

January Town Board Meeting  
2015

The organizational meeting was called to order by Town Supervisor William Farber on January 6, 2015 @ 7:27<sup>pm</sup>.

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

Absent: MaryAnn Mosher, Cynthia Valik Council members

Hugh: nothing much since last week.....Dave & Wayne have been out on the trails

Brian Taylor made a motion to accept the officer's reports from the Justice, Clerk, Hwy. Superintendent & Supervisor. Dan Virgil seconded the motion. Motion carries

Ayes: D. Virgil, W. Farber, B. Taylor

Absent: M. Mosher, C. Valik

Nays: None

Brian Taylor made a motion to accept the minutes as printed for the annual meeting of December 30, 2014. Dan Virgil seconded the motion. Motion carries

Ayes: D. Virgil, W. Farber, B. Taylor

Absent: M. Mosher, C. Valik

Nays: None

Dan Virgil made a motion to pay the:

General Fund bills on abstract # 1, Voucher #'s 1-12 in the amount of \$20,537.26

Highway bills on abstract # 1, Voucher #1 - 2 in the amount of \$36,020.83

Brian Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carries

Ayes: D. Virgil, W. Farber, B. Taylor

Absent: M. Mosher, C. Valik

Nays: None

Brian Taylor made a motion to Pre Pay National Grid, MVP. Dan Virgil seconded the motion. Motion Carries

Ayes: D. Virgil, W. Farber, B. Taylor

Absent: M. Mosher, C. Valik

Nays: None

Dan Virgil 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: Kathleen Korpon

Historian: Amanda Seeley

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)

Health Officer: Michael DeJesus, MD

Brian Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carries

Ayes: D. Virgil, W. Farber, B. Taylor

Absent: M. Mosher, C. Valik

Nays: None

Brian Taylor made a motion to hold the regular board meetings on the second Tuesday of each month. Next meeting will be February 10, 2015 at 7:00p.m. Dan Virgil seconded the motion. Motion carries

Ayes: D. Virgil, W. Farber, B. Taylor

Absent: M. Mosher, C. Valik

Nays: None

Dan Virgil made a motion that the official newspaper be the Hamilton County Express. Brian Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carries

Ayes: D. Virgil, W. Farber, B. Taylor

Absent: M. Mosher, C. Valik

Nays: None

Brian Taylor made a motion to have the Supervisor William Farber pay the salaries set forth in the 2015 budget; Including .30 per hour raise for the Hwy; BTI applicators and groomers to: \$13.60 labors; \$11.80 first year applicators and 13.30 returning applicators per hour and set the temporary snowmobile groomers at \$13.40 per hour. Dep. Town Clerk 13.60 hrly.: Hwy PR eff 12/22/14. Dan Virgil seconded the motion. Motion carries

Ayes: D. Virgil, W. Farber, B. Taylor

Absent: M. Mosher, 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

Web site: MaryAnn Mosher & Cindy Valik

Dan Virgil made a motion for the following depositories:

Town Supervisor: NBT & M&T

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: NBT

Town Justice: NBT

Brian Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carries

Ayes: D. Virgil, W. Farber, B. Taylor

Absent: M. Mosher, C. Valik

Nays: None

Brian Taylor made a motion to reappoint Sonya DeVuyst Youth Group committee until 1-1-15 to 12-31-19

Cynthia Valik: 12-31-2016

William Farber: 12-31-2017

Melonie Luck : 12-31-2018

Sonya DeVuyst: 12-31-2019

Dan Virgil seconded the motion. Motion carries

Ayes: D. Virgil, W. Farber, B. Taylor

Absent: M. Mosher, C. Valik

Nays: None



Dan Virgil made a motion to re-appoint Shirley Taylor 1-1-15 to 12-31-2019 to the Zoning Board of Appeals from

Kurt Zysk: 12-31-2015

Raymond Darvoe: 12-31-2016

David Valik: 12-31-2017

John Darling: 12-31-2018

Shirley Taylor: 12-31-2019

Ayes: D. Virgil, W. Farber, B. Taylor

Absent: M. Mosher, C. Valik

Nays: None

Brian Taylor made a motion to reappoint Carol Garvin to the Planning Board 1-1-15 to 12-31-19

Wayne Fleming: 12-31-2015

Leonard Croote: 12-31-2016

James Luck: 12-31-2017

Edward Sherman: 12-31-2018

Carol Garvin: 12-31-2019

Ayes: D. Virgil, W. Farber, B. Taylor

Absent: M. Mosher, C. Valik

Nays: None

Brian Taylor made a motion to approve the investment policy. Dan Virgil seconded the motion. Motion carried  
(*Investment Policy Attached*)

Ayes: D. Virgil, W. Farber, B. Taylor

Absent: M. Mosher, C. Valik

Nays: None

Brian Taylor 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 15-18, 2015; the town will pick up the cost. Dan Virgil seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Ayes: D. Virgil, W. Farber, B. Taylor

Absent: M. Mosher, C. Valik

Nays: None

Brian Taylor 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 15-18, 2015.

Dan Virgil seconded the motion. Motion carries

Ayes: D. Virgil, W. Farber, B. Taylor

Absent: M. Mosher, C. Valik

Nays: None

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

Ayes: D. Virgil, W. Farber, B. Taylor

Absent: M. Mosher, C. Valik

Nays: None

Dan Virgil made the motion to increase the travel allowance from \$0.56 to \$0.575 per mile as set by the IRS to take effect 1-1-15. Brian Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carries

Ayes: D. Virgil, W. Farber, B. Taylor

Absent: M. Mosher, C. Valik

Nays: None

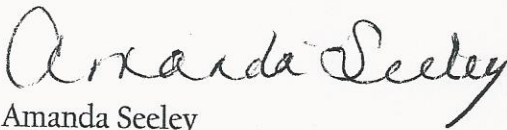
Brian Taylor made a motion to enter into the 2015 contract with the Adirondack Speculator Region Chamber of Commerce for \$1,500.00 for promotion of the Town of Morehouse. Dan Virgil seconded the motion. Motion carries  
Ayes: D. Virgil, W. Farber, B. Taylor  
Absent: M. Mosher, C. Valik  
Nays: None

Brian Taylor made a motion to let Morehouse Lake Club use the rec center 10/3/2015 for their annual meeting. Dan Virgil seconded the motion. Motion carries  
Ayes: D. Virgil, W. Farber, B. Taylor  
Absent: M. Mosher, C. Valik  
Nays: None

Dan Virgil made a motion to adopt the holiday schedule. Brian Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carries  
Ayes: D. Virgil, W. Farber, B. Taylor  
Absent: M. Mosher, C. Valik  
Nays: None

Dan Virgil made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brian Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carries  
Ayes: D. Virgil, W. Farber, B. Taylor  
Absent: M. Mosher, C. Valik  
Nays: None

Respectfully Submitted,



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.



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

By: Dan Virgil

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 II 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: Brian Taylor

and adopted by the following vote:


Ayes: D. Virgil, W. Farber, B. Taylor

Absent: M. Mosher, 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of December 2014.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Town this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December 2014.

  
Amanda Seeley  
Town Clerk