

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Mooers held February 9, 2021 at the Mooers Office Complex commencing at 7:00 PM**

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

**Recording Secretary:** Kelly L. McDonald, Town Clerk

**Others Present:** Larry Wolff, Tax Assessor  
Myrtle Hawksby, Beautification  
Art Menard, Library

**Absent:** 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 January 12, 2021 meeting minutes. Councilperson LaCount 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), 1 ABSTAIN (Councilperson Bulriss) and 0 NOES. Therefore, Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried and the Minutes accepted.

**Library:** Mr. Art Menard discussed the Mooers Library operation. People can still go in and pick out books, computers are still not for use. The Library Director will help people sign up for their COVID shot if needed, the information is on their Facebook page. The library shelving is complete and they are in the process of getting all the books transferred to the new shelves. The Library also received an email with a \$1,000 donation from Tim and Lisa Manning. Mr. Menard also thanked the Town for how well the plowing and snow removal has gone, as well as Dragoon's for their help.

**Dog Control:** Supervisor Menard stated there were 3 calls for the prior month.

**Beautification:** Supervisor Menard discussed the message from Mr. Leonard Breen form Department of Cemeteries. They are going to replace the fence at The Old Riverside Cemetery at a cost of \$18,000. They also approved 3 mowers, 2 trimmers and are taking care of the road entrance at the new Riverside. Mrs. Myrtle Hawksby stated that Mr. Mike Reeves thought the old posts were valuable and we should check to see if they could be sold.

**Fire Department:** Supervisor Menard read the January 2021 Report submitted by Fire Chief Todd Gumlaw.

**Court:** Supervisor Menard read the Court Report submitted for January 2021.

**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:** Supervisor Menard

**Seconded by:** Councilperson Bulriss

**Discussion:** No

**Roll Call:** the result of a Roll Call was 5 Ayes (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson LaCount, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Bulriss and Councilperson Breyette), and 0 NOES.

**Therefore;** Supervisor Menard declared Resolution #15-2021 adopted.

**Tax Assessor:**

**Resolution #17-2021: REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW, SENIOR CITIZEN & DISABLED EXEMPTIONS  
REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW EXEMPTIONS**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the COVID-19 Emergency Eviction and Foreclosure Prevention Act of 2020 (Part B, Subpart D) signed by Governor Cuomo on December 28, 2020, every governing body of an assessing unit and local assessor shall extend to the 2021 assessment roll, the renewal of the exemptions received on the 2020 assessment roll pursuant to sections 467 (senior citizen) and 459-c (limited income disability) of the real property tax law; and

**WHEREAS**, no renewal application shall be required of any eligible property owner who received either exemption on the 2020 assessment roll in order for such eligible property owner to continue receiving the exemption at the same amount received on the 2020 assessment roll unless the eligible property owner determines their income has changed in a manner that would grant them a greater exemption than was present on the 2020 assessment roll; and

**WHEREAS**, notwithstanding the foregoing, if the assessor has reason to believe that a potentially eligible property owner has since (after the 3/1/2020 taxable status date and prior to the 3/1/2021 taxable status date) changed their primary residence, added another owner to the deed, sold the property, or is now deceased, the assessor may require a renewal application in his/her sole discretion.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Town Board of the Town of Mooers hereby authorizes the exemptions referenced above (senior citizen & limited income disability) for the 2021 assessment roll without submission of a renewal application unless otherwise required by the assessor. If paperwork is required, it can also be mailed or placed in the outdoor drop box, the applicant does not need to appear in person.

**Motion:** Councilperson LaCount

**Seconded by:** Supervisor Menard

**Discussion:** No

**Roll Call:** the result of a Roll Call was 5 Ayes (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson LaCount, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Bulriss and Councilperson Breyette), and 0 NOES.

**Therefore;** Supervisor Menard declared **Resolution #17-2021** carried.

Mr. Larry Wolff, Tax Assessor also discussed the Town's assessments, exemptions. The Town will meet with Martine Gonyo from the county once she receives the information from the state.

**Old Business:**

**1) Bid for Pickup truck-** Superintendent Gilmore has received some quotes on a new pick-up truck, but none local. They would like to get bids from local businesses.

Supervisor Menard asked if they would like to adjourn to put an ad in paper for bids on a one-ton.

Councilperson Bulriss made a motion to put ad in paper.

Councilperson Breyette seconded the motion.

**Roll Call:** the result of a Roll Call was 5 Ayes (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson LaCount, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Bulriss and Councilperson Breyette), and 0 NOES.

Therefore, Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

**2) IT Services-** Councilperson LaCount asked how the IT Services have been going. So far it is going really well. The company is quick to fix issues that arise.

**New Business:**

- 1) **Nyseg-** Supervisor Menard discussed changed the street lights to LED, at a cost of \$4,065 for 106 lights. This could be done in the summer and wouldn't have to be paid for until they were done. This could tie into the Solar Farm Program if the Town decided to be a clean energy partner. If the Town signed up and had 10 people sign up they could earn \$5,000 toward the lights.

Councilperson Perras made a motion to sign the Town up as a Clean Energy Partner.

Councilperson LaCount seconded the motion.

**Roll Call:** the result of a Roll Call was 5 Ayes (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson LaCount, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Bulriss and Councilperson Breyette), and 0 NOES.

Therefore, Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

- 2) **DOT-** Discussion on the DOT's Declaration of Emergency Plan, Supervisor Menard asked if the Board would rather wait until the Superintendent of Highways was present. Councilperson LaCount stated he would like to wait for Superintendent Gilmore to be present.

3) **Friends of the North Country**

**RESOLUTION #14-2021 CDBG GRANT PARTICIPATION**

I hereby certify that, at a Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Mooers, a Municipality with offices at, 2508 Route 11, Mooers, NY 12958, duly called (a quorum being present) and held at the Town of Mooers Office, in the Town of Mooers, County of Clinton, and State of New York, on February 9, 2021, the following Resolution was duly adopted and is now in full force and effect:

**WHEREAS**, this Town Board hereby authorizes the Town's participation in the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), administered by New York State Homes and Community Renewal; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that Friends of the North Country, Inc., a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation, is hereby authorized to assist the Town to prepare and submit an application to New York State Homes and Community Renewal for the purposes of Community Development within the Town's jurisdiction, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this Town Board does hereby adopt the Abbreviated Consolidated Plan, the Citizen Participation Plan and the Anti-Displacement Plan for the purposes of the CDBG application and program; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that a copy of the Abbreviated Consolidated Plan, Citizen Participation Plan and Anti-Displacement Plan be retained at the Town Office by the Town Clerk of the Town of Mooers, and be it further

**RESOLVED** that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign and execute associated documentation for the aforementioned NYS Homes and Community Renewal CDBG Application.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand as Town Clerk of the Town of Mooers, on this 9th day of February 2021.

**Motion:** Supervisor Menard

**Seconded by:** Councilperson LaCount

**Discussion:** None

**Whereas;** the result of a Roll Call was 4 Ayes (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson LaCount, Supervisor Menard, and Councilperson Bulriss), 1 ABSTAIN (Councilperson Breyette), and 0 NOES.

**Therefore;** Supervisor Menard declared Resolution #14-2021 is adopted

Public Comment:

- 1) Ms. Jerika Manning- there was a discussion on Federal Program for new truck, with dealer pricing in a local dealership for municipalities.
- 2) Mr. James Mesick discussed how well the town has done with their plowing recently.
- 3) Mr. Philip Perry discussed something to keep in mind was the width of the LED lights, not just the brightness as something to consider when choosing the LED streetlights.

The Board reviewed the Court Records at this time.

**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 9, 2021 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:** Councilperson Bulriss

**Seconded by:** Councilperson Breyette

**Discussion:** none

**Roll Call:** the result of a Roll Call was 5 Ayes (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson LaCount, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Bulriss and Councilperson Breyette), and 0 NOES.  
**Therefore;** Supervisor Menard declared Resolution #16-2021 adopted.

**Vouchers:**

Highway	Voucher	13-31	\$65,812.76
General Fund	Voucher	17-36	\$34,204.85
Mooers Fire Protection	Voucher	37	\$180,080.58
Ellenburg Fire Protection	Voucher	38	\$2,000.00
Mooers & Mooers Forks Lights	Voucher	35	\$1,043.48
Ambulance Fund	Voucher	39	\$113,047.79
Trust and Agency	Voucher	1-4	\$18,306.44

**Total of Abstracted Vouchers Paid** **\$414,495.90**

**Adjourn:** Councilperson Bulriss made a motion for the meeting be adjourned; Councilperson LaCount seconded the motion. All in favor. Thus, Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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*Kelly L. McDonald, TOWN CLERK*