

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Mooers held
March 8, 2016 at the Mooers Office Complex commencing at 7:00 PM**

Present: Jeff Menard, Supervisor
Eugene ("Dickie") Boulerville, 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 February 2, 2016 Minutes as well as their copies of the February 9, 2016 Minutes. They all replied yes. Supervisor Jeff Menard then asked if there were any omissions or corrections, there were a few changes made with a typographical error, incorrect date, and missing name. Councilperson Boulerville then made a motion to accept the February 2, 2016 Minutes as well as their copies of the February 9, 2016 Minutes as corrected. 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 different dozer. He said he had pictures of the used plow truck that he found in Perishville. He said he is waiting to receive information on Municipal Lease to see if that would be a better way to go. Supervisor Menard said he received a letter from the Department of Transportation. He explained that in order for the Town to use or borrow from surrounding Towns, this paperwork must be signed ahead of time. He said it would insure that the Town, in a "State of Emergency" for example, would have access to the necessary equipment. Councilperson Boulerville agreed and added that having the signed paperwork in place helps in getting Disaster Relief funding if ever necessary. There was some discussion. Therefore Councilperson Lavalley made a motion to sign the agreement with The Department of Transportation. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Perras. 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. Highway Supervisor Gilmore said Mrs. Brandi Lloyd has requested that an ad be placed in the Press-Republican regarding "Road Postings." Mrs. Lloyd said the ad would run in the paper this weekend. Supervisor Menard said Mr. Dan Dumas, checked into having the inmates clear the ditch area around the parking lot to help with draining. There was some discussion. Therefore Councilperson Perras made a motion agreeing to requesting that the inmates clear the ditch area along the parking lot. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Menard. 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. Highway Supervisor Gilmore said Smith & Sons is continuing to bill the Town incorrectly for fuel, they are billing over State Contract pricing. He said he spoke with Mx Fuel and they can start as soon as the Town would like and will bill as per State Contract pricing. The Board agreed to go ahead with the switch to Mx Fuels.

Library: Mr. Art Menard was not present due to personal reason. Supervisor Menard said he would like the electrical work to start soon on the new library building. He said there is \$10,000.00 available. He asked Councilperson Lavalley to speak with S&B Construction. He agreed. Councilperson Lavalley said Father Adrian contacted him about a heating system the church would donate to the library if interested. There was some discussion.

Dog Control: Mrs. Kaleigh Mills submitted the report for February showing a total of 17 calls/complaints for the month. She said all of the dogs/ puppies surrendered on January 30th.

Beautification Committee: Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from the Beautification Committee would like to address the board. Mrs. Myrtle Hawksby had nothing to report at this time.

Tax Assessor: Mr. Larry Wolff, present, had nothing to report at this time.

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 February showing 10 calls, with 21 calls total to date. ---Incident types were Power Lines=2---MVA=1---Flooded Basement=1---Good Intent=1---Air Supply=1---Chimney=3---Other=1 (lift assist). Mutual aid to Hemmingford=1---Other=1 (Champlain EMS). Mutual Aid from none. Vehicle 251(Pumper) used 5 times, vehicle 252(Brush Truck) used 2 times, vehicle 254 (Pumper) used 3 times, vehicle 257(Heavy Rescue) used 8 times, and vehicle 258 (Tanker) 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 and a report was not submitted.

Court: Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from the Court would like to address the board. The Justice Fund report for February showed total receipts of \$16,207.00 with \$8,870.00 going to the State, \$1,325.00 to the County, and \$6,012.00 to the Town of Mooers.

Code Enforcement Officer: Mr. Jess Dixon, present, submitted the February report. It showed a total of one building permit issued, 18 calls, one complaint permit, and one certificate of occupancy. Mr. Dixon gave an update on the windmill project. He said he received an e-mail from an individual working with Invenergy. Mr. Dixon said the Town needs to update the Comprehensive Plan currently in place. Mr. Dixon said he was aware of Mr. Orville Nedeau's resignation as Chairperson for the Zoning Board Committee. There was some discussion as to who might be interested in becoming Chairperson. No decision was made. Mr. Dixon said, until one is appointed, Town business would be not be interrupted as a member of the Zoning Board Committee could serve as Chairperson for a single meeting if necessary. Mr. Dixon said he would renew the building permit for the construction of the new library for another year. Mr. Dixon said he would like to contact Mr. Moser for updated plans. The Board agreed. He also confirmed that Mr. Art Menard and Councilperson Lavalley were the points of contact for any questions pertaining to the library. Supervisor Menard agreed. Mr. Dixon said he completed his training for the year. Supervisor Menard said he would like to see something done with the buildings in Town with trash all around. He said he would like the ramifications for not clearing the property of trash to be more serious. There was some discussion. Mr. Dixon said there are Property Maintenance Laws of New York State. Supervisor Menard asked if Mr. Dixon would get a copy, he agreed.

Cemeteries: Supervisor Menard explained that the Town needed to make note that the all cemetery accounting funds will remain as is, which is in PN funds. Therefore Supervisor Menard made a motion that the all cemetery accounting funds will remain as is, which is in PN funds. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Boulерice. The result of a Roll Call was 5 AYES (Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Boulерice, Councilperson LaValley, Councilperson Myatt and Councilperson Perras) and 0 NOES, therefore Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

New Business 1: Supervisor Menard said the Town received a letter from Gadway Gravel Pit. He said they are trying to reclaim the gravel pit. He added that an environmental report had been ordered.

New Business 2: Supervisor Menard said a letter had been received from Renewables regarding the North Slope Wind Farm Project, which was started in 2016. He provided each Board member with a copy of the letter and asked them to look it over.

New Business 3: Supervisor Menard he recently met with Mrs. Andree LaBarge to discuss cyber insurance. He said the Town's insurance policy is up for renewal the end of April and Mrs. LaBarge will include cyber insurance in the quote.

New Business 4: Supervisor Menard said the Town received a letter from the CG Environmental Consulting group. He asked Councilperson Perras to explain further. Councilperson Perras explained that soon it will be required that a certified person handle any refueling of vehicles and tanks within the Town. He said the issue is regarding spillage and to ensure there is not a disaster. Councilperson Perras added that the Town will have to be compliant by 2018. There was some discussion.

New Business 5: Councilperson LaValley said the Town needs to start the negotiations process with the Highway Department employees because the contract expires the end of this year.

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

Public Comment 1: Mrs. Koreena Van Nortwick asked if the issue previously discussed regarding trash around Town applied to new construction. She said she has debris in her yard from the new construction being done at the Blue Note Restaurant. There was some discussion. Mr. Dixon said he would speak with Mr. Justin Sample, property owner.

Public Comment 2: Mrs. Myrtle Hawksby said the Annual Fire Department Townwide Garage sale will be June 11 and 12. She said the Fire Department Auxiliary will be sending out the mailer and invited the Town to include a write-up if they would like. There was some discussion. Mrs. Brandi Lloyd offered to do the write-up. The Board agreed.

Town Business 1: Supervisor Menard said Mr. Matt Cooper, of Bernier Carr and Associates, is in attendance to give an update on the Water & Sewer project. He added that the Board is trying to decide if a second mailing of the survey should go out or if a markup of a certain area could be done to better predict the costs. Mr. Copper said it is important to have as much public input as possible in the beginning to gauge the need and help steer the decisions. He said they take the input to develop a project approach and then take that to the public. Mr. Copper said the company will start to work with what they have and develop a project approach. Supervisor Menard asked if sending out the survey again would be suggested. Mr. Copper said it would be helpful and that it is common to have to send the survey out a number of times. There was some discussion. Mr. Cooper said as of January 2016 the State average cost per year per household was \$902.00 for water and \$798.00 for sewer. There was more discussion.

Voucher: The Audited Vouchers to be paid off the Abstracted Vouchers on March 8, 2016 as follows:

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| General - Townwide -----(Vouchers 44 - 63)----- | \$ 31,237.90 |
| Highway - Townwide -----(Voucher 39 - 63)----- | 77,701.69 |
| Mooers Forks Lights----- (Voucher 58)----- | 353.62 |
| Mooers Lights -----(Voucher 58)----- | 602.58 |
| Trust & Agency -----(Voucher 7 - 9)----- | 12,188.10 |
| Total of Abstracted Vouchers Paid----- | \$122,083.89 |

Adjourn: Supervisor Menard made a motion for the meeting be adjourned. Councilperson Myatt seconded the motion. All in favor. Thus, Supervisor Jeff Menard declared the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:32PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

BRANDI B. LLOYD, TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR