

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Mooers held April 12, 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 March 8, 2016 Minutes. They all replied yes. Supervisor Jeff Menard then asked if there were any omissions or corrections, there were none. Councilperson Perras then made a motion to accept the March 8, 2016 Minutes as written. 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 discussed prices for a new plow truck that he had looked into, including a three year lease as well as purchasing it new. There was some discussion, but no decision. Highway Supervisor Gilmore said the order for next year's salt had been submitted. He added that they would start picking up the garbage tomorrow. Supervisor Menard asked about the sand situation. Highway Supervisor Gilmore said he has started looking into sand pit options. There was some discussion including possibly using the sandlot included as part of the Union Cemetery acquired by the Town. No decision was made.

Library: Councilperson LaValley reported that they are just waiting for gas and electric. He said walls for the bathroom and furnace room had been put up and they are now waiting for updated plans from Mr. Moser.

Dog Control: Mrs. Kaleigh Mills submitted the report for March showing a total of 15 calls/complaints for the month.

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

Tax Assessor: Mr. Larry Wolff, present, said he was instructed by the County to raise house assessments 3%- 6%. He said he did raise the values by that amount, but that all property values were increased.

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 March showing eight calls; seven within Town, one mutual aid, and three medical assist calls.

EMS: Supervisor Menard read the report for March showing 21, 390 miles, and 155 gallons of fuel for the month.

Court: Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from the Court would like to address the board. Supervisor Menard said the court is in the process of updating their computer system. He said there is not enough

money in their budget and they are asking the Town for the balance of \$2,000.00 to complete the project. Therefore Councilperson Boulrice made a motion that Town pay the balance the Court needs to update their computer system. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Myatt. The result of a Roll Call was 5 AYES (Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Boulrice, Councilperson LaValley, Councilperson Myatt and Councilperson Perras) and 0 NOES, therefore Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

Code Enforcement Officer: Mr. Jess Dixon, present, submitted the March report. It showed a total of seven building permits issued. Mr. Dixon said Town Law, enacted in 2011, addresses buildings that are considered hazardous. He added that he sent a copy of the Law to Mr. Murnane. He said Mr. Murnane informed him that there is a process to enforce that the property owner to take action. Supervisor Menard said he would like to see the Town start enforcing this law more strictly. He said he would speak with Mr. Dixon on how the Town should proceed in trying to clean up the Town.

Cemeteries: Supervisor Menard said he would look into if the individuals who maintained the mowing of the cemeteries last year are interested in continuing. He added that he spoke with Mr. Breen at New York State Division of Cemeteries. Supervisor Menard said Mr. Breen suggested the Town fill out an application to possibly get funding. Therefore Councilperson Perras made a motion for the Town to proceed with the application through the Division of Cemeteries. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Myatt. The result of a Roll Call was 5 AYES (Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Boulrice, Councilperson LaValley, Councilperson Myatt and Councilperson Perras) and 0 NOES, therefore Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

Old Business:

Old Business 1: Mr. John LaBarge gave an update on the windmill project. He said the project is expanding east with more turbines. He said the necessary studies have started including bird and noise studies. He added that a building permit had been obtained from Mr. Jess Dixon. Mr. LaBarge said he will be in attendance at more meetings as the project will begin to move more quickly now.

Old Business 2: Supervisor Menard said he spoke with Ms. Liz Tedford regarding the current grant she is working on applying for on behalf of the Town. He said the first grant was denied due to the number residents in the Town of Mooers exceeding the minimum requirement. The current grant is for \$24,000.00, of which the Town would be out 25% or \$6,000.00 at the most. Supervisor Menard asked if any Board member was related to someone working for the USDA as this would disqualify the Town for the grant. The Board members all answered that they were not related to anyone working for the USDA. There was some discussion. The Board agreed to table moving forward with the next grant until they meet again with Bernier, Carr & Associates. The Board also agreed to send the survey out again.

New Business:

New Business 1: Supervisor Menard said the Town received a letter from Daniel McMillian of Energy Next Incorporated regarding the Town's contract with their electricity provider. Supervisor Menard said the Town is currently with Direct Energy LLC. After some discussion, Supervisor Menard said he would ask Mrs. Rena Bosley to look into the matter.

New Business 2: Supervisor Menard said the Town office needs to update the phones throughout. Therefore Councilperson LaValley made a motion for the Town to proceed with updating the phone system at the Town Office. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Menard. The result of a Roll Call was 5 AYES (Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Boulrice, Councilperson LaValley, Councilperson Myatt and Councilperson Perras) and 0 NOES, therefore Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

New Business 3: Supervisor Menard said he recently contacted Amy regarding contract negotiations for the Highway Department employees. He said the contract expires the end of the year. He said they will meet with her soon.

New Business 4: Supervisor Menard said the Town's contract with Unifirst expires the end of the year. He said he would like to get a quote from Robinson and Sons as well Unifirst.

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

Public Comment 1: A gentleman in attendance voiced his concern about the poor conditions of Barcomb Road. He said the size of the potholes are making driving, walking, or riding a bicycle on the road dangerous. Highway Supervisor Gilmore said they will be patching the holes again soon.

Supervisor Menard said Mrs. Andree LaBarge will now present her insurance proposal for the Town.

Town Business 1: Mrs. Andree LaBarge presented the May 1 2016 - 2017 insurance proposal for the Town of Mooers to the Board members. She went over the proposed coverage and answered questions from the Board members. There was some discussion, but no decision was made.

Executive Session 1: Supervisor Menard announced that the Town Board needed to go into executive session to discuss a previous employee. Councilperson Boulerville made a motion that the Town Board go into executive session. Councilperson Perras seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. The Town Board went into executive session at 9:13pm.

Executive Session 2: Councilperson Perras made a motion to come out of executive session. Councilperson Boulerville seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. The Town Board came out of executive session at 9:42pm. Supervisor Menard announced that the Board unanimously agreed to deny paying former employee, Mrs. Carol Payne, vacation pay that she requested to be paid for during her employment with the Town of Mooers. Supervisor Menard asked that a letter be sent to Mrs. Payne informing her of the Board's decision (letter attached below).

Town Business 1: The board members discussed both the insurance proposal presented by Mrs. LaBarge and that turned into the Town from Northern Insuring. There was some discussion. Therefore Supervisor Menard made a motion for the Town to continue with LaBarge Insurance. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Boulerville. 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.

Voucher: The Audited Vouchers to be paid off the Abstracted Vouchers on April 12, 2016 as follows:

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| General - Townwide -----(Vouchers 64 - 82)----- | \$ 4,078.96 |
| Highway - Townwide -----(Voucher 64 - 84)----- | 21,853.78 |
| Mooers Forks Lights----- (Voucher 78)----- | 338.90 |
| Mooers Lights ----- (Voucher 78)----- | 574.39 |
| Trust & Agency ----- (Voucher 10-12)----- | 12,188.10 |
| Total of Abstracted Vouchers Paid----- | \$39,034.13 |

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 9:52PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

BRANDI B. LLOYD, TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

April 21, 2016

Carol Payne
215 Lamberton Road
Mooers Forks, NY 12959

Mrs. Payne:

The Town Board received your most recent letter that was in reference to you receiving compensation for unused vacation days. Your letter was reviewed and discussed during executive session of the regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting held April 12, 2016. Present during this meeting were; Councilperson Boulerice, Councilperson LaValley, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Myatt, Councilperson Perras, and, as per the Board's request, Mrs. Brandi Lloyd, Town Clerk. After careful review, it is the Board's unanimous decision that you are not entitled to compensation for unused vacation days. It was further decided that this matter is officially closed and future requests will not be entertained.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Menard
Supervisor, Town of Mooers