

A month end meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Moreau was held on June 25, 2009 in the Town of Moreau Office Building, 61 Hudson Street, South Glens Falls, New York.

Supervisor Jenkins called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

The Town Clerk called the roll, which resulted in the following Town Board Members being present or absent:

Town Board Members Present

Tom Cumm	Councilman
Bob Prendergast	Councilman
Gina LeClair	Councilwoman
Todd Kusnierz	Councilman
Preston Jenkins	Supervisor

Town Board Members Absent

None

Also Present: Jeanne Fleury, Town Clerk; Jesse Fish, Water Superintendent; Joe Patricke, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer; Steve Gram, Recreation Director; Peggy Jenkins, Assessor; Rudy Klick, Special Projects Aide; Steve Barody, Highway Superintendent (arrived at 4:45 p.m.)

A motion was made by Councilman Prendergast and seconded by Councilman Cumm authorizing the purchase of crushed stone at an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 under state contract from either Jointa Galusha or Peckham and for same to be paid out of account DB5110.49.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

Peggy Jenkins discussed with the Town Board the Memorandum of Understanding with ORPS regarding the revaluation. The Board was copied on this and Attorney Auffredou's response. She stated that a couple of concerns have been raised one being do we have to accept ORPS numbers and we do not. If we enter into a six year plan or some type of cycle bill with ORPS so we could receive the \$5.00 per parcel aide from ORPS we would have to come up with a plan whether it is a cycle bill or annual. If we going to maintain the roll and we aren't concerned about the aide then it doesn't matter. There is a time line whereby we have to submit a plan to ORPS our plan (cycle bill or annual). That is some of the language in the Memorandum of Understanding and it does have to be signed and sent back to ORPS soon.

Peggy Jenkins explained that a cycle bill is when a Town does reassessing every three, six or ten years. An annual is every year. We want to maintain the roll now that we have done a reval or we will have wasted our money.

Councilman Cumm asked if a cycle bill would give us 100% .

Peggy Jenkins replied not every year.

Councilman Cumm said that if we do an annual we would get the \$5.00 per parcel in aide. Peggy Jenkins said this was correct.

Supervisor Jenkins said we are looking at adding part-time staffing to the assessor's office. We are probably looking at doing an annual reassessment.

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Peggy Jenkins stated that it was her plan to do it in house, but additional staff would be needed.

Councilman Kusnierz asked if she had figured up what the additional staff would cost and Peggy Jenkins replied that she hasn't yet, but will put together the figures before they enter into a contract with ORPS.

Councilman Prendergast stated that if we do an annual update we shouldn't have to send someone out to every parcel again and Peggy Jenkins replied no. She would do a statistical analysis of the market. It can be adjusted by neighborhood or every parcel depending on what the market is. The project time line is trending for assessments, market analysis, look at every neighborhood within a specific period of time, verify all the sales. It would all be done within a time line. There is a criterion that has to be met for an annual and that is that you have to agree to revisit every property between a certain time frame to make sure there aren't any changes. The assessor would have to commit to ORPS that there haven't been any inventory changes on the parcels.

The cycle bill is doing a market trend.

Supervisor Jenkins stated the reason for the reval is to update the values and keep them as close as possible to market value. An annual is our best opportunity to accomplish this.

Peggy Jenkins stated that the only problem with an annual is market. In one given year you may reduce properties 15%-18% due to the market and in another year you may increase them 20% due to the market. It is a market game. In 2010 we will be at 100%. In 2011 we may be at 87%. It could fall off that much.

Councilman Kusnierz asked Peggy Jenkins if the assessment roll standardization will have any bearing on litigation involving specialty properties and utility properties.

Peggy Jenkins replied no.

She stated that Lou Lewis researched the law for her regarding ORPS not having to accept the numbers in a court order. Lou Lewis is of the opinion that they would have to. In meeting with utilities and attorneys she didn't think it would have an effect on our reval. ORPS has to accept the whole roll.

Councilman Kusnierz said that as part of the roll the assessor is required to do the standardization for utilities and specialty properties.

Peggy Jenkins said that is part of it, but she didn't see where we would run into any problems. Lou Lewis has a good handle on utilities and specialty properties and she has a lot of faith in him.

Supervisor Jenkins updated the Board on something that he wasn't sure was true or not, but he has heard that Woodstone may be pulling out of the industrial park and there is a negative Trust & Agency account balance with them and we are going to have to pursue this.

Councilman Kusnierz asked how we got to this stage. At a previous meeting he brought up this issue regarding Trust & Agency on an unrelated matter and Joe Patricke made the comment that even though the Town Board could approve it we don't go ahead with it until the money is there. He asked if this didn't happen in this case.

Joe Patricke said we haven't paid anything. We have an invoice that hasn't been paid by Woodstone. They owe us \$4,900.00 and we in turn would pay the contractor. We have invoiced Woodstone.

Supervisor Jenkins stated that Woodstone may have somebody else lined up to follow up on this.

Councilwoman LeClair stated that Bob Bogdan contacted Steve Gram and Bob Bogdan recommends that we hire David Gorrie as Baseball Sports Specialist instead of Joe Collier. David Gorrie has more experience in that area.

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Steve Gram stated that Bob Bogdan has worked with David Gorrie and knows him better and would prefer him over Joe Collier.

Councilwoman LeClair said it would be at \$10.00 per hour for 1 ½ hours per week for four weeks.

Councilman Cumm thought that Bob Bogdan didn't have anything to do with the Town anymore and Steve Gram replied that he stills does baseball 1 ½ hours per week for four weeks. He volunteers his time.

Steve Gram recommended Joe Collier, because Bob Bogdan never called him with a recommendation.

Councilman Cumm asked Steve Gram if he contacted Joe Collier already and Steve Gram replied that he hadn't contacted him yet.

Councilman Prendergast asked if Joe Collier was a Moreau resident.

Steve Gram replied yes and Joe Collier will still be working for us, but not with baseball.

Councilman Prendergast said he didn't want to upset people. He asked if David Gorrie was a Moreau resident and Steve Gram said he was. He asked how Joe Collier was going to feel about this and Steve Gram replied that he thought he would be okay with it. He is still going to be sports specialist for soccer and football just not for baseball.

Councilman Prendergast said he wanted to be careful about people who have done things for us especially for a small amount of money and how we treat them will affect the coming years.

Councilman Cumm asked Steve Gram if Joe Collier was contacted about taking this position and Steve Gram replied no. He knew he was going to be considered as a sports specialist, but he didn't know about the baseball.

A motion was made by Councilwoman LeClair and seconded by Councilman Kusnierz to appoint David Gorrie as Baseball Sports Specialist at \$10.00 per hour up to six hours.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

Councilwoman LeClair reported that she called the Post Star about inserting the Town's newsletter into their paper and the cost would be \$600.00 for 6,000 papers. The Chronicle was contacted also and their cost would be \$60.00 for 1,000 if we stuffed the papers with the newsletter unless we choose to have all 20,000 copies they distribute stuffed by them and then the cost would be \$1,200.00 but not all 20,000 copies would be distributed in the Town of Moreau. The number she had for the Money Saver is no longer in service. She stated that she wanted the newsletter released in time so we can promote Moreau Fun Days. She is requesting again to mail the newsletter. Moreau Community Center will mail them by mid July for \$1,112.00. The Village of South Glens Falls no longer does a newsletter. The Village Board of Trustees had to write an article for the newsletter and it was too much of an undertaking. We are asking each Town Department for an article. Future editions will be available at area businesses and on-line via the Town's website.

Councilman Prendergast said he liked the idea of mailing the newsletter at least for the first one. He said that maybe the Village of South Glens Falls would like to partner with us on a newsletter.

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Supervisor Jenkins said the Village taxpayers already pay into the Town General Fund and this is a General Fund item.

A motion was made by Councilwoman LeClair and seconded by Councilman Cumm authorizing Moreau Community to mail the Town's newsletter to 7,421 Town Residents at a cost of \$1,112.00 and for it to be paid out of the A6410.4 Publicity Account.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman LeClair and seconded by Councilman Cumm authorizing our newsletters to be printed and folded by Kingsbury Printing at a cost of \$520.17 and for it to be paid out of the A6410.4 Publicity Account.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

Steve Barody reported that he will meet tomorrow at 1:00 p.m. with Verizon and Cornerstone about the phone service at the Transfer Station. He suggested they come off Frankie Lane overhead to the Transfer Station fee booth and run conduit from the old garage to the booth rather than running conduit all the way down to Butler Road. He was meeting them to see if this was feasible.

Councilman Cumm noted for the record that the following vouchers from Cornerstone have been pulled from audit due to the fact that they owe us a credit: #1293, 1294, 1295, 1296

A motion was made by Councilman Cumm and seconded by Councilwoman LeClair authorizing the payment of bills as audited.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

AUDITED CLAIMS

General Fund – A Account:

Claim nos. 975, 977, 979, 985-986, 988-996, 1048-1069, 1086-1088, 1090-1098, 1108-1116, 1259-1270, 1297-1298, 1300-1308, 1327-1328	\$217,660.90
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Town Outside Fund – B Account:

Claim nos. 1132-1148, 1150, 1271-1272	\$ 4,808.92
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Highway Fund – DB Account:

Claim nos. 1117-1131, 1273-1280 \$ 86,293.58

Sewer District 1 Fund – GI Account:

Claim nos. 1151, 1281, 1299, 1326 \$ 3,675.48

Recreation Capital Project Fund – HP Account:

Claim nos. 1309 \$ 869.54

Water District 6 Capital Project Fund – HS Account:

Claim nos. 980-983 \$ 6,943.50

Water District 1 Fund – I Account:

Claim nos. 1153, 1154, 1321 \$ 797.13

Water District 2 Fund – II Account:

Claim nos. 987, 1156, 1194-1198, 1200-1201, 1310, 1314, 1320 \$ 8,669.77

Water District 4 Fund – IV Account:

Claim nos. 1204-1207, 1209, 1311, 1323 \$ 6,138.06

Landfill Reserve Fund – LF Account:

Claim nos. 1221 \$ 12.00

Moreau Industrial Park Fund – SP Account:

Claim nos. 1222 \$ 12.00

Water District 3 Fund – III Account:

Claim nos. 1202, 1322 \$ 1,207.75

Trust & Agency Fund – TA Account:

Claim nos. 976, 978, 1223-1239, 1258, 1282-1291, 1312-1313, 1315-1319 \$ 8,066.10

Transfer Station Fund – TS Account:

Claim nos. 984, 1240, 1252, 1256,1292 \$ 9,814.15

Water District 5 Fund – V Account:

Claim nos. 1210, 1211, 1257, 1324 \$ 1,078.11

Water District 6 Fund – VI Account:

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Claim nos. 1231-1218, 1220, 1325, 1329

\$ 9,228.40

A motion was made by Councilman Prendergast and seconded by Councilwoman LeClair to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Fleury
Town Clerk