

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Mooers held
November 7, 2016 at the Mooers Fire Station commencing at 7:00 PM**

Present: Jeff Menard, Supervisor
Eugene ("Dickie") Boulerice, Councilperson
Gerald LaValley, Councilperson
Donald Perras, Councilperson
Mary Myatt, Councilperson

Recording Secretary: Jessica K. Bulriss, Town Clerk

Others Present: Kris Gilmore, Highway Superintendent
Myrtle Hawksby, Beautification Committee

Absent: None

Meeting: Supervisor Jeff Menard called the Meeting to Order at 7:00PM, he then asked Mrs. Jessica Bulriss 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 11, 2016 and October 26, 2016 Minutes. They all replied yes. Supervisor Jeff Menard then asked if there were any omissions or corrections. Supervisor Menard mentioned a correction that had already been made regarding the ice skating rink that will be located at St. Ann's pavilion. Mr. Tyson Dumas will be checking with the Town of Plattsburgh to see if they have a kit to construct a rink. Councilperson Myatt then made a motion to accept the October 11, 2016 Minutes and the October 26, 2016 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Perras. The result of the Roll Call was 5 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson Boulerice, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson LaValley, Councilperson Myatt) and 0 NOES. Therefore Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried and the Minutes accepted.

Highway: Highway Superintendent Kris Gilmore stated that the sand pile has been completed and they are getting the trucks ready for winter. He also stated that they have begun doing banners and flags. Supervisor Menard asked about the flower pots. Superintendent Gilmore replied that they are done. He also stated that the 2008 f150 needs work and he would like permission from the board to bring it to Mr. Donald Perras' shop because he does not have the time to do it himself. Supervisor Menard said that he would have Mrs. Rena Bosley contact the Association of Towns to make sure there is not a conflict of interest.

Superintendent Gilmore informed the board that the town of Chateaugay is interested in purchasing the Osh Kosh snow blower, which hasn't been used in three years. Supervisor Menard asked if that was the self propelled snow blower. Superintendent Gilmore replied that it was. Supervisor Menard asked what it was used for. Superintendent Gilmore replied that it was used for the banks. Supervisor Menard instructed Superintendent Gilmore to see what he could get for it. Superintendent Gilmore stated that he was unsure what it was worth. Councilperson Boulerice stated the he could check to see what it was insured for.

Superintendent Gilmore stated that the sand pit at the end of the Big Hill Road should be closing soon. He also stated that we can advertise it as surplus property and use it for the Highway budget. Supervisor Menard stated that when it is done the board can make a motion to put it out for bid.

Supervisor Menard informed Superintendent Gilmore that the highway building has been taken out of the highway budget. He also stated that any large purchases will need board approval.

Superintendent Gilmore stated that he spoke with Mr. Henry Gauthier. Mr. Gauthier refuses to sign an agreement between himself and the town regarding the issue on the Barcomb Road. Supervisor Menard stated that Mr. Gauthier would like the ditch cleaned from the road all of the way across the property. He also said that Mr. Leon Rabideau quoted a rough estimate of \$2,000.00 to clean the ditch. The town would like Mr. Gauthier to sign an agreement with the town

stating that once the ditch has been cleaned he will not plug it again. There was more discussion regarding the issue on the Barcomb Road.

Superintendent Gilmore stated that he would like to purchase a GPS system. He said that it would cost about \$2,000.00 per year with an additional costs for set up. He believes that it would make it easier to keep track of what the County and State roads are costing the town. He also said that you can program maintenance into the system and it also includes 3 or 4 wrecker calls. Councilperson Perras asked if it would help reconcile fuel costs. Superintendent Gilmore replies yes. He also said that we would also be FEMA compliant regarding a smart phones at no additional cost.

Dog Control: Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from Dog Control would like to address the board. No person was present wishing to address the board at this time.

Beautification: Mrs. Myrtle Hawksby, present, stated that the flags are being taken down, but some are in very bad shape. Superintendent Gilmore said that the boy scouts are going to take the worn out flags and retire them by burning.

Tax Assessor: Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from the office of the Assessor would like to address the board. Mr. Larry Wolff, present, stated that there shouldn't be any tax increase due to the new construction.

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.

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. No person was present wishing to address the board at this time. Supervisor Menard read the report submitted for the month of September. The report showed a total of \$16,388.00 with \$11,039.00 going to the State of New York, \$780.00 to Clinton County, and \$4,569.00 going to the Town of Mooers. He also read the report for October. The report showed a total of \$12,709.00 with \$7,769.00 going to the State of New York, \$805.00 going to Clinton County, and \$4,135.00 going 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.

Cemeteries: Supervisor Menard stated that they are getting quotes for the Old Riverside Cemetery. He also stated that Mr. Michael Reeves contacted him after last month's meeting and expressed interest in working on the cemetery. Supervisor Menard said the representative from the Division of Cemeteries suggested asking for a new fence. He also stated that eventually the Beautification Committee would like to construct a memorial in front of the old cemetery. Mr. Michael Reeves, present, stated that there are a bunch of things that we as a community can do on our own. He also stated that he would like to use ultrasound to find hidden graves. He stated that he spoke with Mr. Cory Ross to inquire about the cost to construct a mausoleum as a way to make money for the town. Supervisor Menard stated that his main concern is to clean up the cemetery and go from there. He said that the quote he received for the fence is \$18,000.00. There was more discussion regarding the cemetery.

Fire Department: Supervisor Menard read the report submitted by Fire Chief Dan Dumas. He stated that the fire department had a total of five calls for the month of October. They have had ninety one calls to date.

Library: Mr. Art Menard, present, stated that some small grant money has come in. He also said it will be a stretch to be in the new building by December. He stated that they are hoping to get the front porch cemented and get the crushed stone brought in for the parking lot. He said that Dan Dumas has donated the septic tank. Supervisor Menard asked if the furnace was in. Mr. Menard replied that he was unsure because he was out of town. He also stated that he believed that parts of it were in. Mr. Menard showed the board the library's official logo and explained the brick by brick fundraiser. He stated that they are hoping to raise \$50,000.00. He stated that the funds will be used for

the completion of the library, community center, furnishings and , a reserve fund. He said that the fundraiser will go for one year and a 4x8 brick is \$100.00. The bricks will be displayed in the vestibule.

Councilperson Boulerville said that they dug a test hole for the septic system. He said that they should be able to use a regular septic system. He also stated that he dug up the water line from the old well and it has been moved to the property line. Councilperson Boulerville asked Superintendent Gilmore to bring sand and gravel to the new library.

Old Business:

Old Business 1: Supervisor Menard stated that he received a call from Corey Reed regarding the water and sewer project. Mr. Reed stated that the Health Department is willing to come in and go house to house to ask residents about their water and sewer. Mr. Reed also stated that the study is almost complete but there isn't a lot of data due to the dry summer. There was more discussion regarding the water and sewer project. Supervisor Menard asked the board if they would like the Health Department to come in and go door to door. A decision was made to not have the Health Department involved.

Old Business 2: Supervisor Menard stated that we need to adopt the 2017 Budget. The resolution was read by Mrs. Jessica Bulriss.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2017

WHEREAS; this Board having on October 26, 2016 at 6 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, 2017, including the fire protection district budgets and light district budgets for 2017 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 budgets and the light district budgets for 2017 is hereby approved and established as the annual budget for this Town for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2017, 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.

Motion: Supervisor Menard

Seconded by: Councilperson Perras

Discussion: none

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

Therefore; Supervisor Menard declared **Resolution #18-2016** is adopted.

DATED: November 7, 2015

JESSICA K. BULRISS TOWN CLERK

Resolution #18-2016

New Business:

New Business 1: Supervisor Menard stated that he received a contract to extend the snow and ice agreement for the 2018-2019 season. Supervisor Menard read the agreement. Councilperson Perras asked when the agreement would start. Supervisor Menard replied July 1, 2018. There was more discussion regarding the snow and ice agreement. Supervisor Menard stated they would table the agreement until next month until they could get some clarification on the dates.

New Business 2: Supervisor Menard stated that he received an email from Mr. Gary Cardin asking if the town would like to hire him to clean the sidewalks again this winter. A motion was made by Supervisor Menard to hire Gary Cardin to clean the sidewalks. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Myatt. The result of the Roll Call was 5 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson Boulerville, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Myatt, Councilperson LaValley) and 0 NOES. Therefore Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

New Business 3: Supervisor Menard stated the he has a card from Assembly Woman Janet Duprey. He stated that they are going to have a reception on Thursday December 1st at the West Side Ballroom in Plattsburgh from 5:30 to 7:30 and that everyone is invited.

New Business 4: Supervisor Menard stated that he received a check from the Clinton County Treasurer for \$14,555.29. The check represents the town's portion of the mortgage tax redistribution for a period of April 1, 2016 to September 30, 2016.

New Business 5: Mr. John Labarge, present, from the Bull Run Wind Project stated that the Army Corps of Engineers and DEC came out and did a preliminary review of wetlands, which went well. He also said they heard back regarding the bid that was submitted to New England last winter, which was not accepted. There will be another bid coming up in April of 2017. Mr. Labarge stated that they have submitted a host community agreement to the town. He also said that next week they will be in touch with the town's attorney, but would also like to get the supervisors together to set up the standards for the visual simulations. He said they are looking to get their application in early next year. Supervisor Menard asked what the average output of kilowatts would be per turbine. Mr. Labarge replied that they put out 3.45 megawatts or 3,450 kilowatts per turbine.

Public Comment:

Public Comment 1: Mr. Michael Reeves stated that there used to be a marker declaring the bridge on East Street a historical site, but someone has taken it.

Public Comment 2: Mrs. Beverly Perras asked if there has been an update on the feral cat problem. Supervisor Menard replied that has not. He also said that the shelters are full.

Executive Session: Supervisor Menard stated that the board needed to go into executive session. A motion was made by Councilperson Boulerville to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Perras. All in favor. Motion carried. The board went into executive session at 8:02 pm. The board came out of executive session at 8:20 pm.

Voucher: The Audited Vouchers to be paid off the Abstracted Vouchers on October 11, 2016 as follows:

General - Townwide -----(Vouchers 255-271)-----	\$38,838.04
Highway - Townwide -----(Vouchers 193-215)-----	\$150,085.85
Mooers Forks Lights----- (Voucher 268)-----	\$370.44
Mooers Lights -----(Voucher 268)-----	\$638.35
Trust & Agency -----(Vouchers 32-34)-----	\$12,188.10

Total of Abstracted Vouchers Paid----- \$202,120.78

Adjourn: Councilperson Boulerville made a motion for the meeting be adjourned. All in favor. Thus, Supervisor Jeff Menard declared the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

JESSICA K. BULRISS, TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

