

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Mooers held November 10, 2015 at the Mooers Office Complex commencing at 7:00 PM

Present: Jeff Menard, Supervisor
Steve Barcomb, Councilperson
Gerald LaValley, Councilperson
Mary Myatt, Councilperson
Donald Perras, Councilperson

Recording Secretary: Brandi B. Lloyd, Town Clerk

Others Present: Kaleigh Mills, Dog Control Officer

Absent: none

Meeting: Supervisor Jeff Menard called the Meeting to Order at 7:00PM, then he asked Mrs. Brandi Lloyd 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 October 13, 2015 Minutes as well as their copies of the October 27, 2015 Minutes. They all replied yes. Supervisor Jeff Menard then asked if there were any omissions or corrections, there were none from the Town Board. Councilperson Perras then made a motion to accept the October 13, 2015 Minutes as well as the October 27, 2015 Minutes as written and Supervisor Menard seconded the Motion. The result of a Roll Call was 5 AYES and 0 NOES, therefore Supervisor Menard declared Minutes accepted as written.

Town Business 1: Supervisor Menard said the Town Board held the Budget Hearing meeting on October 27th. Supervisor Menard went over the various lines on the 2016 Budget; therefore Councilperson Barcomb made a motion that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS; this Board having on October 27, 2015 at 6 o'clock p.m., duly held a public hearing on the preliminary budget approved by this Board and filed with the Town Clerk for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2016, including the fire protection district budget and light district budgets for 2016 and having heard all persons desiring to be heard in the matter and the matter of the budget for this Town for such fiscal year having been fully discussed and considered,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that said Preliminary Budget be approved and filed as aforesaid including the fire protection district budget and the light district budgets for 2016 is hereby approved and established as the annual budget for this Town for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016, and that such annual budget be so adopted in detail in the minutes of the proceedings of this Town Board, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk of the Town shall prepare and certify as provided by law, duplicate copies of the said annual budget hereby adopted, shall attach thereto an exemption report in compliance with requirements of Chapter 258 of the Laws of 2008, and deliver one of such copies to the Supervisor of the Town, and the Supervisor shall present such copy to the Board of Legislators of the County as required by law.

The motion was seconded by Councilperson Myatt. The result of a Roll Call was 5 AYES (Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Myatt, Councilperson Barcomb, Councilperson Lavalley, and Councilperson Perras) and 0 NOES, therefore Supervisor Menard declared **Resolution #25-2015** adopted.

Highway: Highway Supervisor Eugene Boulерice said they are working on the sand. He said they have finished working on getting the trucks ready for plow season. Highway Supervisor Eugene Boulерice added that the Town has saved money already this season due to the mild weather. Supervisor Menard read the letter of resignation received from Highway Supervisor Eugene Boulерice with the resignation date as of November 30, 2015. Therefore Councilperson Barcomb made a motion for the Town Board to accept the resignation letter of Highway Supervisor Eugene Boulерice. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Menard. The result of a Roll Call was 5 AYES (Supervisor Menard, Councilperson LaValley,

Councilperson Myatt and Councilperson Perras) and 0 NOES, therefore Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried. Supervisor Menard said with that in mind, the own Board needs to make an appointment to fill the vacancy for the month of December as Mr. Kris Gilmore, who was elected to the position, will begin his term in office January 1, 2016. There was some discussion. Therefore Councilperson Barcomb made a motion for the Town Board to appoint Mr. Gilmore to the position of Highway Superintendent from December 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Perras. The result of a Roll Call was 5 AYES (Supervisor Menard, Councilperson LaValley, Councilperson Myatt and Councilperson Perras) and 0 NOES, therefore Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

Library: Mrs. Jackie Madison said the entire board of the Mooers Free Library has resigned. She added that letters have been received from three people to date. Supervisor Menard said he spoke with the attorney and it was the attorney's opinion that the Town Board should appoint members to the board of the Mooers Free Library. Supervisor Menard said he had received a letter from a Koreena Van Nortwick regarding the fact that the funds from the school had yet to be received by the Mooers Free Library. Supervisor Menard explained that the fiscal year of the school is different and that funds should be received around the first of the year. He said he would speak with the school Superintendent to confirm. Mrs. Van Nortwick said Mrs. Madison can't pay the bills because the checkbook is in the name of a member of the library board. Supervisor Menard said he the Town Board would need the name of any person interested in becoming a member of the library board. Mrs. van Nortwick gave each Town Board member a handout and suggested that they might take over the library board until one has been reestablished. She also said that friends of the library will be hosting a spaghetti dinner fundraiser. Supervisor Menard discussed the new library building. Mrs. Madison said the library has about \$20,000.00 in grant money available as well as the \$10,000.00 approved on Election Day for the interior of the building. Supervisor Menard said he would like to move forward and have the new library building insulated and heated. Councilperson Lavalley asked if that would require a referendum. Supervisor Menard said it would not, it would just need to go out in the paper. He asked Mr. Lavalley if he would find out how much it would cost to insulate the building as well as electricity and a heating system. Councilperson Lavalley agreed. There was some discussion.

Dog Control: Mrs. Kaleigh Mills submitted the report for October. The October report showed 23 reports with two dogs in the shelter. She asked the Board if she could go ahead and have the two insulation panels replaced that were damaged by a dog in the shelter a couple of months ago. The Board agreed.

Beautification Committee: Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from the Beautification Committee would like to address the board. Mrs. Scarlett Sample asked, with the referendum passing on Election Day for \$10,000.00, when would the funds be made available. Supervisor Menard said they would have to set up their own checking account. Mrs. Sample also asked about having any unused funds from their budget each year be added to their account. Supervisor Menard said he would speak to Mr. Murnane.

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: Mr. Dan Dumas, Fire Chief, was not present. Supervisor Menard said a report had not been received.

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.

Court: Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from the Court would like to address the board. Mrs. Crystal Bulriss, Court Clerk, said they updated their computer system and at no cost to the Town. The Justice Fund report for October showed total receipts of \$11,548.00 with \$7,346.00 going to the State, \$0.00 to the County, and \$4,202.00 to the Town of Mooers.

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 from the report that had been submitted by Mr. Jess Dixon. The October report showed a total of five building permits issued, 13 calls, two inspections, three violations.

Old Business:

Old Business 2: Supervisor Menard said the inmates finished mowing the Old Riverside Cemetery. He asked Highway Supervisor Eugene Boulerice if he could remove the several bags of brush. He agreed. Supervisor Menard explained that Riverside Cemetery has two CD's associated with it through TD Banknorth in Chazy. One, worth around \$15,000.00, will mature in December 2105. The other, worth around \$12,000.00, will mature in September 2016. He said the penalty for cashing out the first CD would be \$52.00 and \$27.00 for the second CD. Supervisor Menard asked the Board if they would like to pay the penalty, cash in the CD's, and deposit the funds into the account at Community Bank or wait for the dates of maturity to do so. There was some discussion. Therefore Councilperson Barcomb made a motion for the Town Board to wait for the mature dates to cash in both penalties and then deposit the funds into the account at Community Bank. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Perras. The result of a Roll Call was 5 AYES (Supervisor Menard, Councilperson LaValley, Councilperson Myatt and Councilperson Perras) and 0 NOES, therefore Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

New Business: none

Supervisor Menard asked if anyone would like to address the Town Board.

Public Comment 1: Rev. Sally White, in attendance, asked why, in the three years that she has been in Mooers, there seems to not have been much progress made regarding the new library. She added when other organizations needed funding for a project, for example Senior Housing raising money for a new elevator, they worked together with the community. There was some discussion. A person in attendance asked if there were any requirements to be a member of the Library Board. Supervisor Menard answered any interested person must be at least 18 years old and a resident of Mooers. Rev. White encouraged those involved with the library to work together with the community and to remain positive. Mrs. Bulriss asked if the Friends of the Library group was still active. Mrs. Madison said the group had dissolved. There was some discussion.

Public Comment 2: A gentleman in attendance asked about the maintenance of the sidewalks in Mooers and Mooers Forks. Supervisor Menard said they would be maintained the same as last year in Mooers. He said he would like to get bids on the maintenance of the sidewalks in Mooers Forks rather than hauling the skid steer to Mooers Forks like last year. Councilperson Myatt asked if the bids could come from individuals or just companies. Supervisor Menard said either. Highway Supervisor Eugene Boulerice mentioned that some sidewalks in the Village needed to be redone, but maybe the work should wait until the Town knows what they plan to do regarding Town sewer and water. Mr. Phillip Miller asked if anyone would be able to bid the sidewalks or if they would have to be insured. Supervisor Menard said they would have to be insured. There was some discussion. Supervisor Menard said his main objective is to save money and keep the sidewalks open.

Public Comment 3: Mrs. Scarlet Sample asked if Highway Supervisor Eugene Boulerice could pick up the flags and put up the Christmas banners. He agreed. There was some discussion

Public Comment 4: Supervisor Menard said there have apparently been some negative statements made on social media regarding the Water and Sewer Study. He said some residents are voicing their concern about the cost of the study. He clarified that it is just a study to see if it would be affordable to the residents and that it will not be forced on any individuals. There was some discussion. Supervisor Menard said the surveys would be mailed out soon. He asked Mrs. Brandi Lloyd if she had a date. She answered that they would be mailed out by Nov. 20th.

Voucher: The Audited Vouchers to be paid off the Abstracted Vouchers on November 10, 2015 are as follows:

General - Townwide -----(Vouchers 1105 - 1121)-----	\$ 27,246.23
Highway - Townwide -----(Voucher 762 - 786)-----	134,210.17
Mooers Forks Lights----- (Voucher 1117)-----	363.58
Mooers Lights -----(Voucher 1117)-----	621.42
Riverside Cemetery----- (Voucher 4)-----	36.79
Trust & Agency -----(Voucher 143 - 145)-----	10,899.87
Union Cemetery----- (Voucher 4)-----	95.74

Total of Abstracted Vouchers Paid-----\$173,473.80

Adjourn: Councilperson Barcomb made a motion for the meeting be adjourned. Supervisor Menard seconded the motion. All in favor. Thus, Supervisor Jeff Menard declared the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:41PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

BRANDI B. LLOYD, TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR