Town of Morehouse
Board Meeting Agenda
July 9, 2024
7:00 PM at the Morehouse Recreation Center

Call meeting to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Open to the Public for Comments/Questions

Closed to the Public

Motion to accept the Meeting Minutes as printed from the June 11, 2024, Board Meeting.

Motion to accept Officers Reports:

Magistrate Report

Highway Supervisor Report

Supervisor Financial Report

Motion Authorizing Payment of the General Fund Invoices.

Motion Authorizing Payment of the Highway Fund Invoices.

Public Hearing on **Local Law #5 Real Property Tax Opt-out Law**

Open to the public for comment or questions?

Closed to the public

Motion to Adopt Local Law #5

Presentation by Morehouse Fire Department

Resolution # 24-7-1 Authorizing compensation for the Town Assessor for conducting a town wide property revaluation.

Resolution # 24-7-2 Authorizing contractual payment to the Morehouse Volunteer Fire Company.

Resolution # 24-67-3 Authorizing payment of utility bills and contractual obligations.

Resolution #24-6-4 Amending 2024 Budget appropriation for CHIPS, EWR, POP and PAVENY.

Old Business:

Speed survey results – French Road

Hamilton County Accounting Services (Computer Issue)

Roof over door at Recreation Center

Repair of Recreation Center Main Roof

Painting of Town Garage and the attached recycling area

Streetlight Upgrade – Contacted National Grid, Morehouse Conversion plan has been submitted to their design department. Will then be forwarded to third party installer. Estimated timeframe for installation, 1-2 months.

Comptroller's Demand for updated AUD's – Discussion regarding future actions.

IRS (PITS – IRS Information Service)

Cell Tower Update, Waiting approval of (APA) Adirondack Park Agency Bridge to site and FOIL Request

Notice of Noncompliance (status)

New Business

Discussion regarding furnace repair and fuel purchases for facilities. The Town Clerk has collected gallonage records. We will determine if we can simply solicit price quotes or need to go out to bid.

Fishing Contest on June 22, 2024, great success even with bad weather. Discussion regarding the floor in the Recreation Building.

Insurance Safety Inspection took place on June 28, 2024. Several Items to be addressed. Complete report from the Inspector forthcoming.

Open to the Public for Comments and Questions

Closed to the Public

Motion to Adjourn

RESOLUTION NO. 24-7-1

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COMPENSATION FOR THE TOWN ASSESSOR FOR A TOWN WIDE PROPERTY REVAULTION

DATED: JULY 9, 2024

BY: _____

WHEREAS, the Town of Morehouse is required to complete a town wide revaluation of property values, and

WHEREAS, the Town Assessor has agreed to complete the required revaluation, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes that the total revaluation of all town properties is outside of the Tax Assessors normal responsibilities, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has agreed to compensate the Town Assessor for the work required to complete the town wide property revaluation, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morehouse Town Board approves the compensation at the rate of $20.00 per hour to the Town of Morehouse Tax Assessor for completing a town wide property revaluation, not to exceed 500 hours, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Account No.

Seconded by: _____

DeVuyst: _____

Mosher: _____

Uebele: _____

Taylor: _____

Fernandez: _____

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Anthony Fernandez
Morehouse Town Supervisor

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Stephanie Tichnor
Morehouse Town Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 24-7-2

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO THE MOREHOUSE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY FOR THE TOWN FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT

DATED: JULY 9, 2024

BY: _____

WHEREAS, the Town of Morehouse entered into an agreement with the Morehouse Volunteer Fire Company for town fire protection, and

WHEREAS, the contract calls for an annual payment in the amount of $56,400.00, and

WHEREAS, the Morehouse Volunteer Company President has requested said payment be made, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morehouse Town Board approves the payment to the Morehouse Volunteer Fire Company in the amount of $56,400.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor and Hamilton County Treasurer be authorized to make said payment.

Seconded by: _____

DeVuyst: _____

Mosher: _____

Uebele: _____

Taylor: _____

Fernandez: _____

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Anthony Fernandez
Morehouse Town Supervisor

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Stephanie Tichnor
Morehouse Town Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 24-7-3

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF UTILITY BILLS AND CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

DATED: JULY 9, 2024

BY: _____

WHEREAS, The Town of Morehouse recognizes that certain utility and contractual bills need to be paid in a timely manner as to not incur late fees, and

WHEREAS, New York Town Law § 118(2) permits the Town Board to authorize the payment of utility claims and contractual in advance of the audit of such claims, and

WHEREAS, paying said utility claims and contractual, in a prompt manner, will avoid disruption of these needed services, and

WHEREAS, vouchers for all utility claims and contractual paid prior to audit shall be presented at the next regular meeting of the Town Board for audit pursuant to the provisions Town Law § 119(1), and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Town Board authorizes the Bookkeeper to remit payments from the respective Town checking accounts.

Seconded by: _____

DeVuyst: _____

Mosher: _____

Uebele: _____

Taylor: _____

Fernandez: _____

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Anthony Fernandez
Morehouse Town Supervisor

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Stephanie Tichnor
Morehouse Town Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 24-7-4

AMENDING AMOUNT OF 2024 BUDGET APPROPRIATION FOR CHIPS, EWR, POP AND PAVENY

DATED: JULY 9, 2024

BY: _____

WHEREAS, the budget appropriation for CHIPS, EWR, POP and PAVENY for 2024 was set and adopted for $17,000.00 for account DA.5112.0400 Capital Outlay/CHIPS, and

WHEREAS, the actual adopted State Budget for 2024-2025 for the Town of Morehouse from the State CHIPS, Pave NY, Pave Our Potholes and Extreme Weather Recovery fund for the State fiscal year 2024-25 is set at $407,896.64, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2024 budget appropriation DA.5112.0400 be amended from $17,000.00 to $407,896.64 and be offset by also increasing Revenue account DA.3501 Consolidated Highway, State Aid from $56,000.00 to $407,896.64.

Seconded by: _____

DeVuyst: _____

Mosher: _____

Uebele: _____

Taylor: _____

Fernandez: _____

Anthony Fernandez
Morehouse Town Supervisor

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TOWN OF MOREHOUSE, NEW YORK

LOCAL LAW # 5 OF 2024

A LOCAL LAW PURSUIANT TTO SECTION 487 OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF MOREHOUSE TO OPT-OUT OF PROVIDING REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR SOLAR, WIND OR WASTE ENERGY SYSTEMS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF

MOREHOUSE, IN THE COUNTY OF HAMILTON, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I, Title: This Local Law shall be known as "Opt-Out of Real Property Tax Law Section 487 Exemption for Qualified Solar, Wind or Waste Energy Systems Law of 2024".

SECTION II. PURPOSE AND INTENT

The purpose of this Local Law is to opt-out and disallow any real property tax exemption for Town taxation purposes contained in New York State Real Property Tax Law Section 487 for qualified solar, wind or waste energy systems.

SECTION III. REMOVAL OF EXEMPTION

The Town Board hereby removes any exemptions provided by New York State Real Property Tax Law 487 for qualified solar, wind or waste energy systems for the purposes of Town taxation.

SECTION IV. SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or other portion of this local law is for any reason declared unconstitutional or invalid, in whole or in part by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed severable, and such such unconstitutionally or invalidation shall not affect the validity of the remailing portions of the law, which remaining portions of the law shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION V. FILING

In addition to filing with the Secretary of State, this local law shall be filed with the New York State Office of Real Property Tax Services, and an additional copy shall be provided to the President of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority.

SECTION VI. EFFECTIVE DATE

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the Office of the Secretary of State.

Introduced: June 11, 2024

Public Hearing: July 9, 2024

Adopted: