

A public hearing was held by the Town Board of the Town of Moreau on November 9, 2010 in the Town of Moreau Office Building, 61 Hudson Street, South Glens Falls, New York, for the purpose of hearing all interested persons for or against proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2010, which if adopted would repeal and replace existing Chapter 59, "Dog Control Law" of the Town of Moreau.

Supervisor Jenkins opened the public hearing at 6:30 p.m.

The Town Clerk called the roll.

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; and the following Town Residents: Vince Sporrer, Alan Wood, Mark Kenyon, Sylvia Taylor and Renata Taylor

The following Notice of Public Hearing appeared in the legal ad section of the Glens Falls Post Star Newspaper on November 3, 2010:

TOWN OF MOREAU
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A LOCAL LAW
ESTABLISHING THE DOG CONTROL LAW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York, that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Moreau on Tuesday, November 9, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, located at 61 Hudson Street, South Glens Falls, New York for the purpose of considering the adoption of Local Law No. 3 of 2010. If adopted, Local Law No. 3 of 2010 would repeal and replace existing Chapter 59 "Dogs" with new Chapter 59 "Dog Control Law" of the Moreau Town Code to implement the modifications to the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law (Article 7, Chapter 59, Part D), concerning dog licensing, license fees and dog population control. In addition, the proposed local law regulates the acts and conducts of dogs within the Town, provides for the seizure of dogs at large, and provides for the filing of complaints and penalties for offenses. A copy of proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2010 can be obtained at the Moreau Town Hall.

Jeanne M. Fleury

Town Clerk

Supervisor Jenkins gave a brief synopsis of the reason for this local law, which was basically the State of New York Department of Agriculture & Markets in Albany will no longer be involved in the licensing of dogs in the state and it will be up to each municipality to send out dog license renewals and provide for the license of dogs in general.

Supervisor Jenkins asked if anyone present wished to be heard.

There was no response from the public.

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Councilman Cumm stated that he had a question about rabies vaccinations and how they were affected by the two year licensing period, but he spoke with the Town Clerk prior to this meeting and received the answer to his question.

Councilman Kusnierz stated that he realized that the Town would be keeping 100% of the dog license fees under the new law with the exception of the animal population control fees that are built into the license fees and he asked the Town Clerk what the anticipated license fees to be collected were versus what the Town currently receives, which is only a portion of the dog license fees.

The Town Clerk referred to a spreadsheet she had prepared for the board back on September 3, 2010 with this information and said that based on the number of dogs licensed for the year 2009 (she used 2009 so it would be a full year of licensing) and assuming the same number of dogs are licensed in 2011 then the revenue anticipated to be collected by the Town and retained by the Town was \$6,055.00 versus \$1,776.85 the Town's share of the State Fees and \$2,702.50 the Town's local fees collected in 2009.

Councilman Kusnierz said this means that under the new law the Town will collect 2 ½ times ~~the~~ additional revenue. **[Amended 11/23/10 jf]**

Supervisor Jenkins noted that the Town will have added expenses now also with the mailing of renewals.

The Town Clerk added that the Town's contract for dog control services is \$13,200.00 and the shelter fees were \$2,185.75 plus there is the cost for postage, license tags, paper, etc. for a total of \$16,499.32. The dog license fees collected by the Town are used to offset these expenses.

Supervisor Jenkins asked again if anyone from the public wanted to be heard.

There was no response from the public.

Supervisor Jenkins asked for a motion to close the public hearing and Councilman Kusnierz suggested they leave the public hearing open until just before they act on the local law in the regular meeting of the Town Board to follow in case anyone else from the public had any comments.

The public hearing was left open at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Fleury
Town Clerk