

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Mooers held April 14, 2015 at the Mooers Office Complex commencing at 7:00 PM**

**Present:** Jeff Menard, Supervisor  
Gerald LaValley, Councilperson  
Donald Perras, Councilperson  
Mary Myatt, Councilperson

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

**Others Present:** Kaleigh LaBombard, Dog Control Officer

**Absent:** Steve Barcomb, Councilperson

**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 10, 2015 Minutes and the March 25, 2105 Special Meeting 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 10, 2015 Minutes and the March 25, 2105 Special Meeting Minutes and Councilperson Myatt seconded the Motion. The result of a Roll Call was 4 AYES and 0 NOES, therefore Supervisor Jeff Menard declared Minutes accepted as written.

**Highway:** Highway Supervisor Eugene Boulerice was not present and a report for State Roads was not submitted.

**Library:** Mrs. Evans reported that the Easter Egg hunt was held on April 4th and there were 35 children in attendance. Mrs. Evans said they have requested estimates to complete the library from Duquette Brothers in Plattsburgh and Cummings Construction in Moriah. She added that they will be getting a third estimate as well.

**Beautification Committee:** Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from the Beautification Committee would like to address the board. Mrs. Myrtle Hawksby reported that everything is good with the Committee.

**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 Town Historian would like to address the board. No person was present wishing to address the board at this time.

**Fire Department:** Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from the Fire Department would like to address the board. No person was present wishing to address the board at this time. Supervisor Menard read from the report that had been submitted. The March report contained the following: Station #1 had 7 calls, Station #2 had 0 calls, Town had 1 call and Mutual Aid had 6 calls with a total of 29 calls to date. ----Incident types were Barn=2----Air Supply= 4----Good Intent=1. Mutual aid to Altona=2----Chazy=2----Churubusco=2. Mutual Aid from Champlain=1. Vehicle 251(Pumper) used 0 times, vehicle 252(Brush Truck) used 1 time, vehicle 253(Squad) used 0 times, vehicle 254(Pumper) used 3 times, vehicle 257(Heavy Rescue) used 1 time, vehicle 258(Tanker) used 3 times, vehicle 259(Pumper) used 0 times, and vehicle 25-AIR(Air Truck) used 4 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. A report was not submitted by EMS.

**Court:** The Justice Fund report for March showed total receipts of \$13,334.26 with \$8305.75 going to the State, \$0.00 to the County, and \$5028.51 to the Town of Mooers. Mrs. Crystal Bulriss announced that her hour have changed. She said she will be in form 7 am - 3pm. She added this will give people the opportunity to stop in on their way to work in the morning if they so wish. Supervisor Menard read a letter received from Mrs. Bulriss on behalf of herself as well as Town Justice David P. Kokes and Town Justice Earl D. Robinson. The letter is requesting to purchase a new copier/ fax/ scanner/ printer as the current one is not working properly. The letter explains that there are funds available in the Court's

budge to cover the cost. The letter further explains that the original cost on the unit from SymQuest is \$1371.00, but the price, via the New York State contract is reduced to \$848.00 including the cabinet. The annual maintenance contract will be \$250.00, which includes all toner, parts, labor, and mileage. This is less than the current contract of \$330.00, which does not include toner. Therefore, Supervisor Menard made a motion authorizing the purchase of the copier/ fax/ scanner/ printer via New York state contract for a purchase price of \$848.00 as well as to enter into an annual maintenance contract for \$330.00 yearly. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Perras. The result of a Roll Call was 4 AYES and 0 NOES, therefore Supervisor Jeff Menard declared the motion carried.

**Code Enforcement Officer:** Mr. Jess Dixon was not in attendance, but he later submitted his report for the month of March showing two building permits issued, no violations, two variances issued through ZBA, two one certificates of occupancy issued, and 16 phone calls answered.

**Dog Control:** Mrs. Kaleigh Mills handed in the report for March 2015 showing 26 calls made for the month and two dogs currently in the shelter. Mrs. Mills also reported that two dogs were transferred to the Syracuse SPCA and were successfully adopted out as well as one dog being transferred to the Elmore SPCA. Mrs. Mills said the Town had received a Veterinarian bill from Chateaugay, but that the State Police are working on getting the bill reimbursed by the dog owner.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:**

**Town Business 1:** Supervisor Menard said he received a letter from Comp Alliance regarding the recent Worker's Compensation Underwriting Survey of the Town. Supervisor Menard said, in addition to a few items at the garage that have been addressed by Highway Supervisor Eugene Boulerville, there were a few suggestions regarding the Courtroom/ Board Room. He said the Comp Alliance suggests installing shades on the windows and doors and keeping them closed when meetings are being conducted. It was also suggested that the chairs in the room be attached together to prevent them from becoming a weapon. There was some discussion. It was mentioned that attaching the chairs together would make it difficult because the room is used for various meetings and often the chairs need to be moved around or stacked up out of the way. There was also discussion about putting blinds on the glass doors and that, while it is important to keep privacy from the outside, it would be safer if one could still see who is approaching the doors before they enter. It was suggested that tinting the doors may be a solution. Supervisor Menard said he would look into it further.

**Town Business 2:** Supervisor Menard read a letter from Ms. Tracy DeCoste regarding changing the name of Rock Road. The letter mentioned that land on this road once belonged to her grandfather, Eldemore DeCoste. In the letter, Ms. DeCoste also mentions that the fact that the name of the road changing was very sad news to her and her family as they have many fond memories there. Ms. DeCoste suggests, if the name of the road must be changed, that the Board consider renaming it, "DeCoste Road." She added that it would mean a lot to her family. Supervisor Menard explained that the Town had been notified by Emergency Services that Rock Road and Missile Base Road need to be renamed because roads with the same names exist in Champlain. He said it can create confusion to responders. Councilperson Perras questioned why the Town of Mooers was being burdened with renaming both roads and why Champlain wasn't being asked to rename one of the roads. Supervisor Menard said if the name of Rock Road needs to be changed, renaming it DeCoste Road is a good idea. He said he would get in touch with Emergency Services to see if Missile Base Road could be renamed in the Town of Champlain since the Town of Mooers is willing to rename Rock Road. Therefore, Councilperson Myatt made a motion to rename Rock Road in the Town of Mooers to DeCoste Road. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Menard. The result of a Roll Call was 4 AYES and 0 NOES, therefore Supervisor Jeff Menard declared the motion carried.

**Town Business 3:** Supervisor Menard said he received a letter from Mr. Gary Cardin and Mrs. Coreena Cardin thanking the Mooers Highway Department for clearing the snow from the sidewalks in Mooers Forks.

**Town Business 4:** Supervisor Menard read a letter from Mrs. Carol Payne. The letter states that the Town Board at the time discussed with Mrs. Payne that her position would follow that of the CSEA Union Contract of March 2007. The letter went on to request that reimbursement of Mrs. Payne's unused, earned vacation pay.

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

No other person was present wishing to address the board at this time.

**Town Business 5:** Mrs. Andree LaBarge of the LaBarge Agency, presented their Insurance Proposal for the Town of Mooers, coverage effective May 1, 2015 through Trident. Insurance total premium is \$36,896.57, which is a decrease of \$1,395.18 from the previous year. Therefore Supervisor Menard made a motion that the Town of Mooers accept the insurance coverage as proposed by insurance agent Andree LaBarge. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Myatt. The result of a Roll Call was 4 AYES and 0 NOES, therefore Supervisor Jeff Menard declared the motion carried.

**Voucher:** The Audited Vouchers to be paid off the Abstracted Vouchers on April 14, 2015 are as follows:

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| General - Townwide -----(Vouchers 932 - 956)----- | \$ 17,477.14              |
| Highway - Townwide -----(Voucher 601 - 629)-----  | 21,810.95                 |
| Mooers Forks Lights----- (Voucher 946)-----       | 392.34                    |
| Mooers Lights -----(Voucher 946)-----             | 676.77                    |
| Trust & Agency -----(Voucher 122 - 124)-----      | <u>10,899.87</u>          |
| <b>Total of Abstracted Vouchers Paid-----</b>     | <b><u>\$51,257.07</u></b> |

**Adjourn:** Councilperson Lavalley made a motion for the meeting be adjourned. Councilperson Perras seconded the motion. Thus, Supervisor Jeff Menard declared the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:53PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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BRANDI B. LLOYD, TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR