

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Mooers held
December 10, 2018 at the Mooers Office Complex commencing at 7:00 PM**

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

Recording Secretary: Kelly L. McDonald, Town Clerk

Others Present: Kayleigh LaBombard, Dog Control Officer
Larry Wolff, Tax Assessor
Myrtle Hawksby, Beautification
Dan Dumas, Fire Chief
Art Menard, Library

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.

Minutes: All the Board Members were asked if they had read their copies of the November 14, 2018 minutes. Councilperson Perras made a motion to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Menard. The result of the Roll Call was 4 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson Boulerice, Supervisor Menard, and Councilperson Breyette), 1 abstain (Councilperson Bulriss) and 0 NOES. Therefore, Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried and the Minutes accepted as written.

Highway: Superintendent Gilmore asked if the generator was fixed, he said last week Mooers Forks lost power and were without for a long time. Supervisor Menard asked what it needed. Superintendent Gilmore is not sure if a bid will have to be done. Superintendent Gilmore also stated the Highway Department did not have hot water. He stated he didn't want to spend a lot of money on it, but they needed hot water for the employees. There was discussion of if an on-demand propane one the cheapest, most effective route. It was asked if the water had been tested to see why it was damaging the systems. Councilperson Boulerice had said it was at one point and deemed safe for drinking. Superintendent Gilmore asked if Supervisor Menard has heard any more on the air compressor in the Morelock Building the town is buying. Supervisor Menard said he has not. Superintendent Gilmore said it would cost \$2-3,000 to buy a new one. He said the diesel was not running that well with the weather, they are having trouble changing tires because of it. Supervisor Menard stated they were just waiting in the closing of the building and explained the compressor comes with the building. Superintendent Gilmore said he would get quotes for the water heater and generator. Supervisor Menard asked if the Perry's driveway had been fixed. Superintendent Gilmore said it had not appeared to be. Superintendent Gilmore said the last thing he had was he had 2 different ones coming to spec out prices for the building to cover the sand piles. One said they do the grant writing for it. There was further discussion on the size of building needed and type of roof. Supervisor Menard discussed plowing of the Town Office Complex. He stated that Dragoon's has done it the last couple of times, but it sets them back. Supervisor Menard wondered if it should be contracted out? Superintendent Gilmore stated he thought they would continue to do it as they had it the past, that if it hadn't been plowed by a certain time that Dragoon's would plow. Supervisor Menard said he did not know if that would work with the other responsibilities they have. Superintendent Gilmore said they were short of help. Station 2 also had concerns with snow and where to put it. Supervisor Menard asked if they should call in subs to help plow? He also stated the library needed to be plowed. Superintendent Gilmore said they were short on subs and needed an updated list. There was also question on sidewalks, but Superintendent Gilmore stated there were issues with skid steer and health issues with the person that used to do it. Supervisor Menard said they would discuss it further.

Library: Mr. Art Menard discussed the success of the Grand Opening of the Library this past September. Mr. Menard said the soccer tournament really helped. Mr. Menard stated the Hogan's were thrilled as well as the Evan's. The building is now the Paul and Elizabeth Hogan

Memorial Building. The Library is still the Mooers Free Library. Mr. Menard gave an update on the grant, which was \$79,000. This was delated and came the last day of August. They were able to use it to pay the contractors and such, and now owe no money. There is \$25,000 left to spend on new shelves, chairs, desks, etc. There are also 5 new computers from a different grant. The last 5% will come in when the report is sent in by June. The Library is in good financial standing. Mr. Menard stated they would like to have an outdoor storage shed, perhaps the Billy Jones Grant could help with this. They are still waiting to hear on this. Mr. Menard discussed Olivia leaving the library, and that she hated to go but that she was moving to Vermont. They have a new librarian, Jennifer Levine from Chazy, with a master's degree in Library Science. She started December 1st, and the library hours will be Monday 10a-5p, Tues 11a-6p, Friday 11a-6p and Saturday 9a-1p. Mr. Menard stated they had their end of year meeting and passed their Austerity Budget. Mr. Menard discussed snow plowing and hopes the town can help with this, as they are on an austerity budget. They can afford to pay someone once in awhile but if more often it would be a hardship. Supervisor Menard reminded Superintendent Gilmore of the sidewalks and emergency exits to be cleared. Councilperson Perras asked how the hating budget was for the Library. Mr. Menard stated they had a \$2,000 budget, and that worked last year. He feels like it will be enough for this year as well. He explained the insulation was great in the building and that even in the summer it stayed cool. They do need to find a way to decrease humidity because of the books.

Dog Control: Ms. Kaleigh Labombard, Dog Control Officer, stated that she had her State Audit earlier that day and that she passed. Ms. LaBombard stated they went over her paperwork and equipment and that everything was good. She states that they will fine towns if they don't have a signed shelter contract, that they just need a signed contract for January 1, 2019. The amount previously approved was \$2,500 for up to 15 dogs which should be good unless they have an animal cruelty case. Ms. LaBombard discussed the calls she received. She received a call from a person who would not give their name. She stated she drove down to find the dog but was unable to. The person called again but she was still unable to find the dog and asked that they take a picture if it happens again. There was also a call of a dog that fatally attacked another dog. It was handled civilly between the two parties, as it was on private property after consulting with the State Police. Supervisor Menard asked how the building removal was going with the Malone Animal Shelter. Ms. LaBombard stated it was going well and only a few things left. Supervisor Menard explained for those that didn't know that the propane heater and 2 propane tanks had been stolen out of the building. The State Troopers are investigating. MX will also file a report as the tanks belonged to them. The Malone Animal Shelter is trying to raise money to replace the heater. Ms. LaBombard also brought up that by October 2019 she will be required to have a microchip scanner and will check into grants available to help with this. There was also discussion of the Feral Cat Program, they may be able to both use.

Beautification: Mrs. Myrtle Hawksby stated that Mrs. Sample was trying to see if the CTC could put up the Christmas lights on the poles. Superintendent Gilmore stated that no they were unable to because they are behind. Supervisor Menard was going to check with Rouses Point to see if they could. The lights are ready to go, Mr. Bruce Bulriss had fixed them and they are loaded up.

Youth Program: Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from the Youth Commission would like to address the board. No person was present wishing to address the board.

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.

Fire Department: Mr. Dan Dumas stated that the new fire truck was going to be at the station tomorrow night and anyone can stop by and see it. They will be a little tight on space until the air truck leaves at end of the month and the ambulance relocates. There were 14 calls for the month of November (163 for the year so far).

Tax Assessor: Mr. Larry Wolff, Tax Assessor explained that people should get their applications for exemptions in by March, as he is unsure of any changes the Governor may make. Mr. Wolff also said according to sales, the town is underassessed.

EMS: Supervisor said they are working on getting the closing done on the new EMS Building. It has been difficult getting ahold of the lawyer to move forward. Supervisor Menard explained the Town have a new lawyer as of January 1, 2019. Supervisor Menard said he will continue to call and get it moving forward. Mr. Wolff asked if the new lawyer would handle the closing if its after the first of the year. Supervisor Menard had asked Murnane if he wanted to finish it or have new Lawyer do so but has not heard back.

Court: Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from the office of Court would like to address the board. No person was present wishing to address the board. Supervisor Menard read the Court Report that was submitted for the month of October; \$10,585 was brought in for the month. \$7,455 of that went to the State, \$70 to the County and \$3,060 to the Town of Mooers. In November, \$6,360 was brought in; \$4,690 went to the State, \$10 to the county and \$6,360 to the Town of Mooers.

Code Enforcement: Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from Code Enforcement would like to address the board. No person was present wishing to address the board. Supervisor Menard stated that Mr. Jess Dixon, Code Enforcement Officer was working on the feral cat problem and will have a contract by January 1, 2019. Also, as far as the Garrard Road property is concerned the Lawyer advised they wait until some of the snow melts to clear out the property. They will not have to wait as she has been served and the proper amount of time has passed.

Old Business:

Old Business 1)

Supervisor Menard asked Mrs. Kelly McDonald, Town Clerk to read the 2 resolutions to be voted on, which she did.

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RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH PETTY CASH FUND FOR THE OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

Whereas: The collection of 2019 Land Taxes begins January 1, 2019 and

Whereas: There is the need for the office of the Tax Collector to have change for payments of taxes

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THE TAX COLLECTOR BE ALLOTTED THE SUM OF \$300.00 FOR PETTY CASH FOR THE 2019 TAX SEASON

Motion: Councilperson Bulriss

Seconded by: Supervisor Menard

Discussion: none

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

Therefore; Supervisor Menard declared **Resolution #35-2018** adopted.

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RESOLUTION TO KEEP PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL PROGRAMMING

Whereas; Hometown Cable has been providing cable access programming in our area since 1983,

Whereas; Over the past three and a half decades, our tax payers and the cable-TV subscribers in our franchise area have grown to rely on Home Town Cable for our Public, Educational & Governmental Programs,

Whereas; Home town Cable is presently providing coverage of approximately 500 new events in our immediate viewing area annually, as well as sharing our history from their 20,000-plus local video library.

Whereas; It is a universal franchise requirement that the cable-TV provider (Spectrum) provide public access channels for Public, Educational and Governmental (PEG) programming,

Whereas; Home Town Cable is no longer able to provide a Leased channel, but wishes to continue to provide their local-content programming on the Public Access channel,

Whereas; Due to the volume of the content provided by Home Town Cable, sharing a PEG channel with so many regional communities is highly impractical,

Now therefore be it resolved; We respectfully request to have a dedicated P-E-G channel, exclusive to our five-Town, two-Village cable subscriber area, so as to provide continued timely coverage of our local school, community, governmental and historical programming.

Motion: Councilperson Bulriss

Seconded by: Councilperson Perras

Discussion: yes

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

Therefore; Supervisor Menard declared **Resolution #36-2018** adopted.

DATED: December 10, 2018

Old Business 2)

Supervisor Menard discussed a phone call he had with the owners of the Solar Farm, requesting a reduction in Solar Farm #4. Supervisor Menard told the Board had already voted against it. Supervisor Menard said he had spoken with NCCS Superintendent Rob Garrand, he also does not feel they should give the solar farm a break in their price. They also discussed the Boulerice Road that had been in question. The Solar Farm Company said they were willing to pave the road and maintain it. Currently, there is nothing in writing. Supervisor Menard said they would wait until spring and have a quote done. Supervisor Menard stated he also had a conversation with Chris Rodgers about a pilot programs called Solar for All. It is a new NYSERDA initiative that provides no-cost community solar subscriptions to eligible low-income New Yorker's.

New Business:

New Business 1:

Supervisor Menard explained that he and Mrs. Kelly McDonald, Town Clerk, had discussed different ways of getting information out to the public. He explained that not a lot of people buy papers anymore. Mrs. McDonald had suggested that the Town have a Facebook page that would be used for providing day to day information to the people of the town. Mrs. McDonald explained many Towns in the are currently do this. Also, it is possible to block people from commenting, and to have it as an information only page to let residents know about programs are available, events happening etc. Supervisor Menard stated it would be a good way to provide information such as the Low-Income solar program and that also a resident had come in not knowing there was a Budget Hearing, even with it being in the newspaper. Supervisor Menard said he thought it was a good way to

get information out to people. Councilperson Breyette asked who the administrator would be, Supervisor Menard said he assumed Mrs. McDonald would be. She said yes, she was willing to do so. There was discussion that even when things go into the paper not everyone sees it or knows to look for it. Supervisor Menard asked if the Board was willing to go ahead with this. Councilperson Bulriss made a motion to move forward with a Town Facebook Page, Councilperson Perras seconded the motions. All 5 were in favor and motion carried.

New Business 2: Supervisor Menard discussed an email her received from Calvin Castine, who runs Home Town Cable. Supervisor Menard explained he’s had a dedicated station for his programs for a long time, but it’s being bought out by Spectrum. Mr. Castine would like a resolution passed and sent to spectrum. Councilperson Bulriss made a motion, Councilperson Perras seconded the motion. All 5 voted yes.

New Business 3: Supervisor Menard said he and Councilperson Bulriss were going to a presentation at Clinton Community College on Wednesday night on switching street lights to LED. Supervisor Menard asked if anyone else was interested in going. Councilperson Breyette said he was interested in going.

New Business 4: Supervisor Menard stated the Year End Meeting would be held 12/31/2018 at 12pm to close out the year. He also stated that starting in January 2019, the Monthly Town Board Meetings will be held on Tuesday at 7pm. The next meeting will be Tuesday January 8, 2019 at 7pm.

Public Comment:

Public Comment 1: Mr. Larry Wolff discussed Calvin Castine and how he is at every event that is done, and it would be a shame to lose him.

Public Comment 2: Mr. Art Menard mentioned that whenever NCCS was closed due to a snow day, the library would also be closed and therefore not in a hurry to be plowed.

Public Comment 3: Mr. Dumas explained they are having trouble with their door leaving their meeting room. It’s the double doors, he worries if there in an emergency. Supervisor Menard said he would price out the crash bar. He also said he would check on exit signs for them as well.

Vouchers:

General Town Wide	Voucher 270-290	\$21,414.16
Highway	Voucher 207-224	\$58,244.05
Trust & Agency	Voucher 46-49	\$13,480.98
Mooers & Mooers Forks Lights	Voucher 288	\$1,189.13
Cemeteries	Voucher 48	\$400.00

Total of Abstracted Vouchers Paid **\$94,728.32**

Adjourn: Councilperson Menard motioned for the meeting be adjourned, Boulerice seconded the motion. All in favor. Thus, Supervisor Jeff Menard declared the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly L. McDonald, TOWN CLERK