

Organizational Town Board Meeting  
5 January 2023

The Organizational meeting of the Morehouse Town Board was called to order at 7:00<sup>PM</sup> by Supervisor Farber. Supervisor Farber opened the meeting by leading the members of the Town of Board & guests in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Members present:

Council Members: William Uebele, Brian Taylor, MaryAnn Mosher

Council Member Absent: Sonya DeVuyst

Town Supervisor: William Farber

Town Clerk: Amanda La Rue

Highway Superintendent: Absent

Guests: Lynn Kerstner, Wayne & Sheryl Fleming, Marilyn Wilson, Melonie Luck

Lynn: Would like to paint the restrooms in the Rec. Center: The town board was in agreement with painting.

Melonie: No progress on the map. Stated that she may bring the map back and preserve it in some way so there is no further deterioration of the print.

MaryAnn Mosher made a motion to except the officer's reports. Brian Taylor seconded the motion. Motion Carries

Ayes: B. Taylor; M. Mosher; W. Farber; W. Uebele

Absent: Sonya DeVuyst

Nays: None

William Uebele made a motion to accept the minutes as printed for the annual meeting of 29 December 2022.

Brian Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Ayes: B. Taylor; M. Mosher; W. Farber; W. Uebele

Absent: Sonya DeVuyst

Nays: None

Brian Taylor made a motion to pay the following:

General Fund bills on abstract #1, Voucher #'s 1-12 in the amount of \$6,716.78

Highway bills on abstract #1, Voucher #'s 1-6 in the amount of \$994.74

MaryAnn Mosher seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Ayes: B. Taylor; W. Farber; W. Uebele

Absent: Sonya DeVuyst

Nays: None

William Uebele made a motion to accept the following appointments:

Deputy Supervisor: Marilyn Wilson

Attorney: William P. Schmitt

Registrar of Vital Statistics: Amanda La Rue

Deputy Clerk & Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics: Julie Crawford

Historian: Melonie Luck

Deputy Highway Superintendent: Richard Garvin

Zoning & Codes Enforcement Officer: Lenny Croote

Animal Control Officer: William Uebele

Deputy Animal Control Officer: Priscilla Uebele

Cemeteries: James Luck

Building Maintenance/Labor: Lynn Kerstner

Brian Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carries.  
Ayes: B. Taylor; M. Mosher; W. Farber; W. Uebele  
Absent: Sonya DeVuyst  
Nays: None

Brian Taylor made a motion to hold the regular board meetings on the second Tuesday of each month. Due to the early meeting in January the supervisor thought it would be best to hold the February meeting 8 February 2023 at 7:00 PM because of the bills. In March the meeting will be held on the regular date 14 March 2023. Brian Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carries.  
Ayes: B. Taylor; M. Mosher; W. Farber; W. Uebele  
Absent: Sonya DeVuyst  
Nays: None

Brian Taylor made a motion that the official newspaper be the Hamilton County Express. William Uebele seconded the motion. Motion carries.  
Ayes: B. Taylor; M. Mosher; W. Farber; W. Uebele  
Absent: Sonya DeVuyst  
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 & Sonya DeVuyst  
Re-evaluation & Assessment: William Uebele & Brian Taylor  
Insurance: William Uebele & MaryAnn Mosher  
Building & Highway: Brian Taylor & William Uebele  
Solid Waste: Brian Taylor & MaryAnn Mosher  
Tourism & Promotion & Economic Development: MaryAnn Mosher & Sonya DeVuyst  
Recreation Center & Recreation Center Projects: Sonya DeVuyst & William Uebele  
Snowmobile: Brian Taylor & Sonya DeVuyst

William Uebele 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: B. Taylor; M. Mosher; W. Farber; W. Uebele  
Absent: Sonya DeVuyst  
Nays: None

It was decided to table the youth group appointments until the February meeting

Brandy Chappel: 12-31-2023  
Marilyn Wilson: 12-31-2024  
Chelsey Flower: 12-31-2025  
Melonie Luck: 12-31-2026  
Sonya DeVuyst: 12-31-2027

William Uebele made a motion to reappoint James Luck to the Planning Board from 1-1-23 to 12-31-27

Edward Sherman: 12-31-2023  
Carol Garvin: 12-31-2024  
Wayne Fleming: 12-31-25  
Leonard Croote, Jr. 12-31-26  
James Luck, Sr: 12-31-27

Brian Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carries.  
Ayes: B. Taylor; M. Mosher; W. Farber; W. Uebele  
Absent: Sonya DeVuyst  
Nays: None

William Uebele made a motion to approve the investment policy. (*See Attached*)  
Brian Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Ayes: B. Taylor; M. Mosher; W. Farber; W. Uebele  
Absent: Sonya DeVuyst  
Nays: None

Brian Taylor made a motion to pass the resolution for the Blanket Insurance (*See Attached*) each year at the organizational meeting. (*See Attached*). William Uebele seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Ayes: B. Taylor; M. Mosher; W. Farber; W. Uebele  
Absent: Sonya DeVuyst  
Nays: None

Brian Taylor made a motion to increase the travel allowance from .60 to per mile to .65.5 per mile as set by the IRS to take effect 1-1-23.

MaryAnn Mosher seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Ayes: B. Taylor; M. Mosher; W. Farber; W. Uebele  
Absent: Sonya DeVuyst  
Nays: None

Brian Taylor made a motion to enter into the 2023 contract with the Adirondack Speculator Region Chamber of Commerce for \$1,500.00 for promotion of the Town of Morehouse. MaryAnn Mosher seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Ayes: B. Taylor; M. Mosher; W. Farber; W. Uebele  
Absent: Sonya DeVuyst  
Nays: None

- If Morehouse Lake decides to hold its annual meeting this year, we would need approval for 7 October 2023

Brian Taylor made a motion to allow Morehouse Lake Club use the rec center Saturday 7 October 2023 from 9am till 1pm for their annual meeting. Mary Ann Mosher seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Ayes: B. Taylor; M. Mosher; W. Farber; W. Uebele  
Absent: Sonya DeVuyst  
Nays: None

William Uebele made a motion to pay the salaries set forth in the 2023 budget as follows: Bob Ford \$ 24.00; Hugh Farber \$18.00; Ryan Tichenor \$18.00; Laborors \$18.00; BTI & Groomers 17.50. Brian Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Ayes: B. Taylor; M. Mosher; W. Farber; W. Uebele  
Absent: Sonya DeVuyst  
Nays: None

Brian Taylor made a motion to authorize town officials to attend the annual Association of Towns training in February in NYS if they choose to do so. William Uebele seconded the motion. Motion carries

Ayes: B. Taylor; M. Mosher; W. Farber; W. Uebele  
Absent: Sonya DeVuyst  
Nays: None

- Finalize ad for the fireworks after the fire meeting to if they would want to do refreshments
- James stated he would change out the front door on the recreation center on Friday Jan 6<sup>th</sup> and the smoke alarms on Saturday Jan 7<sup>th</sup>

Mary Ann Mosher made a motion to adjourn the meeting. William Uebele seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Ayes: B. Taylor; M. Mosher; W. Farber; W. Uebele

Absent: Sonya DeVuyst

Nays: None

Respectfully Submitted,



Amanda La Rue

Town Clerk

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

5 January 2023

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 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: William Uebele

and adopted by the following vote:

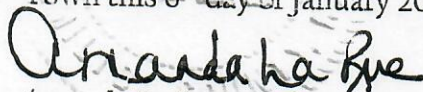
Ayes: B. Taylor; M. Mosher; W. Farber; W. Uebele

Absent: Sonya DeVuyst

Nays: None

I, Amanda La Rue, 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 January 2023.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Town this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023.



Amanda La Rue  
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 authorized 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.