Town of Mount Morris Special Meeting June 17, 2025

In Attendance:

Supervisor David DiSalvo
Deputy Supervisor Don Huff
Councilmembers: Jeff Coniglio, Joseph Rawleigh, Nate Guzzardi
Acting Highway Superintendent Milton Smith
Town Clerk Chelsey Woodworth

Call to Order

Supervisor DiSalvo called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Highway Department - Personnel Discussion

Acting Highway Superintendent Milton Smith recommended the appointment of **Drake Lockamy-Hawk** to the position of **Motor Equipment Operator**. Smith noted that Drake:

- Lives locally and is familiar with town roads.
- Holds a CDL Class A license.
- Has a military background (Marine Corps).
- Has relevant experience operating heavy equipment.

Drake's start date was proposed for **July 7, 2025**, in accordance with the union bargaining agreement.

Motion by Deputy Supervisor Huff, seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi to appoint Drake Lockamy-Hawk to the Motor Equipment Operator position.

Vote: Aye 5 (DiSalvo, Huff, Coniglio, Rawleigh, Guzzardi) | No 0 **Motion carried.**

Smith also discussed the need for additional staffing if the Town continues to maintain State Roads. A decision on this matter was deferred to a future meeting.

Tree Removal on Closed Road

A large tree had fallen across a Town road, posing a hazard to power lines.

- Jeff Swanson contacted the power company, which acknowledged the issue and said it would be scheduled for removal but couldn't give a date.
- Supervisor DiSalvo and Milton Smith noted that the Town had already contracted **Flower City Tree** for \$5,000 to remove the tree on **June 18, 2025**, due to the urgency.
- The tree is approximately **60 feet tall** and under tension, requiring specialized removal equipment (crane/boom truck).

Short-Term Rental Tax Discussion

There was a brief discussion regarding **short-term rental (Airbnb/VRBO)** taxation:

- Airbnb is currently registered with the County and is collecting lodging tax.
- VRBO and similar platforms are not yet fully registered or in compliance.
- The County is now actively pursuing taxation on all short-term rentals, similar to hotel occupancy tax.

Legal Update

It was mentioned that **Lamplighter** is dropping its lawsuit. The Board acknowledged the news and expressed relief.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Rawleigh, Seconded by Councilmember Coniglio. **Vote:** Aye 5 (DiSalvo, Huff, Coniglio, Rawleigh, Guzzardi) | No 0 **Motion Carried**

Meeting adjourned at 5:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chelsey Woodworth Town Clerk