

MOUNT MORRIS TOWN BOARD MEETING

Date: July 17, 2025
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: Town Hall, 103 Main Street

IN ATTENDANCE:

Deputy Supervisor: Don Huff
Councilmembers: Nate Guzzardi, Jeff Coniglio, Joseph Rawleigh
Town Clerk: Chelsey Woodworth
Attorney: Ed Russell
Acting Highway Superintendent: Milton Smith
MEO: Spencer DiSalvo
Code Enforcement Officer: Shawn Grasby
Village Mayor: Kelly Bacon

EXCUSED:

Supervisor: David DiSalvo

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Pete DiSalvo, Crik Christophel, Patrick Scully

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Deputy Supervisor Don Huff.
Pledge of Allegiance led by Deputy Supervisor Huff.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of the June 26, 2025 meeting by Councilmember Rawleigh, seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi.
All in favor – Motion carried.

STIPULATION TO DISCONTINUE – Lamplighter Litigation

Lamplighter has decided not to pursue challenging their tax assessment and requested the town cease litigation. Attorney Ed Russell concurred with this course of action.

Motion to accept the stipulation and authorize the attorney to sign the agreement by Councilmember Rawleigh, seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi.
Vote: Aye 4 (Huff, Coniglio, Rawleigh, Guzzardi) | No 0
Motion Carried

LIVINGSTON COUNTY FINDINGS – Solar Law Amendment

- Discussion of county recommendations regarding the Town’s solar law, including the need for provisions about prime soil sampling and town saturation.
- Consensus to have Attorney Russell draft the necessary changes. A new public hearing will be required after changes are finalized.

SUPERVISORS REPORT (reported by Deputy Supervisor Huff)

Motion to accept July report by Councilmember Guzzardi, seconded by Councilmember Rawleigh.
Vote: Aye 4 (Huff, Coniglio, Rawleigh, Guzzardi) | No 0
Motion Carried

HIGHWAY

Acting Highway Superintendent Smith reported the following:

- Crews addressed fallen trees, graded Swanson Road, and performed ditching work on Ridge Road.
- The Highway Department assisted Livingston County and the Town of Leicester on various projects.
- The tractor is undergoing repairs; the mower attachment is expected to arrive next month.
- The welcome sign on Route 408 requires funding for repairs.
- Stop signs within the trailer park were discussed and confirmed to be on private property, making them outside the Town's responsibility.
- The State DOT contract for Snow & Ice remains pending; there was discussion about the potential for towns to discontinue maintenance of state-owned roads.

CEMETERY

Councilmember Guzzardi reported the following:

- Inquired about the damaged cemetery headstone, which is awaiting replacement; the stone has been ordered, and the Town is awaiting delivery.
- Deputy Supervisor Huff purchased a new weed eater and two batteries for cemetery maintenance.

PLANNING & ZONING

Councilmember Rawleigh reported the following:

- The Planning Board discussed the proposed cell tower on Route 408; the public hearing remains open for written or in-person comments.
- The Town is awaiting feedback from the fire department regarding access requirements for the site.
- Code Enforcement Officer Shawn Grasby reported six active code violations. Four violation letters will be issued—two on Route 408, one on Sonyea Road, and one on Dutch Street Road. Two of the six violations have already been resolved.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Motion to accept the June Town Clerk's Report by Councilmember Guzzardi, seconded by Councilmember Rawleigh.

Vote: Aye 4 (Huff, Coniglio, Rawleigh, Guzzardi) | No 0

Motion Carried

COURT SIGN

Village Mayor Kelly Bacon presented a photo of the proposed court sign, and Town Clerk Chelsey Woodworth advised the Board of the estimate provided by Sign Language, totaling **\$1,410**. The sign, which will read "**Mount Morris Court**," is intended to be mounted perpendicular to the building at the court entrance to enhance visibility. The Village has requested the Town to share the cost, with the Town's portion being **\$705**.

Motion to approve the Town's share of the cost by Councilmember Coniglio, seconded by Councilmember Rawleigh.

Vote: Aye 4 (Huff, Coniglio, Rawleigh, Guzzardi) | No 0

Motion Carried

AUDIT OF CLAIMS – ABSTRACT 7, YEAR 2025

- **General A (Vouchers 160-183):** \$59,346.74
Motion by Councilmember Rawleigh, **Seconded** by Councilmember Coniglio
Vote: Aye 4 (Huff, Guzzardi, Rawleigh, Coniglio) | No 0
Motion Carried
- **General B (Vouchers 44-48):** \$4,115.93
Motion by Councilmember Guzzardi, **Seconded** by Councilmember Rawleigh
Vote: Aye 4 (Huff, Guzzardi, Rawleigh, Coniglio) | No 0
Motion Carried
- **Highway DA (Vouchers 63-68):** \$9,524.30
Motion by Councilmember Coniglio, **Seconded** by Councilmember Rawleigh
Vote: Aye 4 (Huff, Guzzardi, Rawleigh, Coniglio) | No 0
Motion Carried
- **Highway DB (Voucher 8):** \$270.45
Motion by Councilmember Guzzardi, **Seconded** by Councilmember Coniglio
Vote: Aye 4 (Huff, Guzzardi, Rawleigh, Coniglio) | No 0
Motion Carried
- **SR Refuse (Vouchers 15-16):** \$1,147.35
Motion by Councilmember Rawleigh, **Seconded** by Councilmember Guzzardi
Vote: Aye 4 (Huff, Guzzardi, Rawleigh, Coniglio) | No 0
Motion Carried
- **SS Sewer (Vouchers 13-14):** \$2,059.74
Motion by Councilmember Rawleigh, **Seconded** by Councilmember Guzzardi
Vote: Aye 4 (Huff, Guzzardi, Rawleigh, Coniglio) | No 0
Motion Carried
- **SW Water (Voucher 20):** \$8,102.52
Motion by Councilmember Guzzardi, **Seconded** by Councilmember Rawleigh
Vote: Aye 4 (Huff, Guzzardi, Rawleigh, Coniglio) | No 0
Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

Noise Ordinance- A resident inquired about the status of the Town’s noise ordinance. Attorney Ed Russell stated that he had forwarded a draft of the ordinance to the Town Board for their review.

Code Enforcement Officer Hours- Crik Christophel inquired about the Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) position, asking whether it had ever been a full-time role. CEO Shawn Grasby responded that he has always served in a part-time capacity and that his hours vary depending on need. Crik further questioned whether Shawn’s hours had decreased since he began consulting for solar projects. Councilmember Joe Rawleigh noted that the Town did not budget for a full-time code enforcement position in the current fiscal year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter Executive Session for personnel matters at **6:25 PM** by Councilmember Rawleigh, seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi.

Vote: Aye 4 (Huff, Coniglio, Rawleigh, Guzzardi) | No 0

Motion Carried

Motion to exit Executive Session at **6:33 PM** by Councilmember Rawleigh, seconded by Councilmember Coniglio.

Vote: Aye 4 (Huff, Coniglio, Rawleigh, Guzzardi) | No 0

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to set a special meeting for August 4, 2025 at 5:00 PM for the Code Clerk discussion and bid opening by Councilmember Rawleigh, seconded by Councilmember Coniglio.

Vote: Aye 4 (Huff, Coniglio, Rawleigh, Guzzardi) | No 0

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Rawleigh, seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi.

Vote: Aye 4 (Huff, Coniglio, Rawleigh, Guzzardi) | No 0

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Chelsey Woodworth
Town Clerk