

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Mooers held
October 11, 2016 at the Mooers Office Complex commencing at 7:00 PM**

Present: Jeff Menard, Supervisor
Eugene ("Dickie") Boulerice, Councilperson
Gerald LaValley, Councilperson
Donald Perras, Councilperson
Mary Myatt, Councilperson

Recording Secretary: Jessica K. Bulriss, Town Clerk

Others Present: Myrtle Hawksby, Beautification Committee

Absent: Kris Gilmore, Highway Superintendent

Meeting: Supervisor Jeff Menard called the Meeting to Order at 7:00PM, he then asked Mrs. Jessica Bulriss 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 September 13, 2016 Minutes. They all replied yes. Supervisor Jeff Menard then asked if there were any omissions or corrections. Councilperson Perras noted that there were two instances where the vote count was 5, and should have been 4. Councilperson Perras then made a motion to accept the September 13 2016 Minutes with the corrections noted. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Myatt. The result of the Roll Call was 5 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson Boulerice, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson LaValley, Councilperson Myatt) and 0 NOES. Therefore Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried and the Minutes accepted with noted corrections.

Highway: Highway Superintendent Kris Gilmore was not present. Supervisor Menard stated that the Highway Department would like to purchase a plow for the recently purchased military freight liner truck for \$24,690.00. Councilperson Perras asked if it was just parts or does it include instillation. Supervisor Menard replied that they are going to do the instillation themselves. Councilperson Perras asked if that included a sander. Supervisor Menard replied that it is just a plow, but they have an extra sander. Councilperson Boulerice made a motion to purchase the plow for the military freight liner truck. Supervisor Menard seconded the motion. The result of the Roll Call was 5 AYES (Councilperson LaValley, Councilperson Myatt, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Boulerice, Councilperson Perras) and 0 NOES. Therefore Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

Supervisor Menard stated the Superintendent Gilmore received a quote from Jefford's Steel for the manhole cover in the town office parking lot. The quote was for a 60" steel cover for \$675.00. There was more discussion regarding the quote. Supervisor Menard tabled this issue until next month.

Supervisor Menard stated that Superintendent Gilmore acquired quotes for a radar speed sign. There were three different prices: a base price of \$2,400.00, a mobile AC pack for \$2,400.00, and a solar unit for \$2,500.00. Councilperson Perras said that the Sheriff's Department will put one up for a period of time. There was more discussion regarding the radar speed sign. Supervisor Menard tabled this issue until next month.

Supervisor Menard stated that the highway department has traded loaders with the Town of Ellenburg because the town's original loader was not OSHA approved.

Library: Mr. Art Menard, present, stated that the Library has two events scheduled. On Saturday October 22nd there will be a pumpkin carving party from 10am to 11:30am. On Monday October 31st the library will be handing out candy for trick or treating from 5pm to 7pm. He also stated that the \$10,000.00 for operating costs from the school budget has arrived. They are trying to set up a reserve fund. Mr. Menard said that the library was not broken into according to the NYSP. He said that there was a key hidden outside and they believe that someone used that key to gain entry. The locks have been changed and they will no longer keep a key outside. Mr. Menard would like to thank Macs Safe and Lock for donating their services to the library. He also said that the furnace has been

delivered and will be installed tomorrow. He stated that the library board is working on obtaining a loan to finish the new library, but it is not as simple as they once thought. Also a 1,000 gallon septic tank has been donated to the library by Mr. Dan Dumas. Councilperson LaValley asked if they received the funds from Bull Run Wind Project. Supervisor Menard replied that we have received the funds, but there was a resolution allocating those funds for the walking path.

Dog Control: Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from Dog Control would like to address the board. No person was present wishing to address the board at this time. Supervisor Menard read the report for the month of September submitted by Mrs. Kaleigh Mills. The report showed 17 calls/complaints and 4 dogs currently in the shelter.

Beautification: Mrs. Scarlett Sample, present, stated that the Beautification Committee has turned in their 2017 budget. She also requested that Superintendent Gilmore pick up the flower pots before Halloween

Cemeteries: Supervisor Menard stated that he spoke with Leonard Breen from the Division of Cemeteries regarding the construction of a memorial. Supervisor Menard stated he was informed that the cemeteries belong to the town of Mooers. As long as the town is maintaining the current cemeteries they can do what they want with the rest. Supervisor Menard stated that he would like to receive a formal letter giving the town permission to do just that. There was more discussion regarding what should be fixed in and around the cemeteries.

Tax Assessor: Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from the office of the Assessor would like to address the board. No person was present wishing to address the board at this time.

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: Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from The Mooers Fire Department would like to address the board. No person was present wishing to address the board at this time. Supervisor Menard read the report submitted by Fire Chief Danny Dumas. The report showed 86 calls for the year. In the month of September there were 8 calls, 5 for the town and 3 mutual aid. There was 1 house fire, 1 motor vehicle accident, 1 apartment building, 1 power line, 3 medical assist, and 1 air supply.

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. Supervisor Menard read the EMS report for the month of September. The report showed a total of 95 calls and 1759 loaded miles. There were a total of 690 calls year to date for the town of Mooers and Champlain.

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.

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 the report for the month of September submitted by Code Enforcement Officer Jesse Dixon. The report showed a total of 16 calls, 2 certificate of occupancies, and 4 building permits issued.

Old Business:

Old Business 1: Supervisor Menard informed everyone that there was a hearing regarding the Bull Run Wind Project. Mr. Gustafson, the lawyer representing the towns, asked for a \$100,000.00 intervener fund. The request was granted. Mr. Gustafson will be present at the next meeting to introduce himself to the board.

New Business:

New Business 1: Supervisor Menard received a letter from the Cohen Law Group, which he read. The letter was regarding free legal assessment of cable, wireless, and broadband issues. Councilperson Perras asked if they were a consulting company. Supervisor Menard replied that they are lawyers and will review our current contract. Councilperson Myatt asked if it was an assessment of the

whole town. Supervisor Menard replied yes. Councilperson LaValley suggested that we allow them to assess and give the town some recommendations. Councilperson Perras made a motion to allow the Cohen Law Group to assess the town's cable, wireless, and broadband. The motion was seconded by Councilperson LaValley. The result of the Roll Call was 5 AYES (Councilperson LaValley, Councilperson Myatt, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Boulерice, Councilperson Perras) and 0 NOES. Therefore Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

New Business2: Supervisor Menard stated that he received a letter from Clinton County Board of Elections which he then read. The letter was to inform the town of the increase in pay for inspectors and increase for a warranty contract and software for the voting machines.

New Business3: Supervisor Menard stated that we have a tentative budget. The tax cap for 2017 is \$1,099,598.00. Our Tentative Budget is \$1,093,500.00. He also stated that there will be a budget hearing on Wednesday October 26, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

Public Comment 1: Mr. Raymond Phair, present, asked if there was an update on the Barcomb Road. He stated that something has to be done.

Public Comment 2: Mr. Michael Reeves, present, stated that there are two street lamps out on East Street. Supervisor Menard replied that he would inform NYSEG. Mr. Michael Menard stated that NYSEG has already fixed the street lights. Councilperson Perras asked if they are going to fix the power pole in front of the fire station. Supervisor Menard replied that they are supposed to fix it.

Public Comment 3: Mrs. Beverly Perras, present, asked about the feral cat problem. She stated that she has contacted SPCA, but they have too many in the shelter now. She expressed her concern due to the fact that they are not vaccinated. Reverend Sally White also expressed concern for her patrons. Supervisor Menard stated that he would make some phone calls. There was more discussion regarding the feral cat population.

Executive Session: Supervisor Menard stated that the board needed to go into executive session to discuss the highway contract. A motion was made by Councilperson Perras to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Boulерice. All in favor. Motion carried. The board went into executive session at 7:47pm. The board came out of executive session at 8:29pm.

Voucher: The Audited Vouchers to be paid off the Abstracted Vouchers on October 11, 2016 as follows:

General - Townwide -----	(Vouchers 233-254)-----	\$10,002.44
Highway - Townwide -----	(Vouchers 177-192)-----	\$48,499.82
Mooers Forks Lights-----	(Voucher 249)-----	\$368.32
Mooers Lights -----	(Voucher 249)-----	\$862.13
Trust & Agency -----	(Vouchers 29-31)-----	\$12,188.10
Riverside Cemetery-----	(Voucher 15)-----	\$325.00
Total of Abstracted Vouchers Paid-----		\$72,245.81

Adjourn: Councilperson Perras made a motion for the meeting be adjourned. Councilperson Boulерice seconded the motion. All in favor. Thus, Supervisor Jeff Menard declared the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

JESSICA K. BULRISS, TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

