

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Mooers held February 11, 2014 at the Mooers Office Complex commencing at 7:00P.M.

Present: Jeff Menard, Supervisor
Steve Barcomb, Councilperson
Mary Myatt, Councilperson
Gerald LaValley, Councilperson
Cory Ross, Councilperson

Recording Secretary: Brandi Lloyd, Town Clerk
Others Present: Kaleigh LaBombard, Dog Control Officer
Eugene Boulerice, Highway Supervisor
Jaclyn Madison, Librarian

Absent: Jess Dixon, Code enforcer

Meeting: Supervisor Jeff Menard called the Meeting to Order at 7:00PM, then he asked Brandi Lloyd to lead them in the "Pledge of Allegiance", which she did. Supervisor Menard introduced Councilperson Mary Myatt and welcomed her to the Town Board. He then, before approving the previous meeting minutes, explained that he learned at the training he recently attended that minutes do not have to be approved by law. He said that the Town should be posting the minutes as soon as they are completed and any changes would then be made at the meeting the following month. If there are changes, it would be done by a corrective addendum. Supervisor Menard said he would like minutes to be on the website two weeks before the next meeting so everyone would have the opportunity to read them before the meeting.

Minutes: All the Board Members were asked if they had read their copies of the January 14, 2014 Minutes. They all replied yes. Supervisor Jeff Menard then asked if there were any omissions or corrections, there were none. Councilperson Barcomb then made a motion to accept the January 14, 2014 Minutes as written and Councilperson Myatt seconded the Motion. The result of a Roll Call was 5 AYES and 0 NOES, therefore Supervisor Jeff Menard declared Minutes accepted as written.

Highway: Highway Supervisor Eugene Boulerice handed in the January report for State Roads. He said \$30,616.22 was spent in January, which is about \$4,000.00 less than was spent in January 2013. Highway Supervisor Boulerice also mentioned that there is approximately \$300,000.00 left in the reserve and that he would like to go out to bid for a new tandem snow plow. Mr. Boulerice also addressed the trailer that was purchased for the skid steer. He said the trailer is capable of hauling up to 16,000 lbs, so it will be more than adequate to haul the skid steer which weighs about 6,000 lbs. Mr. Boulerice also reported on the sidewalks. He said with labor and fuel, \$1,500.00 has been spent to date. He said he looked back at the amount spent on sidewalks in the past. He said on average, over \$13,000.00 was spent each year to take care of the sidewalks in the winter. He added that with the savings, the skid steer and all of the equipment paid for in about three years. Supervisor Menard thanked Mr. Boulerice and the highway department for the clean-up they did of the sidewalks after the building collapsed.

Library: Mrs. Jaclyn Madison said that she was able to purchase some new computers. She said that two computers were purchased for the community and one for her desk. Mrs. Madison added that the old computers are still in working order and she is not able to give them away, but that the Town has to dispose of them as surplus. Supervisor Menard said he would check with Mr. Boulerice to see if he had items to surplus as well. Mrs. Madison asked about the timeline to start construction of the new library. Supervisor Menard said he would have a better idea of the timeline of the new library next month.

Dog Control: DCO Kaleigh LaBombard reported that she currently has one dog in the shelter. Ms. LaBombard handed in the itemized report for January 2014 which showed the following: zero dogs came in from Altona, one dog came in from the Town of Mooers, zero dogs came in from Chazy, and two warning letters were mailed. Supervisor Menard said he was contacted by the Supervisor of Chazy regarding the Dog Control contract with the Town of Mooers. Supervisor Menard said that the Town of Mooers had increased the contract amount from \$8,608.00 per year to \$8,800.00. He said that the Town of Chazy Supervisor would be looking at the contract and would be in touch. He added that The Town of Chazy is very impressed with Ms. LaBombard and her reports. Supervisor Menard noted that he was looking at the bills and the price of propane to keep the shelter heated as gone up and that it may

be time to shop around for a lower price. Ms. LaBombard said that she had been contacted by the Department of Ag. & Markets and that she is not allowed to keep the dogs in the new shelter until it has been inspected. She added that, for now, the dogs have been moved back into the old shelter. She said that the inspection by Ag. & Markets will be done in March.

Beautification Committee: Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from the committee would like to address the board. No person was present for the committee wishing to address the board at this time.

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

Town Historian: Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from the youth program would like to address the board. No person was present for the youth program wishing to address the board at this time.

Fire Department: Mr. Chris Bulriss, Fire Chief, handed in the January report. Mr. Bulriss added that he is getting prices for a new Brush Truck together. Supervisor Menard told Mr. Bulriss that members of the Fire Department could use a Town vehicle to travel to and from training. He said he checked with the Town's insurance, and there is coverage. Supervisor Menard added that Mr. Boulerice is fine with members using one of the Highway Department's pick-up trucks. Mr. Boulerice said it may be beneficial for the Town to look into purchasing a van as the Highway Department travels for training and they have to use two trucks when doing so. The January report contained the following: Station #1 had 9 calls, Station #2 had 0 calls, Town had 6 calls and Mutual Aid had 3 calls with an average response time of 2.8 minutes. ----Incident types were MVA=1----Good Intent=1----Auto Alarms=2----Control Burn=1----Other=1 (building collapse). Mutual aid to Hemmingford=1----Other=2 (Dist. #3, Alburg). Mutual Aid from NONE. Vehicle 251(Pumper) used 5 times, vehicle 252(Brush Truck) used 3 times, vehicle 253(Squad) used 1 time, vehicle 254(Pumper) used 4 times, vehicle 257(Heavy Rescue) used 6 times, vehicle 258(Tanker) used 3 times, vehicle 259(Pumper) used 0 times, and vehicle 25-AIR(Air Truck) used 2 times. Gallons of diesel fuel used and gallons of gasoline used not reported.

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

Code Enforcement Officer: Mr. Jess Dixon was absent, but handed in the report for January showing a total of seven violations with two appearance tickets issued, a total of 42 calls, and one issue sent to the county zoning board. There were three building permits issued in the month of January.

Old Business: Supervisor Menard explained that at the training he recently attended, it was suggested that "old Business," as well as "new business" be regular items for discussion on the monthly agenda. Supervisor Menard then addressed the building collapse. He said that a letter was received from the property owner and that he does not want to spend more money on the property. Supervisor Menard said the owner was informed that he had 60 days to clean up the property. He added that the Town lawyer, Mr. Murnane, will help with the process once the 60 days is up. Supervisor Menard said the Town had received the invoice from Luck Bros. for \$3,172.79. He said he felt this was a good price for an emergency type call. They brought in equipment to finish demolishing the building. Supervisor Menard also mentioned that he had a call in to the DEC to find out what can be done with the debris once the clean up starts. Supervisor Menard then asked for a motion from the board for Supervisor Menard to work with the Town lawyer, Mr. Murnane, to start the clean-up process of the property where the building collapsed. After some discussion, Councilperson Barcomb made a motion for Supervisor Menard to move forward with the assistance of Mr. Murnane, on the clean-up process. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Ross and result of a Roll Call was 5 AYES (Councilperson Barcomb, Councilperson Myatt, Councilperson Lavalley, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Ross) and 0 NOES, therefore Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

New Business: Supervisor Menard said that the Town had received a check from the County for \$38,552.64 for extra sales tax revenue. Councilperson Myatt asked if the funds went into the general fund. Supervisor Menard answered yes, the funds will be deposited into the general fund.

Town Business 1: The need has arisen where money in the Budget for the accounts listed have exceeded the original appropriation. The funds to cover the difference be made available as listed, as per the Secretary to the Board; therefore Councilperson Ross made a motion that the following be adopted:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING FUNDS BE MOVED IN THE BUDGET JOURNAL TO THE DESIGNATED ACCOUNTS

SF3-3410.4 NEEDS TO BE AMENDED FROM \$275 TO \$281 FOR ELLENBURG DISTRICT 21

The motion was seconded by Councilman Barcomb. The result of a Roll Call was 5 AYES(Councilperson Barcomb, Councilperson Myatt, Councilperson Lavalley, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Ross) and 0 NOES, therefore Supervisor Menard declared **Resolution #014-2014** adopted.

Supervisor Menard asked if anyone would like to address the Town Board. There was none.

Highway 2: Mr. Boulerice said he would like the Board to give him permission to out to bid for a new tandem axle truck. after some discussion, Supervisor Menard made motion for Mr. Boulerice to go out to bid for a new tandem axle truck. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Barcomb and result of a Roll Call was 5 AYES (Councilperson Barcomb, Councilperson Myatt, Councilperson Lavalley, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Ross) and 0 NOES, therefore Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

Highway 3: Supervisor Menard said that the contract for uniforms had expired and that he and Mr. Boulerice had met with a representative from UniFirst. He explained the there were two quotes and went over the charges for both UniFirst and Coyne, the current supplier. After some discussion, Councilperson Barcomb made a motion that the Town sign a three year contract with UniFirst.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN OF MOOERS TOWN BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO SUPERVISOR JEFF MENARD TO SIGN A THREE (3) YEAR CONTRACT WITH UNIFIRST FOR THE CLEANING OF THE TOWN WORKERS' UNIFORMS AND THE SUPPLYING OF JACKETS FOR THE WORKERS AND MAINTENANCE OF THE JACKETS AND UNIFORMS

The motion was seconded by Supervisor Menard and result of a Roll Call was 4 AYES (Councilperson Barcomb, Councilperson Myatt, Councilperson Lavalley, Supervisor Menard) and 1 NOE (Councilperson Ross), therefore Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

Vouchers: The Audited Vouchers to be paid off the Abstracted Vouchers on February 11, 2014 are as follows:

General - Townwide-----	(Vouchers 436 - 440, 445 - 468)-----	\$ 23,282.26
Highway - Townwide-----	(Voucher 251 - 284)-----	79,136.98
Mooers Fire Protection -----	(Voucher 442, 449, 461, 467, 469 - 482)-----	14,757.04
Mooers Forks Lights-----	(Voucher 461)-----	660.82
Mooers Lights -----	(Voucher 461)-----	1,190.73
Mooers Ambulance District-----	(Voucher 441)-----	69,000.00
Ellenburg Fire Protection-----	(Voucher 443)-----	1,500.00
Ellenburg Dist 21-----	(Voucher 444)-----	281.00
Trust & Agency-----	(Voucher 80 - 82)-----	<u>10,372.57</u>

Total of Abstracted Vouchers Paid-----\$200,181.40

Adjourn: Councilperson Barcomb made a motion for the meeting be adjourned. Councilperson Ross seconded the motion and the result was 5 AYES (Supervisor Jeff Menard, Councilperson Mary Myatt, Councilperson Steve Barcomb, Councilperson Gerald LaValley and Councilperson Cory Ross) and 0 NOES. Thus, Supervisor Jeff Menard declared motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

BRANDI B. LLOYD, TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR