

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Mooers held January 11, 2022, at the Mooers Office Complex commencing at 7:00 PM

Present: Jeff Menard, Supervisor
Donald Perras, Councilperson
Randy LaCount, Councilperson
Ryan Dragoon, Councilperson
Irving Breyette, Councilperson
Kris Gilmore, Highway Superintendent

Recording Secretary: Kelly L. McDonald, Town Clerk

Others Present: Myrtle Hawksby, Beautification
Coreen Cardin, Beautification
Art Menard, Library
Todd Gumlaw, Fire Chief
Tyson Dumas, Youth Commission
Vicki Davison, Cemeteries

Absent: None

Meeting: Supervisor Jeff Menard called the Meeting to Order at 7:00PM. Supervisor Menard asked Mrs. Kelly McDonald to lead them in the "Pledge of Allegiance," which she did.

Highway: Superintendent Gilmore discussed truck buying options. The amount insurance covered for old truck was \$32,000 and waiting on the plow insurance. There was discussion on prices and options at trucks from local dealerships with state contracts. Plow trucks are 2-3 years out to purchase, not many available now. These would have to be signed for now to have when available. Councilperson Breyette made a motion to get the ball rolling on buying a pickup with state contract. Councilperson Perras seconded the motion. The result of the roll call was 5 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson LaCount, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Dragoon, and Councilperson Breyette) and 0 NOES. Therefore, Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

Supervisor Menard discussed the Procurement Policy and Highway spending. He explained That Superintendent Gilmore can spend \$2,000 within a 30-day period without Board approval and changes in the Procurement Policy. The Board also discussed the need for an updated inventory of what is at the shop, including all tools, supplies, etc. Superintendent Gilmore discussed videoing it. There was discussion on bidding out barrels of oil, tires, etc. Supervisor Menard asked Superintendent Gilmore to keep a log of prices when calling around for auditing purposes. Superintendent Gilmore discussed the possibility of splitting oil with other towns. Question on what the County does.

Library: Mr. Art Menard, Librarian, thanked the Town for their plowing and keeping the sidewalks clear. Mr. Menard said the library decided to go with 3 part time co-directors instead of 1 and that it's going very well. There have been 4 applications in for the 3 positions. The interviews will be held soon. Next week's Board Meeting may a Zoom Meeting due to quarantine. The library is fully open its regular hours and all is going quite well.

Dog Control: Mrs. Stacey Guerin is appointed as the Dog Control Officer again this year. She has an Assistant this year, Jody Perrea (Champlain/Chazy Dog Control Officer) They will work together to cover each other. Supervisor Menard also mentioned delinquent dog licenses. Supervisor Menard asked for this to go on the sign out front. Supervisor Menard also discussed doing a dog enumeration in March or so, if anyone knows someone that would like this job.

Beautification: Mrs. Coreen Cardin asked for help from the Highway to take down the Christmas decorations. Superintendent Gilmore said he would check with Chazy next time it warms up to take these down.

Youth Commission: Mr. Tyson Dumas, Youth Coordinator, said things were going well. Basketball started last week, and they have 7 teams.

Fire Department: Supervisor Menard read the Fire Report from December submitted by Fire Chief Gumlaw. Chief Gumlaw reminded people to keep their chimneys clean and to check on their neighbors.

Court: Supervisor Menard read the Court Report submitted for December.

Cemetery: Supervisor Menard let everyone know the sign that Mrs. Vickie Brassard ordered for the Old Riverside Cemetery was in and it looks nice. It will go up in the spring.

EMS: Supervisor Menard read the report submitted. Councilperson Breyette asked if the reports could show YTD by town.

Old Business:

1) Councilperson Breyette listed the names of the people that are on the committee to revise the Zoning laws. Mr. John Gordon, Councilperson Perras, Mr. Gary Cardin, Mrs. Coreena Cardin, Mr. Jason Poulin Code Enforcement Officer, Mr. Tim Neverett, and Ms. Jerika Manning. They need to pick a chairperson and go from there.

Councilperson Breyette made a motion to approve the committee.

Councilperson LaCount seconded the motion.

The result of the Roll Call was 5 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson LaCount, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Dragoon and Councilperson Breyette) and 0 NOES.

Therefore, Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

New Business:

1) **Dog Control-** Councilperson Breyette spoke about someone taking calls on dog control issues that was not the Dog Control Officer. Councilperson Breyette explained either Supervisor Menard or someone from the Board should contact this person and ask them to stop. Supervisor Menard said he would take care of this.

Public Comment:

1) Mrs. Myrtle Hawksby discussed the Town wide Garage Sale (will be going on this year) and the Town wide newsletter. If anyone would like to add to this the deadline is March 31st.

2) Mr. Ryan Hicks was present to discuss the Bull Run Wind Farm. He is taking over for Mr. John Laberre. Mr. Hicks discussed where they were with the project and what will be happening going forward.

3) Mr. Gary Cardin asked Supervisor Menard which Board members were on which committees. Supervisor Menard read this.

Adjourn: Councilperson Perras made a motion for the meeting be adjourned; Supervisor Menard seconded the motion. All in favor. Thus, Supervisor Menard declared the meeting closed. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Vouchers:

Highway	Voucher	200-218	\$13,998.07
General Fund	Voucher	228-250	\$123,206.52
Union/Riverside Cemetery	Voucher	84	\$355.81
Mooers & Mooers Forks Lights	Voucher	248	\$1,484.00
Trust and Agency	Voucher	47-51	\$17,610.17
Total of Abstracted Vouchers Paid			\$156,654.57

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly L. McDonald, TOWN CLERK

