

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Mooers held November 12, 2013 at the Mooers Office Complex commencing at 7:00P.M.

Present: Cory Ross, Supervisor
Steve Barcomb, Councilman
Eugene Bushey, Councilman
Gerald LaValley, Councilman

Recording Secretary: Brandi Lloyd, Town Clerk
Others Present: Kaleigh LaBombard, Dog Control Officer
Eugene Boulerville, Highway Supervisor
Jaclyn Madison, Librarian
Jim Coffey, attorney

Absent: Jess Dixon, Code Enforcement Officer

Meeting: Supervisor Cory Ross called the Meeting to Order at 7:00PM, then he asked 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 8, 2013 Minutes. They all replied yes. Supervisor Cory Ross then asked if there were any omissions or corrections, there were none. Councilman Gerald Lavalley then made a motion to accept the October 8, 2013 Minutes as written and Councilman Gene Bushey seconded the Motion. The result of a Roll Call was 4 AYES and 0 NOES, therefore Supervisor Cory Ross declared Minutes accepted as written.

Highway: Highway Supervisor Eugene Boulerville reported that the paving of roads is pretty much completed. Mr. Boulerville said that the plows had been put on the trucks. He added that they had started some plowing and sanding on some roads.

Fire Department: Mr. Raymond Phair, Fire Chief, handed in the October report. Mr. Phair added that the Fire Department had received 7 calls in October. The October report contained the following: Station #1 had 7 calls, Station #2 had 2 calls, Town had 6 calls and Mutual Aid had 1 call. Average Response Time=3.1 minutes. -----Incident types were Vehicle Fire=1----Power Lines=2----Good Intent=1-- --Auto Alarms=1----Electrical=1----Other=1 (1 CO2). Mutual aid to Hemmingford=1. Mutual Aid from Ellenburg Depot=1. Vehicle 251(Pumper) used 5 times, vehicle 252(Brush Truck) used 1 time, vehicle 253(Squad) used 0 times, vehicle 254(Pumper) used 1 time, vehicle 257(Heavy Rescue) used 4 times, vehicle 258(Tanker) used 2 times, vehicle 259(Pumper) used 2 times, and vehicle 25-AIR(Air Truck) used 0 times. Gallons of diesel fuel used and gallons of gasoline used not reported.

Dog Control: DCO Kaleigh LaBombard reported that she currently has four dogs in the shelter and that one dog will need to be euthanized due to aggression issues. Ms. LaBombard handed in the itemized report for October 2013 which showed the following: one dog came in from Altona, three dogs came in from the Town of Mooers, one dog came in from Chazy, and a total of 31 reports/ complaints were received.

Code Enforcement Officer: Mr. Jess Dixon was not in attendance, but he handed in the Building Permit report for the month of October 2013 earlier in the day. Mr. Dixon reported that last month there were a total of seven building permits issued, zero violations issued, six complaints, and a total of 46 calls.

Library: Mrs. Jaclyn Madison reported that the library had a very successful "Fright Night" with approximately 100 people in attendance. She said they were able to give out lots of prizes as they had many donations. Mrs. Madison added that the remainder of the candy was given to the food shelf. She announced that the library would be hosting their "Santa Brigade" on December 7th this year.

Letter from Clinton County Health Department: Supervisor Ross read the letter received from the Clinton County Health Department (CCHD) regarding Meth-Lab Clean-up and Remediation. He explained that the CCHD sent this letter to inform Mr. Jess Dixon that they had been made aware that at least two Meth-Labs were previously seized in the Town of Mooers. Supervisor Ross said the letter went on to say that the CCHD strongly recommends that the owners of said residences be directed to implement environmental testing and remediation of said residences prior to initiating re-occupancy.

Code Enforcement Officer 2: Supervisor Ross discussed the need for an updated software program for the code enforcement officer, Mr. Jess Dixon. He said that the software being currently utilized is out of date. He added that this new software, offered by Business Automation Services Inc. (BAS), is cutting edge and has all codes needed to do the job of code enforcement officer included. Supervisor Ross asked the Board members if they had any questions or if they would like to look over the information. He said a decision could be made on whether to purchase the software at a later date.

Zoning Board of Appeals: Supervisor Ross announced that the Mooers Zoning Board of Appeals would be holding a meeting on November 13, 2013 in the Mooers Courtroom.

Dog Control 2: Supervisor Ross said that the moveable dog shelter is well underway. Ms. LaBombard added that it should be completed by the end of November.

Highway 2: Supervisor Ross explained that the Town had submitted the CHIPS Reimbursement paperwork and that the Town will be receiving \$179,866.75.

Clinton County Department of Health: Supervisor Ross said that he and Mr. Leon Menard met with the Department of Health to discuss the recent violation against the Mooers Volunteer Fire Department and the Town of Mooers regarding recent violations with the well water. He explained that the CCHD issued a Stipulation Agreement including the collection of samples, submitting quarterly reports, collecting one-time chemical samples, and collecting monthly raw water samples. Supervisor Ross said fines, originally set at \$1,750.00 had been reduced to zero. He added that Mr. Menard will be responsible for the required testing and will keep a record near the water system.

Fire Department 2: Supervisor Ross explained that the Fire Protection Contract with the Mooers Fire Department has expired. He said a new contract needs to be completed soon. Supervisor Ross asked Mr. Phair, Fire Chief, if he could get together with the Board to start discussing the contract and to find out if there would be any changes to the contract so a new one could be drawn up.

Letter from Direct Energy: Supervisor Ross read a letter received from Direct Energy. The letter explained that the accounts of those previously being served by NYSEG Solutions had been moved into the Direct Energy's system in March of this year. During that time, Direct Energy was not able to provide Energy Alliance pricing, as they had originally communicated. Since Direct Energy was unable to fulfill the expectations of their customers, they are extending a courtesy credit to the Town of Mooers. The credit, amount not provided, will apply to the to the May 2013 thru August 2013 meter reads.

Town Business 1: Supervisor Ross said that the Town Budget for 2014 has been completed and reviewed by the Board members. He said that the Town held a public hearing on the preliminary budget on October 12, 2013: therefore Councilman Barcomb made a motion that the following be adopted:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that said Preliminary Budget approved and filed as aforesaid including the fire protection district budget and the light district budgets for 2014 is hereby approved and established as the annual budget for this Town for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2014, 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 Supervisor Ross. The result of a Roll Call was 4 AYES (Supervisor Cory Ross, Councilman Barcomb, Councilman Lavalley, and Councilman Bushey) and 0 NOES, therefore Supervisor Cory Ross declared **Resolution #046-2013** adopted.

Mooers Youth Commission: Supervisor Ross asked Brandi Lloyd, Town Clerk/ Tax Collector to read Resolution #045-2013 regarding The Mooers Youth Commission and the Mooers Booster Club; therefore Councilman Barcomb made a motion that the following be adopted:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, That in order to officially separate the Roxie Dumas - Louanne Dragoon Memorial Soccer Tournament from the Mooers Youth Commission Committee and the Town of Mooers, the checking account in the name of "The Mooers Booster Club" will be closed. All monies will go to the group organizing the Roxie Dumas - Louanne Dragoon Memorial Soccer Tournament; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the title of "The Mooers Booster Club" itself will no longer be used by the Town or by those organizing the Roxie Dumas - Louanne Dragoon Memorial Soccer Tournament, and

RESOLVED, That the Town will continue to have active members of The Mooers Youth Commission Committee. Those organizing the Roxie Dumas - Louanne Dragoon Memorial Soccer Tournament have formed their own committee on their own terms and will do so from this date forward.

The motion was seconded by Supervisor Ross. The result of a Roll Call was 4 AYES (Supervisor Cory Ross, Councilman Barcomb, Councilman Lavalley, and Councilman Bushey) and 0 NOES, therefore Supervisor Cory Ross declared **Resolution #045-2013** adopted.

Highway 3: Supervisor Ross explained that The Town is need of additional help to maintain the sidewalks in the winter months, therefore Supervisor Ross made a motion that the following be adopted:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, BRUCE BULRISS AND TOM GOYETTE BE HIRED FOR PART-TIME TEMPORARY LABOR FOR THE TOWN OF MOOERS

The motion was seconded by Councilman Barcomb. The result of a Roll Call was 4 AYES (Supervisor Cory Ross, Councilman Barcomb, Councilman Lavalley, and Councilman Bushey) and 0 NOES, therefore Supervisor Cory Ross declared **Resolution #048-2013** adopted.

Town Business 2: The need has arisen where money in the Budget for the accounts listed have exceeded the original appropriation. The funds to cover the difference be made available as listed, as per the secretary to the supervisor; therefore Supervisor Ross made a motion that the following be adopted:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING FUNDS BE MOVED IN THE BUDGET JOURNAL TO THE DESIGNATED ACCOUNTS

\$1,973 FROM DOG DONATIONS A2705 TO CONTROL OF DOGS CONTRACTUAL A3510.4

The motion was seconded by Councilman Barcomb. The result of a Roll Call was 4 AYES (Supervisor Cory Ross, Councilman Barcomb, Councilman Lavalley, and Councilman Bushey) and 0 NOES, therefore Supervisor Cory Ross declared **Resolution #047-2013** adopted.

Town Business 3: Motion was made by Councilman Bushey to approve payment of vouchers 178-191, 307- 337. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Ross. All in favor. Motion carried.

Vouchers: The Audited Vouchers to be paid off the Abstracted Vouchers on October 8, 2013 are as follows:

General - Townwide-----	(Vouchers 307 - 331)-----	\$ 17,894.73
Highway - Townwide-----	(Voucher 178 - 191)-----	119,862.41
Mooers Fire Protection -----	(Voucher 327-328, 332 - 337)-----	1,232.74
Mooers Forks Lights-----	(Voucher 327)-----	393.66
Mooers Lights -----	(Voucher 327)-----	<u>678.94</u>
Total of Abstracted Vouchers Paid-----		\$140,062.48

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

Public Comment 1: Mr. Phair, Fire Chief, asked if the two people hired to maintain the sidewalks would also be plowing at the Fire Station and Pump House. Supervisor Ross said that they would. Mr. Phair then asked if the amount that Champlain EMS requested in their budget had changed. Supervisor Ross said that the amount had gone down. He added that Champlain EMS had requested the same increase from the Town of Champlain and that the Town of Champlain said no. Supervisor Ross said that Champlain EMS had to therefore change the amount requested from the Town of Mooers. Supervisor Ross explained that Champlain EMS was looking for the increase to help fund a future project of a new building in Champlain and one in Mooers Forks.

Public Comment 2: A lady in attendance asked when the Board would be filling the spot on the Board left vacant when Mr. Earl Robinson resigned. Supervisor Ross explained that some people have expressed interest in being on the Board and that a decision would be made next month at the monthly meeting or at the year-end meeting.

Adjourn: Councilman Bushey made a motion for the meeting be adjourned. Supervisor Ross seconded the motion and the result was 4 AYES (Supervisor Cory Ross, Councilman Eugene Bushey, Councilman Steve Barcomb and Councilman Gerald LaValley) and 0 NOES. Thus, Supervisor Cory Ross declared motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

BRANDI B. LLOYD, TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR