

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Mooers held
February 8, 2022 at the Mooers Office Complex commencing at 7:00 PM**

Present: Jeff Menard, Supervisor
Donald Perras, Councilperson
Randy LaCount, Councilperson
Ryan Dragoon, Councilperson
Irving Breyette, Councilperson
Kris Gilmore, Highway Superintendent

Recording Secretary: Kelly L. McDonald, Town Clerk

Others Present: Myrtle Hawksby, Beautification
Coreen Cardin, Beautification
Larry Wolff, Assessor
Stacey Guerin, Dog Control Officer
Calvin Castine, Area One Legislator

Absent: None

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.

Highway: Superintendent Gilmore discussed an accident that had occurred during the recent snowstorm. One of the drivers was at intersection of Cannons and White Road, did not see a car and backed into it. Supervisor Menard said the Insurance Company was going to investigate it, and that the Highway employee had gotten a ticket. Supervisor Menard said he did not understand how that occurred when it is an emergency vehicle during a snowstorm. Superintendent Gilmore said the State Trooper had been in a hurry to go to another call, and that they had waited over an hour for him to respond. Supervisor Menard said their lawyer was also looking into this. Supervisor Menard explained the procedure when an accident happens, such as taking employee for drug and alcohol testing, calling insurance company, and letting supervisor know.

Supervisor Menard said the insurance check for the burned plow came in. He also discussed using the sales tax revenue that came in for a truck fund. Superintendent discussed some truck repairs. Supervisor Menard had given to ok for repairs. There was discussion on listing a truck for auction, use the money towards the Beekmantown truck. Superintendent Gilmore said he could have ready for next Board meeting. Supervisor Menard asked what the plans for paving were this summer. Superintendent Gilmore said he would like to pave School Street, start a pipe list now. The first of the CHIPS payment will cover that. All the pipes on that road will need to be replaced. Superintendent Gilmore said there were 2 or 3 houses on the end that drains in, possibly septic- cannot be tied back in if septic. Discussion on the houses knowing about it, generating letter, etc.

There was also talk of using CHIPS money for a bucket truck and paving Town parking lot. Superintendent Gilmore said Miller Road needs to be repaved as well, Shop Road and Bashaw Road. Superintendent Gilmore confirmed that the Town still wants to purchase the truck from Beekmantown, which they do. Councilperson LaCount asked if they were still utilizing Mr. Todd Gumlaw, Superintendent Gilmore said they had cut him back to snowstorms. In January there was not as much to do. The part time employees have been plowing. Superintendent Gilmore listed Mr. Derrick McDonald as his Deputy Highway Superintendent.

Councilperson Perras made a motion to use the extra sales tax money to start a truck fund for a new plow truck.

Councilperson LaCount seconded the motion.

The result of the roll call was 5 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson LaCount, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Dragoon and Councilperson Breyette) and 0 NOES.

Therefore, Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

Library: Mr. Art Menard was unable to attend. Supervisor Menard said the Library is open full time. The Co-Directors were hired. They are Mrs. Stacey Brooks, Mrs. Norma Menard, and Mrs. Lisa DeLong.

Dog Control: Mrs. Stacey Guerin said things were going well. Someone had reached out for Dog Control to be available for an eviction. Mr. Jody Perrea will be available if the tenant leaves without his

dogs. Mrs. Guerin has received many calls about dogs being left out in the cold, but do have food water and shelter- not much they can do.

Beautification: Nothing to report at this time.

Assessor: Mr. Larry Wolff, Town Assessor, discussed he received his suggestion from the County and State for reassessments. They should come out in May. Grievance day is the first Tuesday in June.

EMS: Supervisor Menard read the EMS Report provided.

Court:

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT EXAMINATION OF COURT RECORDS

Whereas, Section 2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court Act requires that town and village justices annually provide their court records and dockets to their respective town and village auditing boards to be examined and/or audited and be entered into the minutes of the board’s proceedings
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT, AS PER SECTION 2019-a OF THE UNIFORM JUSTICE COURT ACT, THE TOWN OF MOOERS JUSTICES SHALL ANNUALLY PROVIDE TO THE TOWN BOARD THEIR COURT RECORDS AND/OR DOCKETS FOR AN AUDIT WHEREBY RESULTS SHALL BE NOTED IN THE MINUTES OF SAID TOWN BOARD

Motion: Councilperson LaCount

Seconded by: Councilperson Perras

Discussion: No

Whereas; the result of a Roll Call was 5 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson LaCount, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Dragoon and Councilperson Breyette), and 0 NOES.

Therefore; Supervisor Menard declared Resolution #12-2022 adopted.

DATED: February 8, 2022

Cemeteries: There is a request to place a plaque at the Old Riverside Cemetery for Daughters of the American Revolution. Supervisor Menard will pass this along to Mrs. Vickie Brassard.

New Business:

1) The LED streetlights are in, didn’t cost anything for the Town because of the grant from the Solar Project.

2) **RESOLUTION FOR END OF YEAR BUDGET MODIFICATION**

Whereas; The need has arisen where money in the 2021 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 \$67.09 from Contingency A1990.4

to Dog Control Contractual – A3510.4

Move \$620.11 from Contingency A1990.4
to HWY Superintendent Contractual – A5010.4

Move \$353.93 from Contingency A1990.4
to Street Lighting – A5182.4

Highway Fund

Move \$5,849.63 from Machinery Equipment DA5130.2
to Repairs Personnel Services DA5110.1

Move \$651.45 from Machinery Equipment DA5130.2
to Repairs Contractual DA5110.4

Move \$435.76 from Machinery Equipment DA5130.2
to Capital Outlay DA5112.2

Mooers Light Fund

Debit \$200.17 from Due from Other Funds A391

Credit to Street Light Contractual SL2-5182.4

Motion: Councilperson Breyette

Seconded by: Supervisor Menard

Discussion: yes

Whereas; the result of a Roll Call was 5 Ayes (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson LaCount, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Dragoon and Councilperson Breyette), and 0 NOES.

Therefore; Supervisor Menard declared Resolution #14-2022

DATED: February 8, 2022

3) Calvin Castine: Mr. Calvin Castine, Area One Legislator, was present at the Board Meeting. Mr. Castine explained the sales tax in the County increased 13% over 2020 which was unexpected. The Town's assessment is what your tax share is. The assessed value of each community is what your sales tax money is, not where the sales tax money is generated. Mr. Castine also explained that an increase in assessment doesn't necessarily mean an increase in your taxes, it's based on the tax levy. If everyone goes up the same amount the raise won't affect your taxes.

Mr. Wolff, Assessor, explained the change in Solar Farm assessments. In the past each farm has been assessed at \$1.5 million, but the State has changed this and wants each farm assessed at \$500,000. This will affect the special district taxes. The 5th and 6th Solar Farms will be coming soon. These benefit the Town by helping with special districts and increase spending programs in town.

Mr. Castine discussed the County Convenience stations, the one in Mooers will not be closing. They may get more business if others are closed. The stickers are going down to \$3 from \$3.50.

Mr. Castine also discussed the tree coming down on LaValley Road, near Herrick Road making the intersection safer. There was also discussion on lowering the speed limit on LaValley Road. This will be followed up on.

4) Supervisor Menard read a letter for an amateur radio group looking to use the grounds around the Missile Base in the fall as it is the Anniversary of the Cuban Missile Crisis. They have their own insurance. Superintendent Gilmore did not see any issues with this.

Councilperson Breyette made a motion to allow them to use the grounds.

Councilperson LaCount seconded the motion. The result of the roll call was 5 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson LaCount, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Dragoon, and Councilperson Breyette).

Therefore, Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

Supervisor Menard will also send the information to the Town Historian, Mr. Larry Marnes.

5) Mr. Castine discussed that the NYS Police are hiring. After 9/11 there was an influx of people being hired and not 20 years later there are many retiring. They would like to have people working in the Communities they live in or are from. There will be information on our web site and on the bulletin board in the Town Office. The minimum age is 20 and can go up to 36, as long as that person has served in the military, otherwise the maximum age is 30 to apply.

Public Comment:

1) Ms. Jerika Manning asked if there were maps or notes from the last time the Zoning laws were revised. The committee is looking for documents they can modify.

2) Ms. Manning also had a question of the Solar Farm assessments going down.

The Board paused to review the Court Records.

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RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING EXAMINATION OF COURT RECORDS

Whereas, Section 2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court Act requires that town and village justices annually provide their court records and/or dockets to their respective town and/or village auditing boards, and

Whereas, At the Mooers Town Board Meeting on Tuesday February 8, 2022 the Town Court records and Financial Statement for the Mooers Town Court were presented to the Board where they were examined, audited, and signed.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT THE MOOERS TOWN BOARD HAS EXAMINED AND AUDITED THE MOOERS TOWN COURT RECORDS AND/OR DOCKETS FINDING THEM TO BE IN ORDER AND THESE RECORDS ARE HEREBY ACCEPTED BY THE MOOERS TOWN BOARD

Motion: Supervisor Menard

Seconded by: Councilperson LaCount

Discussion: none

Whereas; the result of a Roll Call was 5 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson LaCount, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Dragoon and Councilperson Breyette), and 0 NOES.

Therefore; Supervisor Menard declared Resolution #13-2022 adopted.

DATED: February 8, 2022

Adjourn: Councilperson Breyette made a motion for the meeting be adjourned; Councilperson Dragoon seconded the motion. All in favor. Thus, Supervisor Menard declared the meeting closed. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Vouchers:

General Fund	Voucher	22-40	\$34,810.26
Mooers & Mooers Forks Lights	Voucher	38	\$1,168.24
Trust and Agency	Voucher	6-10	\$19,281.73
Mooers Fire Protection	Voucher	20	\$185,000.00
Ellenburgh Fire Protection	Voucher	21	\$2,000.00
Ambulance Fund	Voucher	19	\$126,000.00
Highway Fund	Voucher	10-32	\$66,569.58
Total of Abstracted Vouchers Paid			\$434,829.81

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly L. McDonald, TOWN CLERK