

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Mooers held June 23, 2015 at the Mooers Office Complex commencing at 6:00P.M.

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

Recording Secretary: **Brandi Lloyd, Town Clerk**
Others Present: **none**
Absent: **Steve Barcomb, Councilperson**

Meeting: Supervisor Jeff Menard called the Meeting to Order at 6:00PM, then he asked Brandi Lloyd to lead them in the "Pledge of Allegiance", which she did.

Supervisor Menard announced that the sole purpose of the meeting is for the Board to discuss the Water and Sewer Feasibility Study. Supervisor Menard said that each week goes by, he feels, is a week Bernier & Carr could be conducting their study. Supervisor Menard reminded the Board that Ms. Liz Tedford said it would take three to six months to have a decision on if either or both of the grants have been awarded to the Town. He added that the Town would be reimbursed any money spent once the grant is received. Supervisor Menard said he checked with Mrs. Rena Bosley and there is approximately \$200,000.00 in the reserve fund. Supervisor Menard asked if the Board would like to get started now on the Water Feasibility Study or wait for the grant decisions. He added that waiting until November, December, or January would make it difficult to do the well testing in the colder weather. Councilperson Myatt asked if all the wells would be tested. She also asked, if there were problems discovered with any of the wells being tested, would the home owner be forced to comply in any way. Supervisor Menard said no, that the testing is for the purpose of the Water Feasibility Study only. There was some discussion. Councilperson Lavalley asked if it is certain that the Town will be reimbursed from the grant money once it is awarded. Supervisor Menard said Ms. Tedford is 99% sure the Town would get the grant money. He added that once the Town gets the grant to conduct the study, then proves that there are water issues, the Town will more likely to get grants to fund the entire project. Supervisor Menard said it would cost \$15,000.00 to start the study. Supervisor Menard said Champlain has been working on a similar project with Bernier & Carr. He said they've had to wait about two to three years, but they are being reimbursed all funds the Town paid out for the project. Supervisor Menard said he spoke with Supervisor Larry Barcomb, of Champlain. He added that Supervisor Barcomb said the first question a new business asks when looking to build in the Town is, "Do you have water and sewer?" Councilperson Perras said he thinks they should start as soon as possible and get all the information as soon as possible so not to have to rush into making a final decision. He added that there is an obvious need for water and sewer in the Town. Councilperson Myatt said she would like to see the Board review the contract more before deciding. Supervisor Menard said he could ask Mr. Murnane to review the contract. The members of the Board agreed they would like to take copies of the contract home to review further. Councilperson Myatt said she spoke with Mr. Ray Hosler and they were told they would be paying about \$200.00 quarterly for around five years and that they are still paying. Supervisor Menard said he spoke with Mr. Martin, Village of Champlain, and he said to just watch the figures for the project, that the company will tell you one thing and the figures might change a bit. There was some discussion. It was discussed what area of Mooers would possibly be included in the study. Supervisor Menard said the initial area of the study will more than likely be the limits of the old village. Councilperson Myatt asked what is more important to have, water or sewer. Supervisor Menard said probably sewer. Supervisor Menard said having water and sewer improves the value of homes. He said it also attracts home owners and businesses. Mr. Gary Cardin, in attendance, asked if zoning laws would have to be changed. Supervisor Menard agreed they would need to be addressed.

Councilperson Lavalley asked if there was an update on the uniforms for the Highway Department. Councilperson Perras said he had not heard back from the company. He did say he spoke to the driver and that the driver said any and all additional fees have been removed from the Town's invoices. Councilperson Perras said he told the driver that the town is basically paying for something that they're not getting. The driver said they are just waiting for Board approval to go ahead with the upgrades. There was some discussion. Councilperson Lavalley said there is plenty of money in the budget to cover the upgrade. Supervisor Menard said he would ask Mrs. Bosley to pull the contract to see how many years are left as well as the invoices from the past few months to make sure any additional fees have been removed. Therefore Councilperson Lavalley made a motion to approve the upgrade of the uniforms for the Highway Department. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Myatt. All were in favor, therefore Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

The Board agreed to table to decision on the Water Feasibility Study until the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting.

Adjourn: Councilperson Perras made a motion for the meeting be adjourned. Supervisor Menard seconded the motion and the result was 4 AYES (Supervisor Jeff Menard, Councilperson Mary Myatt, Councilperson Gerald LaValley and Councilperson Donald Perras) and 0 NOES. Thus, Supervisor Jeff Menard declared motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:26 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

BRANDI B. LLOYD, TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR