

Minutes of the Special Meeting, Public Hearing Preliminary Budget, of the Town Board of the Town of Mooers held October 28, 2014 at the Mooers Office Complex commencing at 7:00P.M.

Present: Jeff Menard, Supervisor
Gerald LaValley, Councilperson
Mary Myatt, Councilperson
Cory Ross, Councilperson

Recording Secretary: Brandi B. Lloyd, Town Clerk
Others Present: none

Absent: Steve Barcomb, Councilperson

Meeting: Supervisor Jeff Menard called the Meeting to Order at 6:15PM, then he asked Mrs. Brandi Lloyd to lead them in the "Pledge of Allegiance", which she did.

Supervisor Menard announced that the purpose of this special meeting is for the 2015 Preliminary Budget Public Hearing. Supervisor Menard went over the summary page of the 2015 Preliminary Budget.

Supervisor Menard then reviewed the Schedule of Salaries of Elected and Appointed Officers and Employees for 2015. He said the Highway employees will receive a 3% increase as per their contract. He explained that the Highway employees pay had been increased by 2% increase in previous years. There was some discussion regarding increasing all salaries of elected and appointed officers and employees at 3%. Councilperson Ross suggested that an increase for everyone may be too costly for the Town. Councilperson Myatt agreed. Supervisor Menard asked the Board if they agreed with increasing the salary of the Secretary to the Town Board by 3% and leaving all others at a 2% increase. Therefore Councilperson Ross made a motion to increase the salaries of the Highway employees as well as the Secretary to the Town Board by 3% and leaving all others at a 2% increase. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Menard. The result of a Roll Call was 4 AYES (Councilperson Lavalley, Councilperson Myatt, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Ross) and 0 NOES. Motion carried.

Supervisor Menard discussed the budget of the Dog Control Officer. He explained that he had asked the Town of Chazy to increase the amount they pay from \$8,800.00 to \$10,00.00 for 2015. He said Chazy agreed to continue to pay \$8,800.00. After some discussion, Supervisor Menard said he would call the Town of Chazy and ask them to reconsider paying \$10,000.00 for the year 2015.

Supervisor Menard and the Board continued reviewing the 2015 Preliminary Budget.

Supervisor Menard mentioned to the Board that regular November Board Meeting is scheduled for November 11th, which is Veteran's Day. The Board agreed to change the date of the November Board Meeting to Wednesday, November 12th at 7:00pm.

Supervisor Menard said he learned, regarding the lawsuit from Mr. Bedard, that the Town's insurance company should be informed anytime the Town is sued. He said he stopped to talk with Mrs. LaBarge at LaBarge Insurance Agency. Mrs. LaBarge filed a claim and the lawsuit will now be handled by the lawyer of the Town's insurance company.

Supervisor Menard said he spoke with Mr. Tom Murnane regarding the damage to the driveway of the former Blue Note Restaurant. Supervisor Menard said the damage was done by Mr. Bedard's equipment and the repairs, therefore, cannot go through the Town's insurance. He said Mr. Murnane is going to write a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Sample, the property owners, to inform them that will need to discuss the damage with Mr. Bedard.

Adjourn: As there were no further changes to the 2015 Preliminary Budget and no persons in attendance other than the afore mentioned Board members, Councilperson Ross made a motion for the meeting be adjourned. Councilperson Lavalley seconded the motion and the result was 4 AYES (Supervisor Jeff Menard, Councilperson Mary Myatt, Councilperson Gerald LaValley and Councilperson Cory Ross) and 0 NOES. Thus, Supervisor Jeff Menard declared motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:45PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

BRANDI B. LLOYD, TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR