

Organizational Town Board Meeting
2016

The Organizational meeting was called to order by Town Supervisor William Farber on 5 January 2016,
@ 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Dan Virgil, Brian Taylor, MaryAnn Mosher, and Cindy Valik, Council members;
William Farber, Town Supervisor; Amanda Seeley, Town Clerk; Hugh Farber, Highway Superintendent.

Hugh Farber:

- Plowing and Sanding – plow and sander working well
- Went out to clean up trees off trails
- Heater went out again

Dan Virgil made a motion to accept the minutes as printed for the annual meeting of December 29, 2015.

Mary Ann Mosher seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Ayes: B. Taylor, W. Farber, M. Mosher, D. Virgil, C. Valik

Nays: None

Cindy Valik made a motion to pay the following:

- General Fund bills on abstract #1, Voucher #'s 1-8 in the amount of \$3,081.85
- Highway bills on abstract #1, Voucher #'s 1-3 in the amount of \$650.97

Brian Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Ayes: B. Taylor, W. Farber, M. Mosher, D. Virgil, C. Valik

Nays: None

Brian Taylor made a motion to prepay the following:

- National Grid
- MVP
- State Insurance Fund AATV

Maryann Mosher seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Ayes: B. Taylor, W. Farber, M. Mosher, D. Virgil, C. Valik

Nays: None

Brian Taylor made a motion to accept the following appointments:

- Deputy Supervisor: Brian Taylor
- Attorney: William P. Schmitt
- Registrar of Vital Statistics: Amanda Seeley
- Deputy Town Clerk & Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics: Nancy Graves
- Historian: Michael Korpon
- Deputy Highway Superintendent: Richard Garvin
- Zoning & Codes Enforcement Officer: David VanArsdale
- Animal Control Officer: Cynthia Valik
- Deputy Animal Control Officer: Vacant
- Cemeteries: James Luck
- Building Maintenance/Labor: Stephanie Tichenor & Kelly Tichenor (as needed)

MaryAnn Mosher seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Ayes: B. Taylor, W. Farber, M. Mosher, D. Virgil, C. Valik

Nays: None

Cindy Valik made a motion to hold the regular board meetings on the second Tuesday of each month. Next meeting will be on February 9, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

Dan Virgil seconded the motion. Motion carries.
Ayes: B. Taylor, W. Farber, M. Mosher, D. Virgil, C. Valik
Nays: None

Brian Taylor made a motion that the official newspaper be the Hamilton County Express.

MaryAnn Mosher seconded the motion. Motion carries.
Ayes: B. Taylor, W. Farber, M. Mosher, D. Virgil, C. Valik
Nays: None

Dan Virgil made a motion to have the Supervisor, William Farber, pay the salaries set forth in the 2016 budget: including .30 per hour raise for the Highway; BTI applicators and groomers to \$13.90 per hour; laborers \$12.50 first year applicators and \$13.30 returning applicators per hour; and set the temporary snowmobile groomers at \$13.40 per hour; Deputy Town Clerk \$13.90 per hour; Highway PR #1 effective 1/3/16.

Cindy Valik seconded the motion. Motion carries.
Ayes: B. Taylor, W. Farber, M. Mosher, D. Virgil, C. Valik
Nays: None

The following committees were appointed by the Supervisor, William Farber, with the first name being the chairman of the committee:

- Street Lights & Cemeteries: MaryAnn Mosher & Cindy Valik
- Re-evaluation & Assessment: Dan Virgil & Cindy Valik
- Insurance: Brian Taylor & MaryAnn Mosher
- Building & Highway, Repeater Tower: Brian Taylor & Dan Virgil
- Solid Waste: Dan Virgil & MaryAnn Mosher
- Tourism & Promotion & Economic Development: Cindy Valik & MaryAnn Mosher
- Recreation Center & Recreation Center Projects: Brian Taylor & Cindy Valik
- Snowmobile: Brian Taylor & Dan Virgil
- Website: MaryAnn Mosher & Cindy Valik

Brian Taylor made a motion for the following depositories:

- Town Supervisor: NBT & M&T
- Town Clerk/Tax Collector: NBT
- Town Justice: NBT

Dan Virgil seconded the motion. Motion carries.
Ayes: B. Taylor, W. Farber, M. Mosher, D. Virgil, C. Valik
Nays: None

Brian Taylor made a motion to reappoint Connie Santz Youth Group Committee until 1-1-16 to 12-31-20.

- Cynthia Valik: 12-31-2016
- William Farber: 12-31-2017
- Melonie Luck: 12-31-2018
- Sonya DeVuyst: 12-31-2019

MaryAnn Mosher seconded the motion. Motion carries.
Ayes: B. Taylor, W. Farber, M. Mosher, D. Virgil, C. Valik
Nays: None

Dan Virgil made a motion to reappoint Zachary Pettinelli to the Zoning Board of Appeals 1-1-16 to 12-31-20.

- Raymond Darvoe: 12-31-2016
- David Valik: 12-31-2017
- John Darling: 12-31-2018
- Shirley Taylor: 12-31-2019

Brian Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Ayes: B. Taylor, W. Farber, M. Mosher, D. Virgil, C. Valik

Nays: None

MaryAnn Mosher made a motion to reappoint Wayne Fleming to the Planning Board 1-1-16 to 12-31-20.

- Leonard Croote: 12-31-2016
- James Luck: 12-31-2017
- Edward Sherman: 12-31-2018
- Carol Garvin: 12-31-2019

Cindy Valik seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Ayes: B. Taylor, W. Farber, M. Mosher, D. Virgil, C. Valik

Nays: None

Brian Taylor made a motion to approve the investment policy. (*Investment Policy attached*)

Dan Virgil seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Ayes: B. Taylor, W. Farber, M. Mosher, D. Virgil, C. Valik

Nays: None

Dan Virgil made a motion to authorize any town official that would like to attend the Association of Towns Training School & Annual Meeting in New York City from February 14-17, 2016; the town will pick up the cost.

Cindy Valik seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Ayes: B. Taylor, W. Farber, M. Mosher, D. Virgil, C. Valik

Nays: None

MaryAnn Mosher made a motion to appoint William Farber as the voting delegate for the Town of Morehouse at the Association of Towns Training School & Annual Meeting in New York City from February 14-17, 2016.

Brian Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Ayes: B. Taylor, W. Farber, M. Mosher, D. Virgil, C. Valik

Nays: None

Brian Taylor made a motion to pass the resolution for the Blanket Insurance each year at the organizational meeting. (*Blanket Resolution attached*)

Cindy Valik seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Ayes: B. Taylor, W. Farber, M. Mosher, D. Virgil, C. Valik

Nays: None

MaryAnn Mosher made a motion to decrease the travel allowance from \$0.575 to \$0.54 per mile as set by the IRS to take effect 1-1-16.

Cindy Valik seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Ayes: B. Taylor, W. Farber, M. Mosher, D. Virgil, C. Valik

Nays: None

Brian Taylor made a motion to enter into the 2016 contract with the Adirondack Speculator Region Chamber of Commerce for \$1,500.00 for promotion of the Town of Morehouse.

Cindy Valik seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Ayes: B. Taylor, W. Farber, M. Mosher, D. Virgil, C. Valik

Nays: None

MaryAnn Mosher made a motion to adopt the 2016 holiday schedule.

Dan Virgil seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Ayes: B. Taylor, W. Farber, M. Mosher, D. Virgil, C. Valik

Nays: None

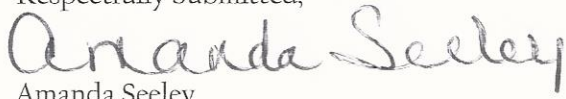
MaryAnn Mosher made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Brian Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Ayes: B. Taylor, W. Farber, M. Mosher, D. Virgil, C. Valik

Nays: None

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amanda Seeley". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Amanda Seeley

Town Clerk

Resolution to Authorize Blanket Undertakings for all Town of Morehouse Officers and Employees

By: Brian Taylor

WHEREAS, the Town has the option of providing a blanket undertaking insurance as opposed to individual undertakings for its elected officials, officers, clerks and employees, and

WHEREAS, the Town has chosen in the past to provide blanket undertaking insurance for their officers, clerks, and employees, and

WHEREAS, NYS Public Officers Law 11 provides that municipal corporation or district corporation may procure a blanket undertaking from any duly authorized corporate surety covering officers, clerks, and employees,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town of Morehouse is hereby authorized to provide undertakings for their officers, clerks, and employees through a blanket undertaking, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that said authorization shall include, but not be limited to the Town: Supervisor, Deputy Supervisor, Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Justice, Tax Collector, Highway Superintendent, and Deputy Highway Superintendent, and be it also,

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be filed with Hamilton County Clerk and Morehouse Town Clerk,

Seconded by: Cindy Valik

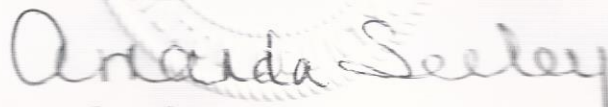
and adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: D. Virgil, W. Farber, B. Taylor, Moshier, C. Valik

Nays: None

I, Amanda Seeley, Town Clerk of the Town of Morehouse do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Morehouse Town Board at a regular meeting held on the 5th day of January 2016.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Town this 6th day of January 2016.



Amanda Seeley
Town Clerk

INVESTMENT POLICIES AND GUIDELINES OF THE TOWN OF MOREHOUSE

The objectives of the investment policies of the Town of Morehouse are to minimize risk, and to insure a competitive rate of return. In accordance with this policy, the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to invest all funds including proceeds of obligations and reserve funds in:

1. Certificates of Deposit issued by a bank or trust company authorized to do business in New York State
2. Time Deposit Accounts in a bank or trust company authorized to do business in New York State
3. The Town Board shall decide the names of the bank annually

All other local government officials receiving money in their official capacity must deposit such funds in negotiable order of withdrawal accounts.

All investments made pursuant to this investment policy shall comply with the following conditions:

1. FINANCIAL STRENGTHS OF INSTITUTION: All trading partners must be credit worthy. Concentration of investments in financial institutions will be a consideration. The general rule is not to place more than \$400,000.00 with any one institution; however sufficient collateral can be a mitigating factor.
2. COLLATERAL – CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSITS: Shall be fully secured by insurance of FDIC or by obligations of New York State or obligations of the United States or obligations of Federal Agencies the principal and interest of which are guaranteed by the United States, or obligations of New York State local bank with which the Town of Morehouse has entered into a Custodial Agreement. The market value of collateral shall at all times be equal to the principal amount of the certificate of deposit.
3. OPERATIONS, AUDIT, AND REPORTING: The Town of Morehouse will encourage certificates of deposits through a competitive or negotiated process involving telephone solicitation of at least two (2) bids for each transaction, when possible & appropriate

The Town Supervisor shall be authorizes to use the United States Post Office for delivery of deposits to and from banks when reasonable trips are not required.

At least annually, and if practical, at organizational meetings of the Town Board, the members shall review and amend, if necessary, these Investment Guidelines.