

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Mooers held
February 12, 2018 at the Mooers Office Complex commencing at 7:00 PM**

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

Recording Secretary: Jessica K. Bulriss, Town Clerk

Others Present: Myrtle Hawksby, Beautification Committee
Kris Gilmore, Highway Superintendent
Art Menard, Library
Larry Wolff, Assessor

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 December 6, 11, 29, and January 8, 2018 minutes. Supervisor Menard made a motion to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Perras. The result of the Roll Call was 5 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson Bulriss, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Boulerice, Councilperson Bulriss) and 0 NOES. Therefore, Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried and the Minutes accepted as written.

Highway: Superintendent Gilmore, present, stated he has found a used truck. The state truck is in very poor shape. He said the rear end is read to fall out. He said he does not believe it is feasible to spend the money to fix it. He stated that he can try to negotiate a lower price on the used truck. He stated that it needs some transmission work, but they can use it for plowing and fix it when the season is done. Supervisor Menard asked if it was an automatic. Superintendent Gilmore replied that it was a standard. He also said the part that needs to be fixed keeps the shifting lever in neutral. Mr. Steve Stokes, present, said it keeps the truck from going into first gear or reverse. He said he just fixed one for the Town of Plattsburgh and it did jump into gear on him. Councilperson Bulriss asked if the transmission had to be taken out to fix it. Mr. Stokes replied that he did. Councilperson asked if they wanted \$4,000.00 more to fix the windshield and the transmission issue. Supervisor Menard asked if the windshield was cracked. Superintendent Gilmore replied that it was. Councilperson stated that if they are selling the truck, and must have it inspected, they must replace the windshield. Superintendent Gilmore replied that the \$40,000.00 is an "as is" price. Councilperson Boulerice stated that it was \$44,000.00 fixed. He also asked if it was worth the \$4,000.00 to fix it. Mr. Stokes replied that it's cheaper to fix it yourself. Councilperson Boulerice asked Superintendent Gilmore if he has the time to fix it. Superintendent Gilmore said they would if they could hire a good mechanic, which was next on his list. He would like to hire Steve Stokes. Supervisor Menard said the truck is a 2007 International 7600 with a plow, wing, and sander. Councilperson Boulerice asked if it was a Viking side dump. Superintendent Gilmore said it can sand out the side or the rear. He also said that we have to do something because the guys can refuse to drive the other two. He said the state truck is making all of them nervous that it will cause an accident. Supervisor Menard asked if the long run was harder on the transmission. Superintendent Gilmore replied no, it's just rotten from the salt. There was more discussion regarding the plow truck. Councilperson Boulerice made a motion to purchase the 2007 International at \$40,000.00 if repaired. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Perras. The result of the roll call was 5 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson Boulerice, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Bulriss, Councilperson Breyette) and 0 NOES. Therefore, Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Gilmore said he would like to hire Mr. Steve Stokes to fill Mike's spot. He said they had talked about not hiring a replacement, but Mr. Stokes is a quality mechanic. He said if they lost the state contract he has an employee that would be willing to retire early rather than having to fire somebody. He would like to hire him as an meo and make him a

Deputy Supervisor and set the salary to what you want. Councilperson Boulерice asked if he was going to drive too. Mr. Stokes replied that he was. Superintendent Gilmore said there is plenty for him to do and it would really take a load off of him. Councilperson Boulерice asked when he would start. Mr. Stokes replied that he would need to give a two-week notice. He also said that he has his own tools. Councilperson Breyette asked how we were doing on the state budget. Superintendent Gilmore said they will not know until June or July. He also said the money is already in the budget to hire someone for this year. Councilperson Perras asked Mr. Stokes when he was planning on retiring. Mr. Stokes replied roughly four years. There was more discussion regarding Mr. Stokes. Councilperson Bulriss made a motion to hire Mr. Steve Stokes as an MEO along with a \$4.00 per hour stipend to be a deputy, contingent upon union approval. Councilperson Perras seconded the motion. The result of the roll call was 5 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson Boulерice, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Bulriss, Councilperson Breyette) and 0 NOES. Therefore, Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Gilmore stated that he needed to speak with the beautification committee and take the Christmas decorations down.

Library: Mr. Art Menard, present, stated they would like to thank Superintendent Gilmore for plowing the Library. Mr. Menard said their operating budget is good so far. The last two years they received their payment from the town mid-March. Supervisor Menard stated that it will be mailed out tomorrow. Wednesday March 24 at 2pm they are holding an Alzheimer's workshop. He said they received a phone call from Billy Jones' office. He would like to speak with his constituents. Mr. Menard said they received a letter awarding them a grant of \$5,000.00. Everything that was applied for has already been covered by another grant. Mr. Menard said he spoke with someone at the library system and they said they should not use the money because it would be duplicated. They are going to try and have the grant adjusted so they can use it for something else.

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.

Tax Assessor: Mr. Larry Wolff, present, stated that we are in good shape on the east end of town. He said the west end is low and if we don't maintain we will lose the senior citizen exemption. He said he will update the west end of town.

Beautification: Mrs. Myrtle Hawksby, present, stated the only thing she has was the decorations, which were already talked about.

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.

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: Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from the Fire Department would like to address the Board. No person was present wishing to address the Board. A report was submitted by Mr. Danny Dumas Fire Chief.

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

Court: Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from the Office of the Town Court would like to address the Board. No person was present wishing to address the Board. Supervisor Menard read the report submitted for the month of January. For the month of January the Court brought in a total of \$11,571.00; \$8,593.00 went to New York State, \$65.00 went to Clinton County, and \$2,913.00 went 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. Councilperson Boulерice asked about the situation on the Garrand Road. Supervisor Menard replied that Jess has been working with the lawyer in Malone who specializes in situations like this.

Cemeteries: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

New Business 1: Supervisor Menard stated that he received a letter from the Department of Transportation. They are going to install ADA compliant curb ramps. They will be installed on three corners of State Route 22 and State Route 11. When they are complete all responsibility will be transferred to the town.

New Business 2:

RESOLUTION FOR BUDGET MODIFICATION

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

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

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

Move \$481.57 from Contingency A1990.4 to Assessor – Contractual A1355.4

Move \$1,246.00 from Contingency A1990.4 to Assessor Contract with County A1355.41

Move \$222.60 from Contingency A1990.4 to Town Clerk – Contractual A1410.4

Move \$1,387.54 from Contingency A1990.4 to Superintendent of Highways – Contractual A5010.4

Move \$684.51 from Dog Control A872 to Control of Dogs Expenses A3510.4

Move \$388.66 from Dog Control A872 to Control of Dogs Utilities/Heat A3510.42

Move \$11,123.74 from Improvements Payroll DA5112.1 to General Repairs Payroll DA5110.1

Move \$24,287.62 from Employee Benefits Hosp. & Med Ins. DA9060.8 to General Repairs Expenses DA5110.4

Move \$4,275.07 from Sidewalks Maintenance DA5410.40 to General Repairs Expenses DA5110.4

Move \$3,442.35 from Snow Removal State Fuel DA5144.40 to Summer Diesel & Gas DA5110.46

Move \$10,096.34 from Employee Benefits – State Retirement DA9010.8 to Snow Removal Town Payroll DA5142.1

Move \$32,634.34 from Machinery Maintenance DA5130.41 to Snow Removal Town Salt DA5142.41

Move \$13,867.72 from Improvements Capital Outlay DA5112. 2to Snow Removal State Salt DA5144.4

Motion: Supervisor Menard

Seconded by: Councilperson Boulerville

Discussion: yes

The result of a Roll Call was

Therefore; Supervisor Menard declared **Resolution # 13-2018** is adopted

DATED: February 12, 2018

New Business 3: OFFICIAL UNDERTAKING OF MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

Whereas; New York State Town Law and Public Officers Law require that certain officials execute an Official Undertaking; and

Whereas; we, the Town Board of the Town of Mooers hereby require the Supervisor, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Town Justices, and Highway Superintendent to execute said Official Undertaking as required by said law;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF MOOERS APPROVE THE DOCUMENT ENTITLED "TOWN OF MOOERS OFFICIAL UNDERTAKING OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS" AS TO ITS FORM AND MANNER OF EXECUTION AND THE SUFFICIENCY OF THE INSURANCE, AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT SAID OFFICIAL UNDERTAKING CONTAINING THE NOTARIZED SIGNATURES OF THOSE NAMED MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS BE FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK, AS WELL AS THE ORIGINAL COPIES OF THE INSURANCE POLICIES INDICATING THE SUFFICIENCY OF THE SURETIES TO INDEMNIFY THE TOWN AGAINST LOSSES WHICH MAY ARISE FROM FAILURE OF SUCH OFFICIALS TO PROPERLY DISCHARGE THEIR DUTIES.

Discussion: no

Motion: Supervisor Menard

Seconded by: Councilperson Perras

Therefore Supervisor Jeff Menard declared **Resolution #14-2018** adopted.

DATED: February 12, 2018

New Business 4: Mr. Jamie Rogers from the Adirondack North Country Association presented the board with the Clean Energy Communities Program. The program is funded through NYSERDA. There are fourteen awards of \$50,000.00 each for communities who reach the benchmarks.

New Business 5: Supervisor Menard said Delaware River Solar is getting ready to do a community wide mailing detailing the project and they would like to know if the board would like to include a letter stating their support. Councilperson Perras stated that he thought it was a good idea.

New Business 6: Supervisor Menard stated that he would like all department heads to report to the town board once a quarter. Supervisor Menard made a motion requiring department heads to attend the board meetings held in March, June, September, and December. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Bulriss. The result of the roll call was 5 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson Boulerville, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Bulriss, Councilperson Breyette) and 0 NOES. Therefore, Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

Public Comment:

Public Comment 1: Mrs. Myrtle Hawksby stated the Ladies Auxiliary will be sending out their flyer for their town wide yard sale and asked if the town and library would like to include a letter.

Public Comment 2: Mr. Kenny Hawksby asked if the town historian had set hours. Supervisor Menard replied that she does not. He also said they can discuss it at next month's meeting. Mr. Hawksby also suggested a no parking sign for the corner of the parking lot closest to the town offices.

Public Comment 3: Mrs. Beverly Perras asked for an update on the house located near Begor’s Supply. Supervisor Menard stated that Code Enforcement Officer Jess Dixon was supposed to send them a letter requiring them to clean the area.

Public Comment 4:

Public Comment 5:

Vouchers: The Audited Vouchers to be paid off the Abstracted Vouchers on January 8, 2018 are as follows:

General Town Wide	Voucher 18-46	\$44,101.39
Highway	Voucher 18-42	\$58,868.36
Mooers & Mooers Forks Lights	Voucher 39	\$1,441.12
Mooers Fire Protection	Voucher 42	\$175,051.18
Trust & Agency	Voucher 5-8	\$13,360.64
Mooers Ambulance District	Voucher 43	\$95,024.05
Total of Abstracted Vouchers Paid		\$387,846.74

Adjourn: Councilperson Boulrice made a motion for the meeting be adjourned. All in favor. Thus, Supervisor Jeff Menard declared the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

JESSICA K. BULRISS, TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR