

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Mooers held
October 8, 2019 at the Mooers Office Complex commencing at 7:00 PM**

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

Recording Secretary: Kelly L. McDonald, Town Clerk

Others Present: Art Menard, Library
Myrtle Hawksby, Beautification
Dan Dumas, Fire Department
Larry Wolff, Tax Assessor
Jason Poulin, Code Enforcement Officer

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.

United States Postal Service: Mr. Kurtis Bullard from the USPS was present to discuss the possibility of re-opening the Mooers Forks Post Office. Currently they are looking for a suitable piece of land to lease for such purpose. Mr. Bullard left his business card if anyone would like to contact him.

Minutes: All the Board Members were asked if they had read their copies of the September 10, 2019 meeting minutes. Councilperson Boulerice made a motion to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Breyette. The result of the Roll Call was 5 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson Boulerice, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Bulriss and Councilperson Breyette) and 0 NOES. Therefore, Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried and the Minutes accepted.

Highway: Superintendent Kris Gilmore discussed grading and paving the EMS driveway, clearing the brush on Mill Street, and grading sand.

Library: Mr. Art Menard discussed the Billy Jones Grant, library shelving and landscaping. Rabideau Brothers donated a truck full of black dirt to the library to fill a few sink holes that had settled. Mr. Menard also discussed using funds of the sale of the library towards landscaping and told the Board he will respect how the town chooses to use those funds.

Dog Control: Supervisor Menard discussed the reason why they switched the Dog Control Officer from Mr. Irving Guerin to Mrs. Stacey Guerin, for clarification. Supervisor Menard had the monthly report as the DCO was not present at the meeting.

Beautification: Mrs. Myrtle Hawksby stated they did not have anything to discuss. Mr. Michael Reeves discussed his project and involvement with the Beautification Committee.

Tax Assessor: Mr. Larry Wolff, Tax Assessor, discussed the assessment notifications for the STAR program had been mailed out and he was receiving applications back.

Fire Department: Supervisor Menard read the Report submitted by Mr. Dan Dumas, Fire Chief. Mr. Dumas stated it had been a quiet month so they have been able to test and service the pumps and hoses. All are in good shape.

EMS: Mr. Bill Loudon discussed they purchased a new stand by generation at a cost over \$7,000 which was at no cost to the town. The Champlain-Mooers EMS donated the generator to the Town of Mooers and will continue to maintain it.

Code Enforcement: Mr. Jason Poulin, Code Enforcement Officer, read his report and discussed he was still working on the Garrard Road Property.

Old Business:

1) Supervisor Menard discussed plowing of the driveways this coming winter. He asked if a truck could be made available to plow the parking lots. There was a discussion on substitute drivers, and the need for more. Supervisor Menard and Superintendent Gilmore asked for it to be advertised on the website that the Town was looking for seasonal drivers.

New Business:

1) A person asked what was happening with Dollar General. Supervisor Menard stated they were waiting for a new Contractor.

2) A door was taken down from the EMS Building. Mr. Jeff Morelock asked if he could buy it, if the town was not using it. Supervisor Menard asked Superintendent Gilmore if this was something that could be used at the Highway Garage, he was going to measure.

3) Supervisor Menard read a Resolution for North Country Life Flight:

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 2020; 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 Boulerville

Discussion: No

The result of a Roll Call was 5 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson Boulerville, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Bulriss, and Councilperson Breyette) and 0 NOES.

Therefore; Supervisor Menard declared **Resolution #21-2019** is adopted.

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3) Supervisor Menard read the Public Hearing Notice for the Budget Public Hearing, which will be held on October 29, 2019 at 7pm.

4) Mrs. Kelly McDonald, Town Clerk, explained that Rouses Point recently replaced their playground at the Civic Center. The Town of Rouses Point gave their unused one to the Town of Mooers at no cost, through Shared Services. The intent is to place this playground at the Mooers Forks Park.

Public Comment:

1) A question was asked about the parking on the corner/sidewalk by the Monette Building, if it was legal.

- 2) The Grant for the School Street project was discussed. This is available through the Clinton County Health Department, Complete Streets Program.
- 3) Mr. Randy LaCount asked about snow removal and if a truck was supplied. He mentioned the ad on website should have qualifications. Mr. LaCount also asked about Mr. Reeves Statue. Mr. LaCount said he was willing to help if needed.
- 4) Mr. Philip Perry asked when the sidewalks would be replaced, as some are a hazard. Supervisor Menard explained that Route 11 is scheduled to be dug up soon for draining so would like to wait until after. Supervisor Menard also discussed the possibility of extending sidewalks up the Hemmingford Road.
- 5) Mr. Perry also asked about the Bike Path at the Rec Park and where the money was coming from or how it was going to be finished. There was discussion about the matching fundraiser being utilized.
- 6) A question was asked if the issue with the inspections and smoking in the Highway trucks had been resolved. Supervisor Menard said the trucks had been inspected and the smoking had been stopped.

Vouchers:

General Fund	Voucher 213-239	\$21,688.89
Highway	Voucher 176-238	\$18,729.23
Trust & Agency	Voucher 33-36	\$13,690.77
Mooers & Mooers Forks Lights	Voucher 238	\$963.36
Total of Abstracted Vouchers Paid		\$55,072.25

Adjourn: Councilperson Bulriss made a motion for the meeting be adjourned, Councilperson Breyette seconded the motion. All in favor. Thus, Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly L. McDonald, TOWN CLERK