

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Mooers held  
October 13, 2020 at the Mooers Office Complex commencing at 7:00 PM**

**Present:** Jeff Menard, Supervisor  
Donald Perras, Councilperson  
Irving Breyette, Councilperson  
Christopher Bulriss, Councilperson  
Kris Gilmore, Highway Superintendent

**Recording Secretary:** Kelly L. McDonald, Town Clerk

**Others Present:** Scarlett Sample, Beautification  
Myrtle Hawksby, Beautification  
Art Menard, Library  
Todd Gumlaw, Fire Chief  
Stacey Guerin, Dog Control Officer

**Absent:** Randy LaCount, Councilperson

**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.

**Minutes:** All the Board Members were asked if they had read their copies of September 8, 2020 meeting minutes. Councilperson Bulriss made a motion to accept them. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Perras. The result of the Roll Call was 4 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Bulriss and Councilperson Breyette), 1 ABSENT (Councilperson LaCount), and 0 NOES. Therefore, Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried and the Minutes accepted with correction.

**Highway:** Superintendent Gilmore discussed their progress with paving. They also discussed what would be left in CHIPS and discussed what needed to be patched. Superintendent Gilmore stated the chipper was unavailable for use at this time. The sand pile is just about done. There was discussion on using cemetery land for sand, Supervisor Menard had not heard back from the lawyer on it. Superintendent Gilmore and Supervisor Menard discussed the current Snow and Ice Agreement. It states that they plow part of Altona's roads and the county would like to adjust it. Superintendent Gilmore said the mileage is correct for what they do actually plow, not those roads. Both Supervisor Menard and Superintendent Gilmore will look further into this. Superintendent Gilmore said he hadn't had luck with the State Surplus Vehicles. There was discussion on pricing out a one ton for plowing or going out to bid on parking lots. There was also discussion on the insurance on the plow that burned, the Town has not been reimbursed for that yet. Supervisor Menard said there had been a complaint of people still smoking in Highway vehicles, that it's against the law. The person stated they would go higher up as needed as it has been addressed before. Supervisor Menard asked what the bill for reflective tape was for, Superintendent Gilmore said it was for the School Street crosswalks until they could be painted. Supervisor Menard discussed the NYSDOT turning around at Dragoons as opposed to the Town parking lot.

**Library:** Mr. Art Menard said they took the lead of the other libraries in the county and are open full time. All books are quarantined for 7 days when they come in which is beyond the required time. The computers are not open, and people are not allowed to come in and stay at this point. The library has installed a water softener and filter, which should help with the smell. The big grant has been successfully completed. The interior of the library is done once the bookshelves are done.

**Dog Control:** Supervisor Menard read a letter from Palmer's Veterinary Service stating they are willing to provide immediate medical care in the case of emergency and the owner cannot be located at the discretion of the Dog Control Officer. They require a letter stating that the Town of Mooers will be financially responsible for any fees incurred and dogs may be euthanized as needed. Palmer's will not act as a shelter. There was discussion on whether contracting with Malone Animal Shelter was still necessary, but they do not provide medical care and Palmers does not board dogs. This is to help the town if a dog is found injured and needs medical care, ex hit by a car. Mrs. Stacey Guerin also stated if a dog is found that does not have its rabies shot, the DCO will have this done and the owner will have to pay for this before the dog is given back to the owner.

Councilperson Breyette made a motion to use Palmer's Veterinary Care for emergency medical care. Councilperson Bulriss seconded the motion.

The result of the Roll call was 4 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Bulriss, and Councilperson Breyette), 1 ABSENT (Councilperson LaCount) and 0 NOES.

Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

**Beautification:** Mrs. Scarlet Sample said she called NYSEG about updating the boxes for the decorations. The Beautification Committee has not had a meeting lately due to COVID. The flags will also be coming down this week.

**Fire Department:** Supervisor Menard read the Report submitted by Todd Gumlaw, Fire Chief. Supervisor Menard said in the past they had done a 3-year budget to plan for their trucks and such. This has not been done recently, the last one expired in 2017.

Supervisor Menard made a motion to have a 3-year contract with the Fire Department.

Councilperson Perras seconded the motion.

The result of the Roll call was 3 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Supervisor Menard and Councilperson Breyette), 1 ABSENT (Councilperson LaCount), 1 ABSTAIN (Councilperson Bulriss) and 0 NOES.

Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

**Code Enforcement:** Supervisor Menard stated that Mr. Jason Poulin, CEO, is in touch with the attorney from Malone on the Garrand Road and Rt 11 properties.

#### **Old Business:**

1) Councilperson Breyette asked about an email that had been sent regarding the complaints of 4-wheelers and ATV's on the East Street Bridge, speeding and doing donuts. There was discussion on the safety of the bridge, who is responsible for upkeep and use. There was also discussion of welding pipes across, but it is also on the map for snowmobiling. This will be checked into further.

2) Councilperson Bulriss asked on the bids for the cemetery vault and EMS Building. No bids were entered, Supervisor Menard is going to ask local contractors.

#### **New Business:**

1) Supervisor Menard said Mr. Gary Cardin is willing to plow the sidewalks and parking lot in Mooers Forks for \$25/time, same as last year.

Councilperson Bulriss made a motion have Mr. Gary Cardin snowplow Mooers Forks sidewalks and parking lot.

Councilperson Perras seconded the motion.

The result of the Roll call was 4 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Bulriss, and Councilperson Breyette), 1 ABSENT (Councilperson LaCount) and 0 NOES.

Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

2) 2021 Budget Workshop and Public Hearing will be held October 27, 2020. The Workshop will be at 6:30 and the Public Hearing will be at 7pm.

#### **3) RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF MOOERS AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS TO NORTH COUNTRY LIFE FLIGHT INC.**

**Whereas;** North Country LIFE FLIGHT, Inc. is a not-for-profit, tax-exempt corporation which is responsible for all aspects of patient care by providing medical equipment, training medical personnel, and administering the medical portion utilizing the New York State Police helicopter based in Saranac Lake; and

**Whereas;** The New York State Police aviation resources do not provide a medically trained team or medical equipment for patient transports; and

**Whereas;** The people of Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, and St. Lawrence Counties receive a vital emergency medical service which is free of charge to critically ill and seriously injured patients, and therefore municipal governments are asked to pledge monies for this worthwhile program;

**Be it Hereby Resolved that:** The Town Board of The Mooers Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to enter into a contract with North Country LIFE FLIGHT, Inc. for the purpose of operating the medical component of the medevac program, which will serve its residents and visitors, and paying the amount of \$200.00 which represents the Town's share for 2021; and

**Be it Further Resolved that:** The sum of \$200.00 is hereby appropriated to Account No. A4989.4 for payment to North Country LIFE FLIGHT, Inc.

**Motion:** Councilperson Perras

**Seconded by:** Councilperson Bulriss

**Discussion:** No

The result of a Roll Call was 4 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Bulriss and Councilperson Breyette), 1 ABSENT (Councilperson LaCount), and 0 NOES.

**Therefore;** Supervisor Menard declared **Resolution #23-2020** is adopted.

**DATED:** October 13, 2020

**Public Comment:**

1) Mr. Mark Trombly asked about speed limit signs for Maple Street and Depot Street, as there is much more school traffic with parents transporting. Supervisor Menard asked Superintendent Gilmore to check on signs and Supervisor Menard said he would check with the State Police to monitor as well.

2) Mrs. Kelly McDonald, Town Clerk, said she had talked with the NYS DOT and the speed zone request for Route 11 had been denied. The paperwork was being sent.

3) All Voting on November 3, 2020 will be held at the Mooers Town Complex (Courtroom), Cannons Corners will not be open for voting this year.

**Vouchers:**

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Voucher 170-191</b>	<b>\$22,152.06</b>
<b>Highway</b>	<b>Voucher 169-191</b>	<b>\$169,550.23</b>
<b>Mooers &amp; Mooers Forks Light</b>	<b>Voucher 186</b>	<b>\$1,179.91</b>
<b>Riverside Cemetery</b>	<b>Voucher 68</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>Trust &amp; Agency</b>	<b>Voucher 44-48</b>	<b>\$18,042.84</b>
<b>Total of Abstracted Vouchers Paid</b>		<b>\$210,975.04</b>

**Adjourn:** Councilperson Bulriss made a motion for the meeting be adjourned; Councilperson Perras seconded the motion. All in favor. Thus, Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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*Kelly L. McDonald, TOWN CLERK*