsequent dedication of public improvements to the satisfaction of the Town; and it is further

ORDERED that within 10 days, the Town Clerk shall cause this Final Order to be filed in the office of the Saratoga County Clerk and the New York State Department of Audit and Control in accordance with Town Law Section 209-g (1).”

Resolution 441-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Donohue, seconded by Councilmember Stewart to adopt the order as read.

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

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

The motion carried 3:0.

ASSESSOR’S OFFICE

Supervisor Fish said the Assessor was requesting that her Clerk be allowed to take a continuing education course. He asked the Town Clerk to read the resolution. She read:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves Matt Espey to attend, in his office via Zoom, a continuing education class called Agricultural Exemption Processing on November 21, 2025 at a cost not to exceed \$120.00 to be paid from account A1355.4.”

Resolution 442-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Donohue, seconded by Councilmember Stewart to adopt the resolution as read.

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

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

The motion carried 3:0.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Supervisor Fish stated that at the Recreation Department budget workshop it was decided that leftover 2025 beach payroll funds would be used to pay for requested purchases. He asked the Town Clerk to read a resolution to transfer funds. She read:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the transfer of funds in the amount of \$8,000.00 from account A7310.1 to A7140.2 for the purpose of making equipment purchases.”

Resolution 443-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Donohue, seconded by Councilmember Stewart to adopt the resolution as read.

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

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

The motion carried 3:0.

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the purchase of a 6” portable pitching mound from On Deck Sports at a cost not to exceed \$1,488.38, which includes free shipping, to be paid from account 7140.2.”

Resolution 444-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Donohue, seconded by Councilmember Stewart to adopt the resolution as read.

Discussion: Supervisor Fish asked for an explanation of the item being requested. Councilmember Stewart said portable pitching mounds can be moved to allow for differences between leagues. He said younger players pitch from closer to home plate.

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

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

The motion carried 3:0.

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the purchase of five (5) Rubbermaid Glutton 56 gallon garbage cans, with lids, for the rec park, from WebstaurantStore for a total not to exceed \$2,112.12 which includes \$337.17 in shipping, to be paid from account A7140.2.”

Resolution 445-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Donohue, seconded by Councilmember Stewart to adopt the resolution as read.

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

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

The motion carried 3:0.

Supervisor Fish asked the Town Clerk to read the resolution. She read:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the purchase of two (2) AED Kits, which include a case and pads for both adults and children, from Heartsmart.com at a price not to exceed \$2,758.64, to be paid from account A7140.2.”

Resolution 446-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Donohue, seconded by Councilmember Stewart to adopt the resolution as read.

Discussion: Supervisor Fish asked for an explanation for this item. Councilmember Stewart said there are currently 3 AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators): one at the girls fields, one at the boys’ fields, and one at the maintenance building. He said safety insurance regulations had changed and some AEDs are expiring.

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

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

The motion carried 3:0.

GLENS FALLS WATER & SEWER FACILITY AGREEMENT

Supervisor Fish explained that he, attorney Bruening, and Councilmember Donohue had met with Glens Falls City Mayor Collins about the sewer facility agreement that is currently in affect. He said upgrades were needed to help measure the Town’s capacity to enable future additions to the line. He said a meter had been installed at the end of VanBuren Street to determine capacity, factoring in infiltration. He said telemetry was being added so the meter can be read in real time from Glens Falls. He continued, saying that \$5,000 is paid to Glens Falls annually for reconstruction, but asked if there was a cap, and said there should be an account with those funds in it. He said additional clarification was needed because the Town doesn’t want to be hit with a large fee unexpectedly.

Attorney Bruening said that after their meeting, the Glens Falls sewer attorney sent a draft agreement based on the amended 1994 agreement, which clarified the Supervisor’s questions. He said he will set a meeting to answer questions. Supervisor Fish said the agreement in place lasts until 2034, but Glens Falls wants to extend the term at the same price, which is \$3.71 per thousand gallons. He said the rate to the County is \$3.94 per thousand. He said at the same price, they should consider the proposal. Councilmember Stewart said of the 1994 agreement there was a \$5,000 reconstruction cost with a maximum contribution equal to 5% of the Town’s share of the maintenance budget for the facility. He said the new version has no maximum, and questioned what Moreau would gain. He cited §8-B (7) renegotiating to which was identical to the 1994 version, which was excluded from §3. He said it sounded like they wanted to re-negotiate the maximum percentage. Supervisor Fish said the maximum has only been exceeded once, and that money should be in an escrow account. He added that in his reading of the original agreement, he didn’t see any cap on the expense at all.

Attorney Bruening agreed with the Supervisor and confirmed that Councilmember Stewart was correct, that if the reconstruction fund is insufficient, the Town would be responsible for the balance. He said in the recent past, the Town argued that the cap was a concrete figure and that the City had no recourse against the Town. He said he didn’t know where that argument came from and that he didn’t believe it could be supported. In the event that it should go to court and the Town lose, the Town would be responsible for the City’s attorney’s fees in addition to reconstruction. Counsel said they should revisit the language to find where they are comfortable,

adding that Federal regulations require the City to have an adequate fund for anticipated reconstruction. He suggested this leaves room for potentially very large un-anticipated reconstruction costs.

Councilmember Stewart said the majority of the Board opted to go South when sewer negotiations took place last because reconstruction and operations costs proposed by the City at that time were in excess of \$1 million. He said the contract contradicts itself in §7 where a 5% cap is listed, and in §9 where it says if the fund for reconstruction is insufficient, the Town is responsible for its share based on a formula, which is the rate to determine flow. The Councilmember said the only place in the document that reflects a cap is the section being eliminated and asked if, now that flow can be measured accurately, will it be calculated based on the Town's actual flow rate or on the contractual or capacity rate of 190,000 gallons. He said he had 2008 and 2012 contracts before him and he did not see a percentage and less than 100,000 gallons go to Glens Falls. Attorney Bruening said these were good questions and stated that the 1994 contract obligated the Town to four payment types: contract payments, operation and maintenance based on flow, future reconstruction also based upon flow. He explained that the cap is an estimated amount at the beginning based on flow, and is capped at \$5,000. Councilmember Stewart said he believed that 5% of annual operation would exceed \$5,000. Supervisor Fish said again that they need clarification. Councilmember Stewart said they should have an agreed percentage and clarity on how the figure is calculated.

Maureen Dennis asked if this information was online. Councilmember Stewart said it was not because it was a draft. Ms. Dennis asked where the \$805 buy-in fee was. Ms. Dennis said the \$1 million was paid in 1994. She said there is a 1-year delay on bills. Councilmember Stewart said he did not know. He suggested negotiation, and said he would email all the issues he saw to Counsel. He asked, also, where the interest was for the reconstruction fees the Town had paid since 1994. The Councilmember also said he didn't see anywhere that stated that the Town was responsible if Glens Falls had a failure. Supervisor Fish said Queensbury pays an unknown amount for water repair. Councilmember Stewart favored working through the issues before signing. Supervisor Fish said the agreement isn't expiring for a number of years so they don't have to rush it.

Reed Antis asked how much sewer effluent was flowing South. Supervisor Fish said more than 100,000 gallons a day, with less than 100,000 gallons a day flowing North for a total of around 200,000 gallons a day. Mike Shaver asked about telemetry and infiltration. The Supervisor said all the gravity-fed lines have infiltration in wet conditions. Mr. Shaver asked if Glens Falls is reading the new meter and if they know the rate. Councilmember Stewart said the meter will help show the Town's actual volume which he hoped would show that the majority of infiltration isn't coming from Moreau. Mr. Shaver suggested the Water Superintendent go and look for a break in the line by the cement plant. Supervisor Fish said the volume is measured at VanBuren and infiltration after the meter is Glens Falls' problem, that they can see the difference in volume between the meter at VanBuren and the processing plant if they have a meter there. Mr. Shaver said he believed the Town was responsible for the line as part of the Town's distribution system. Supervisor Fish said there's a big infiltration problem, and they said it was coming from Queensbury but Queensbury disputes this. Ms. Dennis said Glens Falls is also blaming Washington County, whose sewer attorney is the City of Glens Falls attorney of record. Supervisor Fish said the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation is pushing to find the origin of the infiltration. Ms. Dennis said the Grove at Sisson had been implicated but it is in development and not even connected yet. She said that was the lawsuit Schermerhorn had won against Washington County.

Councilmember Stewart asked if there was a meter where the system going into "the pit" Supervisor Fish said if they had a way to read it, they didn't do it because the sewer price used to be based upon water use.

Councilmember Stewart said he was glad there was a meter because the contract is based on gallons of flow.

Action on the agreement was tabled.

MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The Supervisor Asked Ms. Trombley to read the resolution. She read:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board accepts the October monthly department reports from the Assessor’s Office; Building, Planning and Development Office; Rec Department; Water & Sewer Department; and the Dog Control Officer.”

Resolution 447-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Donohue to adopt the resolution as read.

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

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

The motion carried 3:0.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Maureen Dennis asked if there had been any response to the Town’s letter regarding the Grove. Supervisor Fish said there had not, and the Town had provided everything the City asked for. Ms. Dennis asked if the overbilling issue was being worked on, to which Attorney Bruening responded affirmatively.

SUPERVISOR’S ITEM

Supervisor Fish explained that at the previous meeting, action had been taken to authorize the hire of a part-time Court Clerk to work with the Town Justices, but they failed to vote on the item.

Resolution 448-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Donohue, seconded by Councilmember Stewart authorize the hire of Parker Taft as a part-time Town (Court) Clerk, at a pay rate of \$20 per hour, to begin immediately upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical and clearing of a background check conducted by the court..

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

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

The motion carried 3:0.

Mike Shaver asked what the minimum age was to lifeguard for the Town. The consensus was 16 years old. Supervisor Fish said the County would be hosting free lifeguard training.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Stewart said new full-time staff at the Recreation Park were making a big difference but that another full-time staff-member was needed. Councilmember Donohue said he, Councilmember Stewart, and

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Recreation Director Brogan would be sitting down the setting criteria, expectations and implementation on softball tournament scheduling. He said the program should be simplified and help nonprofit organizations. He said he would have more on this at the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was required.

Resolution 449-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Donohue to enter into a brief attorney/client session.

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

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

The motion carried 3:0

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 450-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Donohue, seconded by Councilmember Stewart to adjourn the meeting.

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

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

The motion carried 3:0. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Erin Trombley
Erin Trombley
Town Clerk