

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Mooers held February 9, 2016 at the Mooers Office Complex commencing at 7:00 PM**

**Present:** Jeff Menard, Supervisor  
Eugene ("Dickie") Boulerice, Councilperson  
Gerald LaValley, Councilperson  
Mary Myatt, Councilperson  
Donald Perras, Councilperson

**Recording Secretary:** Brandi B. Lloyd, Town Clerk

**Others Present:** Kaleigh Mills, DCO  
Jess Dixon, CEO

**Absent:** none

**Meeting:** Supervisor Jeff Menard called the Meeting to Order at 7:00PM, then he asked Mrs. Brandi Lloyd to lead them in the "Pledge of Allegiance," which she did.

**Minutes:** All the Board Members were asked if they had read their copies of the December 8, 2015 Minutes as well as their copies of the December 31, 2015 Minutes. They all replied yes. Supervisor Jeff Menard then asked if there were any omissions or corrections, there was one date change and there were two name changes from the Town Board. Councilperson Myatt then made a motion to accept the December 8, 2015 Minutes as well as their copies of the December 31, 2015 as written with changes and Councilperson LaValley seconded the Motion. The result of a Roll Call was 5 AYES and 0 NOES, therefore Supervisor Menard declared Minutes accepted as written.

**Highway:** Highway Supervisor Kris Gilmore said he found a used plow truck, similar to the one currently in use, in Perishville. He said the price is around \$50,000.00 and he is hoping to see the truck soon and take some pictures. Highway Supervisor Gilmore said he also found a bulldozer on government surplus, but it is located in Bangor, Maine. He said he has started looking into switching fuel companies. There was some discussion. Highway Supervisor Gilmore said they are currently with Smith & Son, but Mx Fuels and Adirondack Fuels both honor the State contract. He said he would speak with Mx Fuels and get in writing that they will indeed honor the State contract. Therefore Councilperson Perras made a motion to enter into contract with Mx Fuels if Smith & Son is not willing to change how they bill. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Boulerice. The result of a Roll Call was 5 AYES (Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Boulerice, Councilperson LaValley, Councilperson Myatt and Councilperson Perras) and 0 NOES, therefore Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried. Highway Supervisor Gilmore said the gate is up at the garage and is now padlocked. Highway Supervisor Gilmore said he had received three price quotes for a new pick-up truck. Dodge was \$37,700.00, Parker's Chevrolet was \$35,500.00, and Riley Ford was \$34,400.00. All with similar specs to include; single cab, plow and eight foot box. There was some discussion. He said the Ford would have to be ordered and would be ready in six weeks. Therefore Councilperson Perras made a motion to purchase the pick-up truck from Parker's Chevrolet. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Menard. The result of a Roll Call was 5 AYES (Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Boulerice, Councilperson LaValley, Councilperson Myatt and Councilperson Perras) and 0 NOES, therefore Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried. Supervisor Menard said Mrs. Andree LaBarge contacted him regarding the Town's insurance coverage. He said she informed him that, in order for the Town and Highway Superintendent to be protected from a lawsuit, there is an insurance document that needs to be signed. Supervisor Menard said he would ask the lawyer to review it prior to signing. There was some discussion.

**Library:** Mr. Art Menard reported that the library board members have been very busy transitioning. He said the library board is still in the process of discussing what they want and need in a director. He said Mrs. Edith Morelock has agreed to fill-in until a permanent director is appointed. Mr. Menard reported that the library is currently being audited. He said the next meeting has been scheduled for February 24 at 5:15pm. He also reported on a couple of fundraising ideas. Mr. Menard said the library board is continuing to discuss how to complete the new library building.

**Dog Control:** Mrs. Kaleigh Mills submitted the report for January showing a total of 10 dogs in the shelter. She said the shelter was inspected on January 29th and there were a few recommendations. Mrs. Mills said she spoke with Mrs. Rena Bosley and was told that there are plenty of funds available in the DCO account, which includes donations, to pay for the upgrades. She said there is a large veterinarian bill this month. Mrs. Mills said she received a \$100.00 donation from one of the clubs at NCCS. She added that she has already found homes for the puppies that were surrendered on January 30th.

**Beautification Committee:** Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from the Beautification Committee would like to address the board. Mrs. Myrtle Hawksby said the committee has been planning a Memorial Park project for some time now. She said she would just ask that the library board discuss their brick fundraiser with them as they are planning on selling bricks as well.

**Youth Program:** Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from the Youth Program would like to address the board. No person was present wishing to address the board at this time.

**Town Historian:** Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from the office of The Town Historian would like to address the board. No person was present wishing to address the board at this time.

**Fire Department:** Mr. Dan Dumas, Fire Chief, was not present. Supervisor Menard read the report for January showing 11 calls, seven in the Town and four mutual aid calls. ---Incident types were House=11---Power Lines=1---MVA=1---Auto Alarms=1---Apt bldg=1---Other=2 (Medical Assist=5). Mutual aid to west Altona=1---Champlain=1---Churubusco=1---Rouses Point=1. Mutual Aid from none. Vehicle 251(Pumper) used 1 time, vehicle 252(Brush Truck) used 1 time, vehicle 254 (Pumper) used 1 time, vehicle 257(Heavy Rescue) used 5 times, vehicle 258 (Tanker) used 2 times, and vehicle 25-AIR(Air Truck) used 2 times.

**EMS:** Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from EMS would like to address the board. No person was present wishing to address the board at this time. Supervisor Menard read the report from January showing 28 calls in Mooers, 1 mutual aid to Altona, 2 mutual aids from Altona, 129.3 gallons of fuel used and 465.7 miles covered.

**Court:** Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from the Court would like to address the board. The Justice Fund report for January showed total receipts of \$8,214.00 with \$5,244.00 going to the State, \$581.00 to the County, and \$2,390.00 to the Town of Mooers.

**Code Enforcement Officer:** Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from the Office of Code Enforcement would like to address the board. Mr. Jess Dixon, present, submitted the January report. It showed a total of one building permit issued, 12 calls, one demolition permit, and two certificates of occupancy. Mr. Dixon gave an update on the windmill project.

#### **Old Business:**

**Old Business 1:** Supervisor Menard said the Nutrition Program will no longer be working at Senior Housing due to lack of participation.

#### **New Business:**

**New Business 1:** Councilperson Boulerice reminded the Board about the upcoming meeting for CHIPs, held on March 9th this year. He asked that anyone that is interested in going just let Mrs. Rena Bosley know.

**Court 2:** Section 2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court Act requires that town and village justices annually provide their court records and/or dockets to their respective town and/or village auditing boards. Books and records for the Mooers Town Court were examined, audited and initialed by the Town Board, therefore Supervisor Menard made a motion that the following resolution be adopted:

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT THE MOOERS TOWN BOARD HAS EXAMINED AND AUDITED THE MOOERS TOWN COURT RECORDS AND/OR DOCKETS FINDING THEM TO BE IN ORDER AND THESE RECORDS ARE HEREBY ACCEPTED BY THE MOOERS TOWN BOARD**

The motion was seconded by Councilperson Boulerice. The result of a Roll Call was 5 AYES (Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Myatt, Councilperson Boulerice, Councilperson Lavalley, and Councilperson Perras) and 0 NOES, therefore Supervisor Menard declared **Resolution #10-2016** adopted.

**ALSO**

As per Section 2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court requires that the Town and Village Justices annually provide the Court records and dockets to their respective town and village auditing boards. At the February 9, 2016 Town Board meeting, Town Board the Court Records and Dockets were audited; therefore Supervisor Menard made a motion that the following resolution be adopted:

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT, AS PER SECTION 2019-a OF THE UNIFORM JUSTICE COURT ACT, THE TOWN OF MOOERS JUSTICES SHALL ANNUALLY PROVIDE TO THE TOWN BOARD THEIR COURT RECORDS AND/OR DOCKETS FOR AN AUDIT WHEREBY RESULTS SHALL BE NOTED IN THE MINUTES OF SAID TOWN BOARD MINUTES**

The motion was seconded by Councilman Perras. The result of a Roll Call was 5 AYES (Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Myatt, Councilperson Boulerville, Councilperson Lavalley, and Councilperson Perras) and 0 NOES, therefore Supervisor Menard declared **Resolution #11-2016** adopted.

**New Business 2:** Supervisor Menard read a letter received from Miss. Chelsey Cayea, Summer Swim Program Director, regarding a request increase in pay for the lifeguards. The request was for an increase of \$2.00 per hour and only for those with the new certification. There was some discussion. Therefore Supervisor Menard made a motion to approve the \$2.00 per hour increase in pay for the lifeguards who complete the new certification. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Myatt. The result of a Roll Call was 5 AYES (Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Boulerville, Councilperson LaValley, Councilperson Myatt and Councilperson Perras) and 0 NOES, therefore Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

**New Business 3:** Supervisor Menard read a letter received from the Clinton County Board of Elections Office. The letter was regarding the upcoming Primary schedule. He said all primaries will be held only at the Mooers location and that the schedule would be posted on the Town's website.

**New Business 4:** Supervisor Menard said a letter had been received from the Clinton County Treasurer's Office regarding the projected sales tax revenue deficit. He explained that no action is required from the Town.

Supervisor Menard asked if anyone would like to address the Town Board.

**Public Comment 1:** Mrs. Koreena Van Nortwick said she was contacted by an accountant regarding 1099 Forms that had never been issued to substitute workers in the library. Mr. Art Menard said he is aware of this and that the library's books are currently being audited. There was some discussion. Supervisor Menard commended the new Library Board for even attempting to straighten out the various issues and encouraged them to keep up the good work.

**Town Business 1:** Mr. Larry Wolff said he received an e-mail from the County stating that Area 2 is at 94.97% and it needs to be at 95%. If not, he said there could be changes in funding in the future.

**Public Comment 3:** Rev. Sally White commended Mr. Art Menard on all he has done with the library thus far. She asked Mr. Menard about securing the library's wifi after hours. Rev. White then gave Mr. Menard a donation to the library and said she hoped others would contribute as well.

**Public Comment 4:** Mr. Kenny Hawksby asked if it would be possible to purchase a PA system. Supervisor Menard agreed it was a need and said he would look into it further while at the upcoming training.

**Town Business 2:** Councilperson Lavalley asked if the Town planned on re-sending the Water and Sewer surveys. Supervisor Menard said they could re-send them or possibly move forward enough to get a better idea of the costs. He added that those possibly impacted by the water and sewer project, are concerned about the cost to them in the end. There was some discussion.

**Town Business 3:** Supervisor Menard said the Town Board needed to discuss a previous employee. Councilperson Perras made a motion that the Town Board go into executive session. Supervisor Menard seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. The Town Board went into executive session at 8:03pm.

**Town Business 4:** The Town Board reconvened from executive session at 8:25pm. Supervisor Menard announced that no action was taken by the Town Board while in executive session.

**Town Business 5:** Supervisor Menard said the Town had received a request from Mr. Scott Gonyo to tap the trees near the Town's gravel pit. There was some discussion. The Board agreed not to allow Mr. Gonyo to tap the requested trees.

**Voucher:** The Audited Vouchers to be paid off the Abstracted Vouchers on February 9, 2016 as follows:

General - Townwide -----(Vouchers 15 - 43)-----	\$ 17,936.03
Highway - Townwide -----(Voucher 15 - 38)-----	58,641.71
Mooers Forks Lights----- (Voucher 37)-----	370.49
Mooers Lights -----(Voucher 37)-----	634.89
Trust & Agency -----(Voucher 4 - 6)-----	12,188.10
Moers Fire Protection----- (Voucher 16)-----	172,000.00
Ellenburg Fire Protection----- (Voucher 17)-----	1,500.00
Ellenburg Dist 21----- (Voucher 17)-----	316.07
Mooers Ambulance District----- (Voucher 18)-----	85,020.08
<b>Total of Abstracted Vouchers Paid-----</b>	<b>\$86,100.83</b>

**Adjourn:** Councilperson Perras made a motion for the meeting be adjourned. Councilperson Boulerville seconded the motion. All in favor. Thus, Supervisor Jeff Menard declared the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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*BRANDI B. LLOYD, TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR*