

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Mooers held
February 11, 2020 at the Mooers Office Complex commencing at 7:00 PM**

Present: Jeff Menard, Supervisor
Donald Perras, Councilperson
Randy LaCount, Councilperson
Irving Breyette, Councilperson

Recording Secretary: Kelly L. McDonald, Town Clerk

Others Present: Myrtle Hawksby, Beautification
Todd Gumlaw, Fire Chief
Art Menard, Library
Larry Wolff, Tax Assessor
Jason Poulin, Code Enforcement Officer
Francis Peryea, Clinton County Legislator Area 2

Absent: Christopher Bulriss, Councilperson
Kris Gilmore, Highway Superintendent

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 December 31, 2019 meeting minutes. Councilperson Breyette made a motion to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Perras. The result of the Roll Call was 4 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson LaCount, Supervisor Menard, and Councilperson Breyette), 0 NOES and 1 ABSENT (Councilperson Bulriss). Therefore, Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried and the Minutes accepted as written.

Library: Mr. Art Menard said they were very pleased with how the snow removal was going. Mr. Menard discussed how the Grants were going. Mr. Menard said NYSEG would be holding a meeting on 2/15 at 10am to discuss their bills and any questions with the Solar Programs. There is also going to be a Leap Day Garage Sale on 2/29/2020, as well as book and bake sale- from 9am-1pm.

Beautification: Mrs. Myrtle Hawksby said the lights need to come down when there is a chance. Mrs. Hawksby also said the Boy Scouts have donated the Beatification Committee \$1,000 since they have disbanded. This money was given back to the Fire Department and then donated to the Beautification Committee to help buy new lighted decorations.

Tax Assessor: Mr. Larry Wolff, Tax Assessor, discussed that assessments may need to be raised in Mooers Forks. Mr. Wolff also reminded that the Star Exemption applications will need to be in by March 1, 2020.

Fire Department: Supervisor Menard read the report submitted by Mr. Todd Gumlaw, Fire Chief for January 2020.

Court: Supervisor Menard red the report submitted for January 2020.

Code Enforcement: Mr. Jason Poulin, Code Enforcement Officer, read his report for January 2020. Supervisor Menard explained that the Board needs to rename Mr. Poulin as the Provisional Code Enforcement Officer, per the County's guidelines. Councilperson Perras made the motion to change title from Interim Code Enforcement Officer to Provisional Code Enforcement Officer. The motion was seconded by Councilperson LaCount. The result of the Roll Call was 4 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson LaCount, Supervisor Menard, and Councilperson Breyette), 0 NOES and 1 ABSENT (Councilperson Bulriss). Therefore, Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried and the Minutes accepted as written.

Old Business:

Old Business 1) Steve and Brian, representatives from Primelink, were present to address any issues and concerns people may have about the service. There explained that they would be able to install fiber optic as early as the next week. They further discussed the options available to the town, but with no firm prices. The Board decided to table the issue to meet and further compare the costs of the options they have been presented. Councilperson LaCount made the motion to further table. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Perras. The result of the Roll Call was 3 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson LaCount, and Supervisor Menard), 0 NOES, 1 ABSTAIN (Councilperson Breyette) and 1 ABSENT (Councilperson Bulriss). Therefore, Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

New Business:

New Business 1) Supervisor Menard presented the quotes for a Water Softening Service, and explained why there was a need for such. There was a quote from Culligan and Leon and Mike Menard. The Fire Department said they would also cover half the cost and Installation. There was also discussion on using an Iron Filter, as another option. One quote was for a commercial unit and one for a residential unit, therefore the Board voted to table to obtain more information. Councilperson LaCount made the motion to table. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Breyette. The result of the Roll Call was 4 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson LaCount, Supervisor Menard, and Councilperson Breyette), 0 NOES, and 1 ABSENT (Councilperson Bulriss). Therefore, Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

New Business 2) Supervisor Menard explained he received an email from Renee McFarland, from the IDA. The received an application from Delaware River Solar for a 5th Solar Farm, and they would like

to request a discount on their farm (same as last year's approved discount). They asked the Board to discuss the discount and send back their thoughts/ The Board discussed this and voted on it.

Motion to Stay with the \$6,000 fee for Solar Farm #4: Supervisor Menard

Seconded by: Councilperson Breyette

The result of a Roll Call was 4 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson LaCount, Supervisor Menard, and Councilperson Breyette), 0 NOES and 1 ABSENT (Councilperson Bulriss).

Therefore; Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

New Business 3) Supervisor Menard informed everyone that there is a North Country Honor Flight Fundraising Dinner at West Side Ballroom in Plattsburgh on March 20, 2020. It is at 5:30pm and is open with donations and sponsors.

New Business 4) Councilperson LaCount asked if there was any feedback on the swimming Contract with Champlain and Rouses Point that had been discussed in January. At this time there has not been.

New Business 5) RESOLUTION FOR BUDGET MODIFICATION

Whereas; The need has arisen where money in the Budget for the accounts as listed have exceeded the original appropriation, and

Whereas; The funds to cover the difference be made available as listed, as per the secretary to the supervisor; and

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

General Fund

Move \$808.98 from Contingency A1990.4
to Assessor – Contractual A1355.4
Move \$1,248.50 from Contingency A1990.4
to Town Clerk – Contractual A1410.4
Move \$2,950.75 from Contingency A1990.4
to Attorney – Contractual A1420.4
Move \$257.54 from Contingency A1990.4
to Central Print & Mail – Service Contracts A1670.40
Move \$876.85 from Contingency A1990.4
to Superintendent of Highways Expenses A5010.4
Move \$9,887.40 from Debt Service – Principal A9700.6
to Buildings – Contractual A1620.4
Move \$4,784.90 from Debt Service – Principal A9700.6
to Buildings – Fuel Oil A1620.41
Move \$2,402.81 from Debt Service – Interest A9700.7
to Playgrounds – Equipment A7140.2

Highway Fund

Move \$2013.88 from Improvements – Personal Services DA5112.1
to General Repairs – Personal Services DA5110.1
Move \$3951.11 from Improvements – Personal Services DA5112.1
to Machinery – Equipment A5130.2
Move \$1,549.90 from Improvements – Personal Services DA5112.1
to Snow Removal – Personal Services DA5142.1
Move \$12,684.80 from Improvements – Personal Services DA5112.1
to Snow Removal – Contractual DA5142.4

Move \$20,768.04 from Equipment – Capital Outlay DA5112.2
to Snow Removal – Contractual DA5142.4
Move \$10,199.00 from Employment Benefits – Retirement DA9010.8
to Snow Removal – Contractual DA5142.4
Move \$453.41 from Employee Benefits – Social Security DA9030.8
to Snow Removal – Contractual DA5142.4
Move \$3,174.00 from Employee Benefits – Worker’s Comp DA9040.8
to Snow Removal – Contractual DA5142.4
Move \$19,441.63 from Employee Benefits – Hosp & Medic DA9060.8
to Snow Removal – Contractual DA5142.4
Move \$2,803.33 from Employee Benefits – Uniforms DA9089.8
to Snow Removal – Contractual DA5142.4

Motion to accept without the last 5 Highway moves pending clarification: Councilperson LaCount

Seconded by: Supervisor Menard

Discussion: yes

The result of the Roll Call was 4 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson LaCount, Supervisor Menard, and Councilperson Breyette), 0 NOES, and 1 ABSENT (Councilperson Bulriss).

Therefore; Supervisor Menard declared **Resolution #18-2020** is carried without the last 5 moves in Highway pending clarification.

Motion to accept last 5 Highway moves: Supervisor Menard

Seconded by: Councilperson Perras

Discussion: yes

The result of the Roll Call was 4 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson LaCount, Supervisor Menard, and Councilperson Breyette), 0 NOES, and 1 ABSENT (Councilperson Bulriss).

Therefore; Supervisor Menard declared **Resolution #18-2020** carried (last 5 Highway moves).

Public Comment:

Public Comment 1) Mr. Aaron Ebersol asked about the plowing of the sidewalks. Supervisor Menard explained the skid steer had been broken, they were done with tractor.

Public Comment 2) Mr. Philip Perry asked about a plow truck passing stopped school bus. Supervisor Menard confirmed it happened but there was not much they could do as the State Police had been called and no report was filed.

Public Comment 3) Representatives from NY Solar will have informational meeting to help people read their bills and what questions to ask.

Public Comment 4) Mr. Francis Peryea, Area 2 Legislature presented what he has been working on.

Public Comment 5) There were questions and Concerns about the Sex Offender moving into Mooers Forks.

Supervisor Menard made a motion for the Board to enter into Executive Session to discuss Contract Negotiations.

Seconded by: Councilperson LaCount

Discussion: None

The result of a Roll Call was 4 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson LaCount, Supervisor Menard, and Councilperson Breyette), 0 NOES and 1 ABSENT (Councilperson Bulriss).

Therefore; Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried and entered into Session at 8:20pm.

Supervisor Menard entertained a motion to exit executive session.

Motion: Councilperson Perras

Seconded by: Supervisor Menard

Discussion: none

The result of a Roll Call was 4 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson LaCount, Supervisor Menard, and Councilperson Breyette), 0 NOES and 1 ABSENT (Councilperson Bulriss).

Therefore; Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried and exited executive session at 9:30pm.

Vouchers:

General Town Wide	Voucher 21-42	\$46,657.13
Highway	Voucher 19-41	\$71,889.90
Mooers Forks Fire Protection	Voucher 20	\$175,000.00
Ellenburg Fire Protection	Voucher 19	\$2,000.00
Mooers & Mooers Forks Light	Voucher 38	\$880.24
Champlain EMS	Voucher 18	\$113,000.00
Trust & Agency	Voucher 5-8	\$14,417.43

Total of Abstracted Vouchers Paid **\$423,844.70**

Adjourn: Councilperson LaCount made a motion for the meeting be adjourned, Councilperson Perras seconded the motion. All in favor. Thus, Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly L. McDonald, TOWN CLERK