

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

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

Recording Secretary: Brandi B. Lloyd, Town Clerk

Others Present:

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.

Town Business 1: Supervisor Menard said that before continuing with the meeting, Mr. Matt Cooper, of Bernier and Carr, is here to answer any questions the Board may still have pertaining to Water/ Wastewater Feasibility Study for the Town. Councilperson Lavalley asked if the \$15,00000 amount quoted in the contract would be the actual final amount due for the study. Mr. Cooper answered that that amount is the fixed fee for Bernier and Carr. He said Ms. Liz Tedford will have additional costs for the water testing. Councilperson Lavalley asked if there was an estimate of the testing costs. Mr. Carr said he spoke with Ms. Tedford and they estimate the testing to cost no more than \$10,000.00. Councilperson asked what area of Mooers was potentially being considered. Supervisor Menard said it will initially be the boundary of the old Village of Mooers. Mr. Cooper added that they would be willing to expand the coverage area if it would be beneficial to the project at their original fee. Councilperson Myatt asked how many wells would be tested. Mr. Cooper said the number will depend on how the interest. He added to prove the case for the need one well would not be enough. He said ten wells would be more than enough, so they will probably test five or six wells. Councilperson Perras asked what wells and septic systems would be tested. Mr. Cooper said they would concentrate on lots that are close to each other as well as those near the river for the septic testing. Councilperson asked who would inform the homeowner of the requested testing. Mr. Cooper said his company could, but said it is better received to have the initial contact made by the Town. Councilperson Lavalley asked what would be the Town's financial responsibility if, after testing, they decided not to proceed with the project. Mr. Cooper said the current grants that Ms. Tedford has applied for are for the study. He said they will cover the significant amount of all costs for the study. Councilperson asked if Mr. Murnane had reviewed the contract. Supervisor Menard said Mr. Murnane is out of town. Councilperson Lavalley said he would like Mr. Murnane to review the contract before they proceeded. Mr. Cooper explained more about the two grants Ms. Tedford had applied for. Supervisor Menard said total amount being applied for is \$30,000.00. Mr. Cooper added that they should know if the grants are being awarded to the Town by late Fall or early December. Supervisor Menard thanked Mr. Cooper for answering their questions and said he would be contact him regarding the Board's decision.

Minutes: All the Board Members were asked if they had read their copies of the June 2, 2015 Minutes as well as their copies of the June 23, 2015 Minutes. They all replied yes. Supervisor Jeff Menard then asked if there were any omissions or corrections, there were none from the Town Board. Councilperson Barcomb then made a motion to accept the June 2, 2015 Minutes as well as the June 23, 2015 Minutes as written and Councilperson Perras seconded the Motion. The result of a Roll Call was 5 AYES and 0 NOES, therefore Supervisor Menard declared Minutes accepted as written.

Highway: Highway Supervisor Eugene Boulerville reported that the roadside mower is need of being replaced. He said any purchase under \$20,000.00 would require just getting a few quotes or making the purchase under State Contract. Highway Supervisor Eugene Boulerville said the process of receiving the CHIPS money has changed. He said he will now need cancelled checks in order to receive the CHIPS money and would like the Board's approval to pay the invoices for paving as they come in rather than waiting for them to be paid after the Board meeting. He added this would help not delay the CHIPS funds from coming in. Highway Supervisor Eugene Boulerville said a salesman from John Deere contacted him regarding trading in the 2012 loader. He said it's is most cost effective to look into trading

in the loader every two years. He said it has been three years, but the trade in value is still great. Therefore Supervisor Menard made a motion to trade-in the loader. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Myatt. The result of a Roll Call was 5 AYES (Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Perras, Councilperson Lavalley, Councilperson Myatt, and Councilperson Barcomb) and 0 NOES, therefore Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried. There was some discussion about the CHIPS funds. Therefore Councilperson Barcomb made a motion to pay the highway invoices pertaining to paving, including asphalt, when they are received rather than holding them for Board approval at the monthly meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Perras. The result of a Roll Call was 5 AYES (Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Perras, Councilperson Lavalley, Councilperson Myatt, and Councilperson Barcomb) and 0 NOES, therefore Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried. Supervisor Menard asked Mr. Boulerice for an update on the paver from Clinton County. Mr. Boulerice said the County's new paver arrived before they started paving. he added that the County is not using the paver at all that the Town is interested in purchasing. He said the County said they are welcome to come try it out anytime.

Library: Mrs. Jackie Madison was not present. Mrs. Sue Evans reported that the Summer Reading Program started on July 7th with 20 children in attendance. she added that they have a volunteer helping out with the program. Mrs. Evans said that, to be in accordance with New York State, the new library needs to be completed by the end of 2015 in order to obtain grant funding. Mrs. Evans said they still only have one quote to complete the interior of the library. She also said that Mrs. Madison asked if someone could trim around the new library building. A lady in attendance asked when the library might be completed. Supervisor Menard explained that more funding is needed in order to complete the library. He added that \$10,000.00 had been set aside by the Town Board a couple of years ago for the interior of the library. He said, in order for the funds to be dispersed, it must go to a permissive referendum on the ballot in November.

Dog Control: Mrs. Kaleigh Mills, was not in attendance, but submitted the report for June. The June report showed 13 calls for the month and six dogs currently in the shelter.

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

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. super visor Menard gave an update on the bathrooms repairs at the Recreational Park. He said he is working on getting a few price quotes. He said he got a quote from Leon Menard and is waiting for one form Scriver & Buskey.

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 June report contained the following: Station #1 had 13 calls, Station #2 had 1 call, Town had 11 calls and Mutual Aid had 3 calls. ---Incident types were House=1---Power Lines=1---Trailer=1---MVA=1---Good Intent=3---Air Supply=2---Auto Alarms=1---Stand By=1---Other=2 (Medical Assist=2). Mutual aid to west Chazy=1. Mutual Aid from none. Vehicle 251(Pumper) used 6 times, vehicle 252(Brush Truck) used 3 times, vehicle 253(Squad) used 1 time, vehicle 254(Pumper) used 1 time, vehicle 257(Heavy Rescue) used 4 times, vehicle 258(Tanker) used 2 times, vehicle 259(Pumper) used 3 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: Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from the Court would like to address the board. No person was present wishing to address the board at this time. The Justice Fund report for June showed total receipts of \$14,685.76 with \$8420.00 going to the State, \$490.00 to the County, and \$5775.76 to the Town of Mooers.

Code Enforcement Officer: Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from the Office of Code Enforcement 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 by Mr. Jess Dixon. The June report showed a total of six building permits issued, zero violations, two certificates of occupancy issued, and 26 calls answered.

Old Business:

Old Business 1: Councilperson Lavalley said the Town had not yet been reimbursed by the Fire Department for fuel usage and the electricity bill. Supervisor Menard said Mrs. Rena Bosley is working on a monthly figure to charge the Fire Department to cover their monthly bills. Councilperson Lavalley asked if the lease had been completed. Supervisor Menard said the lease is not ready.

Old Business 2: Supervisor Menard said a decision needs to be made on how to handle to mowing of the newly acquired cemeteries. He said the Town needed to put an ad in the paper to hire for the job. He added that they needed to vote on how much to pay per hour. Supervisor Menard said the hired individual must be on the Town payroll to be covered by the Town's insurance. There was some discussion. The Board agreed to advertise and start the position at \$12.00. Therefore Supervisor Menard made a motion to advertise in the paper for the position at the starting wage of \$12.0 per hour. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Perras. The result of a Roll Call was 5 AYES (Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Perras, Councilperson Lavalley, Councilperson Myatt, and Councilperson Barcomb) and 0 NOES, therefore Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried. Supervisor Menard said he would look into having the inmates do the initial clean-up at the Old Riverside Cemetery as the grass there has gotten quite long.

New Business:

Town Business 2: Supervisor Menard said the Town had received the renewal from NCCS Systems. He added they are the company that handles the alarm system for the Town office complex. He said it is a three year contract for \$18.00 per month. Therefore Councilperson Barcomb made a motion to renew the contract with NCCS Systems. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Myatt. The result of a Roll Call was 5 AYES and 0 NOES, therefore Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

Town Business 3: Supervisor Menard said Missile Base Road still needs to be renamed. There was some discussion. Mr. Boulerice said the DeCoste Road sign had been ordered, Supervisor Menard said they would table the renaming of Missile Base Road until the next meeting. The Board agreed.

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.

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

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| General - Townwide -----(Vouchers 1006 - 1035)----- | \$ 47,106.62 |
| Highway - Townwide -----(Voucher 679 - 698)----- | 15,440.82 |
| Mooers Forks Lights----- (Voucher 1033)----- | 315.96 |
| Mooers Lights -----(Voucher 1033)----- | 530.43 |
| Trust & Agency -----(Voucher 131 - 133)----- | <u>10,899.87</u> |
| Total of Abstracted Vouchers Paid----- | \$74,293.70 |

Adjourn: Councilperson Barcomb made a motion for the meeting be adjourned. Supervisor Menard seconded the motion. All in favor. Thus, Supervisor Jeff Menard declared the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:06PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

BRANDI B. LLOYD, TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR