Morehouse Town Board Meeting

September 9th, 2026

The Monthly Meeting for the Morehouse Town Board was called to order by Anthony Fernandez at 7pm on Tuesday September 9th, 2026. Supervisor Fernandez opened the meeting by leading the Town Board Members and the Members of the Public in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Members present:	Members absent:
William Uebele	Mary Ann Mosher
Sonya DeVuyst	
Brian Taylor	

Town Supervisor: Anthony Fernandez

Town Clerk: Stephanie Tichenor

Town Clerk Deputy: Brianna Bellidoro

Members of the public present:

Wayne & Sheryl Fleming	Phyllis Mosher
David Uebele	Robert Ford

Supervisor Fernandez opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments.

There were no questions or comments from the public.

Sonya DeVuyst made a motion to accept Town Board Meeting Minutes as printed from August 11th,2026 and Workshop Meetings on August 21st and 27th, 2026. Brian Taylor seconded them. Motion carried.

AYES	NAYS	ABSENT
Sonya DeVuyst	None	Mary Ann Mosher
Brian Taylor		
William Uebele		
Anthony Fernandez		

Brian Taylor made a motion to accept the Morehouse Officers Reports. William Uebele seconded it. Motion carried.

AYES	NAYS	ABSENT
Sonya DeVuyst	None	Mary Ann Mosher

Brian Taylor

William Uebele

Anthony Fernandez

Officers Reports include, Supervisor's Report, Town Clerk Report, Zoning Officer's Report and a verbal

Highway Department Report. No report from Town Justice as the meeting was early in the month, Next meeting will include this month's report.

Robert Ford, Highway Superintendent stated, they have been cutting grass, picking up garbage, installed garage door, cleaning out the boiler room, and getting septic's ready to be pumped. Robert also talked about paving Morehouse Lake Road. The price of fuel surcharges has skyrocketed; the company can come in next week or at the end of the month but at an extra surcharge. If Robert can get the price as it was quoted as, they will go ahead and repave it. If they can't, they are just going to patch Morehouse Lake Road until next year.

Robert also stated with the issue with Ryan Tichenor's MEO title, he contacted Carol Ruiz, Hamilton County Personnel Department and she said that The Town Board did not need to make a resolution, but it would be good if they did. He asked the Town Board if they wanted to make a resolution for him to change Ryan's title status from Laborer to MEO. Supervisor Fernandez stated that per the Town Attorney, the Town Board does not need to make a resolution; hiring is up to the Highway Superintendent. So, Robert Ford said that he would get all the paperwork filled out and work with Carol on this issue. Robert Ford asked about the issues with the septic systems, Supervisor Fernandez stated that when the company was doing the water testing, they noticed that the air vent that goes to the septic at Town Hall was broken off. That brought on that they had to check the top for the septic, and since there is no record of the last time that the septic's were pumped, Anthony and Robert had someone coming up to pump them out and make sure they were all in working order. Supervisor Fernandez talked with Robert and the Town Board about purchasing an International S-hook truck. That have recycling containers. It might help with garbage pickup.

The supervisor talked about someone putting a big bag of nails in the recycling bin. Which is a big no-no. The Town could get cited for that. Supervisor Fernandez said that he talked to the Town Attorney about making a local Law that stated we can cite people that are bringing items to Town Barn and putting them in the wrong containers. But hopefully when we get the cameras up, that may help this situation. If not, we are really going to have to find a solution to this problem.

Brian Taylor made a motion to authorize payment of the General and Highway fund invoices 8126-82826. Sonya DeVuyst seconded it. Motion carried.

AYES	NAYS	ABSENT
Sonya DeVuyst	None	Mary Ann Mosher
Brian Taylor		
William Uebele		
Anthony Fernandez		

Highway fund totaling $20,487.39 and General fund totaling $16,638.08.

There was some discussion on a few changes that Supervisor Fernandez had to put in the handbook. Everyone on the Town Board agreed with it.

Brian Taylor made a motion to approve Resolution #26-9-1 "Adoption of the Morehouse Employee Handbook". William Uebele seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AYES	NAYS	ABSENT
Sonya DeVuyst	None	Mary Ann Mosher
Brian Taylor		
William Uebele		
Anthony Fernandez		

Supervisor Fernandez thanked the Town Board for all the help in getting the Employee Handbook done.

Sonya DeVuyst made a motion approve Resolution 26-9-2 "Adoption of the Morehouse Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy."

Brian Taylor seconded it. Motion carried.

AYES	NAYS	ABSENT
Sonya DeVuyst	None	Mary Ann Mosher
Brian Taylor		
William Uebele		
Anthony Fernandez		

New and Old Business-

2022/2023 IRS issues-Supervisor Fernandez stated that the payment has been made for the 2023 penalty. The appeal is still pending.

Revaluation of Town Properties- Supervisor Fernandez stated that he talked to Barry Baker from Real Property Tax Service and Board of Assessment, and he stated all the reavaluators are booked for the rest of the year and for 2027, Barry said the Town should talk about putting money away in the budget for 2028 or 2029.

All Employee Mandatory Training-Schedule Training. Supervisor Fernandez stated they are still working on this.

School Bus Turing Warning and Morehouse Parking Lot Sign Changes- Supervisor Fernandez stated that he called the DOT in Indian Lake and told them about the signs. He stated he had to send the requests off to the sign review committee and will get back to Supervisor Fernandez as soon as he hears anything.

Town Garage Boiler- Supervisor Fernandez stated the replacement has been put on hold.

Town Septic Tanks-Supervisor Fernandez stated that we just went over everything in Robert Fords report. We are waiting to how that all turns out. He also stated that's why we are not spending any money on a new boiler or Town hall renovations as we do not know how much the septic problems are going to be.

Town water well/ drinking water- Supervisor Fernandez stated that a water company came out and tested the drinking water for all 3 buildings. Both the Highway Department and the Town Hall failed. There were a few problems at the Recreation Center but it was withing reason. Supervisor Fernandez called the State Health Department because of the Town renting out the Rec. Center. The Ste Health Department gave Supervisor Fernandez a letter of operation as the Towns Rec. Center did not fall in the restaurant criteria. There will be no strict rules. Just keep working to keep the water clean. The best answer to the bacteria in the Recreation Center water is to flush it out. Meaning, put chlorine in well, flush it out, retest. If that works, just keep flushing once a year. If not, we will cover that path if it comes to that.

Supervisor Fernandez has met with 2 companies that have done testing and have solutions to our water problems. He took water samples with him for the highway and the town hall to see what they can do to treat the water, so that you can at least was your hands. Supervisor Fernandez stated that the Town will keep up with the bottled water system for drinking. Supervisor Fernandez stated that he has 1 more company coming on the 14th of September to test the water and see what their solution is. He will bring all the information to the next meeting. Supervisor Fernandez stated that the repair for the steeple Sonya DeVuyst spoke up and said, "they have to do something at the Town Barn anyways. The salt runs right down to where the well is when it rains". Supervisor Fernandez stated that we would have to make a berm or dig a ditch so that we can redirect the salt water.

Snowmobile Trail Program- Supervisor Fernandez stated that Stephanie Tichenor (Town Clerk) has sent all the letters out to the snowmobile trail landowners. He also stated that she has sent the snowmobile grant into the State. He thanked Stephanie for getting all that done.

Town Museum- Supervisor Fernandez stated that the repair on the steeple is on hold until we figure out the water/septic repair amounts. With all the problems that the Town is having right now Supervisor Fernandez would like to start a committee and have a meeting with all the Town's people and talk about what they think and where the Town should be. What to fix and what we aren't. As budget time is coming, we should probably use the 1st budget meeting as a meeting where everyone can come together and decide and to know how much money the Town has left in the budget.

Flag Poles- Supervisor Fernandez stated that just like everything else the Flag poles are on hold. The only one that will need replacing, is the flagpole in the Memorial Cemetery, as we have worked to get the one at the Rec. Center fixed, and the highway guys just put a newer one up at Town Hall. Supervisor Fernandez asked Brian Taylor when he used to take the flags down? Brian's response was on Columbus Day. Supervisor Fernandez stated they would take the flags down around Columbus Day.

Cell Tower update- Supervisor Fernandez stated that the cell tower is coming along good. There was a little setback as the Soil and water dug the ditch under the creek bed and ran the conduit, and National Grid didn't come when expected. It rained the next couple of days, and it all got washed away. They had to put a new conduit down. Everything else is set. Just waiting for the tower.

Cameras for Town Buildings and property- Supervisor Fernandez is still waiting for additional quotes and more information to come in.

BESS Battery Storage Facility- Local Law- Supervisor Fernandez stated He received a Draft of the Local Law from the Attorney; He is working on this and should have it ready in the near future.

2027 Budget Draft- Supervisor Fernandez said he is working on getting the budget draft together.

Supervisor Fernandez stated that he was also talking to the attorney about making it a Local Law that anybody can be fined up to $500 for dumping garbage when and where it is not allowed.

Sonya DeVuyst asked about the Highway employees getting their shots from Hamilton County public Health as they deal with all the Towns garbage. Supervisor stated he is not exactly sure how to go about that, but he was going to get ahold of Public Health and find a way.

Supervisor Fernandez stated that he did put in a request to open a line of credit with Super Shoes, in Barneveld. To get all the highway guys work boots.

Supervisor Fernandez stated all employees have been handed a copy of the medical insurance policies.

Supervisor Fernandez opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments.

Supervisor stated that Phyllis Mosher asked him the other day about the putting up of cameras in Town buildings. He said yes, we will be putting cameras up in all Town buildings. Sheryl Flemming asked why? Supervisor Fernandez stated the Town Board feels its time. If someone falls, we will have a record of it. If someone is stealing something, we should have evidence of that. If there is someone here that shouldn't be, we should have evidence of that. Sheryl Flemming

stated that it would help over at the town barn with the recycling problem. Supervisor Fernandez said exactly. They will help us fix some of the problems.

Sheryl Flemming asked, "Who has access to the handbook?" Supervisor Fernandez stated that as soon as the Town Clerk has all the copies, anyone can have a look or even take one.

Sheryl Flemming asked for more information about water testing and septic problems? She also asked if the water was contaminated at the Town Hall? Supervisor Fernandez stated because the Town hasn't tested the water in quite some time; he took tests from the garage and town hall to soil and water. Sheryl asked why did you decided to do that? Supervisor Fernandez stated that it hasn't been tested in a long time. Supervisor Fernandez stated that the water that was tested failed. Then he called a water testing company to come out and do further testing. They came up with different solutions. So, I contacted 2 more water treatment companies, and one has been to the buildings with ideas on how to remedy the water problem. The 3rd company will be coming next week. That way the Town will have lots of treatment ideas to figure out what will be the best for us. While all these testings and treatment ideas were being tested, we started with a water company that brings bottled water for both the Highway Department and Town Hall. Supervisor Fernandez stated while they were down looking at the water problem, they realized that the septic tank lid had a hole in it. Supervisor Fernandez got with Robert ford and had them dig out all 3 septics, from all 3 buildings and the septic company is going to come and pump out all of them and see where we can go from there.

Supervisor Fernandez said we need to get everything workable until we can come up with a better solution. Sheryl asked what happens if they can't fix Town Hall; you have no other options? Supervisor Fernandez stated I have some ideas, one of them is to take 15 feet inside the Recreation Center and make Offices for the Town Clerk, The Justice and for the Post Office. He stated that he can make an office in the back of the Rec. Center. None of the Town boards were in favor of that. That is why he would like to bring up some ideas with the Town at a Town meeting.

There was a lengthy discussion on the fixing the town hall and putting an addition on Recreation Center

Sheryl asked about the water for the Turkey Dinner and the Rod and Gun Club dinner. Supervisor Fernandez stated if the water problem hasn't been dealt with before the dinners the Town would Bring in bottled water for cooking and drinks.

Sonya DeVuyst asked if we ordered cups for the water bottles? Supervisor Fernandez aid, Stephanie get cups off Amazon. David Uebele asked if there was some kind of cover that they could put over the water machine at the Town Garage. With all the dust and dirt flying around, it's going to get dirty and non-usable. Supervisor Fernandez stated that he would look into a cover for it.

Supervisor Fernandez closed the meeting to the public.

Brian Taylor made a motion to adjourn the Town Board meeting. Sonya DeVuyst seconded it. Motion carried.

AYES	NAYS	ABSENT
Sonya DeVuyst	None	Mary Ann Mosher
Brian Taylor		
William Uebele		
Anthony Fernandez		

Truly Written by,

Stephanie Tichenor

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Morehouse Town Clerk