

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Mooers held March 12, 2013 at the Mooers Office Complex commencing at 7:00P.M.**

**Present:** Cory Ross, Supervisor  
Earl Robinson, Councilman  
Steve Barcomb, Councilman  
Eugene Bushey, Councilman  
Gerald LaValley, Councilman

**Recording Secretary:** Rena Bosley, Town Clerk  
**Others Present:** Kaleigh LaBombard, Dog Control Officer  
Jackie Madison, Librarian  
Jess Dixon, Code Enforcement Officer  
Eugene Boulerville, Highway Supervisor  
Jim Coffey, attorney

**Absent:**

**Meeting:** Supervisor Cory Ross called the Meeting to Order at 7:00PM, then he asked Rena Bosley 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 February 12, 2013 Minutes. They all replied yes. Supervisor Cory Ross then asked if there were any omissions or corrections, there were none. Councilman Earl Robinson then made a motion to accept the February 12, 2013 Minutes as written and Councilman Gerald LaValley seconded the Motion. The result of a Roll Call was 5 AYES and 0 NOES, therefore Supervisor Cory Ross declared Minutes accepted as written.

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN OF MOOERS APPOINTS BRANDI LLOYD OF 19 HERRICK ROAD, MOOERS, NEW YORK AS TOWN CLERK - TAX COLLECTOR - REGISTRAR WITH ACCESS TO THE TOWN CLERK AND TAX COLLECTOR BANK ACCOUNTS AND \$200 FOR THE PETTY CASH BOX FROM MARCH 12, 2013 TO DECEMBER 31, 2013**

**Dog Control:** DCO Kaleigh LaBombard handed in the itemized report for February 2013 which showed the following: 02/01/13 Dog, male, picked up. Redeemed by owner, Cora LaFountain, Miller Road- 02/01/13 Dog abandoned in apartment, I called the Sheriff's Dept. They contacted the owner and owner picked up- 02/04/13 Two dogs dumped inside a trailer, I went to pick dogs up only one was there- 02/05/13 Neighbor's dog was loose for third time this week, spoke to dog's owner, dog's collar was broke and they bought a new one, gave warning- 02/09/13 Dog picked up on Ratta Road in Chazy was adopted- 02/11/13 LaBarge residence, found a young brown dog, Shannon Fairr called missing her dog on 02/10/13, dog belonged to Shannon Fairr, Mooers- 02/12/13 Finished calling Mooers residents for delinquencies- 02/14/13 Tenant moved out and left dog, tenant now in jail in Plattsburgh, mother was supposed to come get dog on 02/12/13, never did, I called her, she picked dog up 02/14/13- 02/18/13- Lionel Peryea, Altona, brought male white and brown walker- 02/19/13 Steven Davenport, Rte 22 Mooers, male golden retriever was in yard on 02/18/13 if he sees it again he said he was shooting it, advised him not to and to call me so I can pick it up- 02/20/13 mailed delinquent dog reports for Chazy- 02/22/13 Lionel Peryea, Altona DCO, brought in male black and white mix dog- 02/24/13 Dog redeemed to Tracy Guerin 1697 Alder Bend Road, Altona- 02/27/13 dog adopted, new owner, Myles Bechazel, Route 9, Champlain.

**Code Enforcement Officer:** The hazard litigation is still being looked into. Mr. Jess Dixon will be discussing with Dick. Nothing new to report otherwise.

**Highway:** Highway Supervisor Eugene Boulerville reported that for the month of February \$28,548.08 was spent on maintain the state roads. Mr. Boulerville had a meeting in Plattsburgh and the CHIPS money has a good possibility of being increased. State assembly is recommending \$40 million be increased in CHIPS money for the state. The senate is recommending \$100 million, so Mr. Boulerville stated if they could get anywhere in between that they would be doing very well. Mr. Boulerville also took the opportunity to thank all of those that went to Albany March 6th. There were 600 highway superintendants, council people, and others in attendance and Clinton County had the biggest turn-out of the whole state. Mr. Boulerville explained that the amount of money a county and town gets is determined by mileage and Mooers is the second most miles in the county.

**Fire Department:** Raymond Phair, Fire Chief handed in the February report. February's report contained the following: Station #1 had 4 calls, Station #2 had 1 call, Town had 3 calls and Mutual Aid had 1 call. Average response time was 2.8. -----Incident types were Vehicle Fire=1----MVA=1----Co2=1. Mutual aid to Hemmingford=1. Vehicle 251(Pumper) used 2 times, vehicle 254(Pumper) used 1 time, vehicle 257(Heavy Rescue) used 3 times, vehicle 258(Tanker) used 1 time, and vehicle 25-AIR(Air Truck) used 1 time. Gallons of diesel fuel used and gallons of gasoline used not reported. Town Supervisor, Cory Ross, discussed a letter the Town had received for the New York State Department of Labor pertaining to the Fire department. The letter is regarding that employers are required to assess the risks of firefighters and entrapment at elevations and provide equipment and training to address that particular risk. Mr. Phair said the fire department had received the same letter. The fire department brought up that, due to new locks being installed in the town offices, they would need keys in the event that they needed to enter the building.

**Library:** Jackie Madison discussed that the library is just waiting at this time to get started. Councilman Earl Robinson mentioned that they met the night before at 6pm to explain the grant money available according to what he learned while in New York City. There is approximately \$75,000.00 available and Jackie is doing research on this. There is also a big grant available from disaster preparedness which, according to the instructor, would require two separate rooms for exams and shower and having some cots available for people to use in the case of a power outage or similar occurrence. Mr. Robinson said there would be require minimum changes to the current floor plan and that if the grant was sizable enough this would be worth looking into as it is a grant of monies, not matching funds. Jackie is willing to look into and write the grant requests, but mentioned that the town would have to endorse it. Mr. Dixon mentioned that he spoke with NYSERDA and that the forms have been received. Mr. Dixon said that in order to proceed with this, plans need to be further underway as far as which qualifying energy efficient light fixtures and other items are chosen to get the rebates. Mr. Robinson discussed he and Mr. Boulerice visited the three pieces of property and that they just need to wait for the weather to break. Jackie mentioned that she'd really like things to start by may 15th in order to not lose the grants. Mr. Dixon mentioned that there was a resolution to have started within two months and it has now been five months.

**NYSEG:** In February there was discussion on whether the Town should use Direct Energy or stay with NYSEG. The Town of Altona is with Ambient and Mr. Ross got a copy of their bill and in a about a year they saved \$17.49.

**Mike Willette:** Last month it was discussed that the beaver dam was destroying Mr. Willette's property. Mr. Dixon and Mr. Boulerice have been looking into it. The area with the beaver dam on it is actual wetlands. This has to be looked into further. Mr. Dixon will be contacting Mr. Russle as he has dealt with properties involving wetlands.

Supervisor Ross asked if anyone would like to address the town.

**Jeff Menard:** Addressed the board with a written statement mentioning several dates starting with January 1 the year Supervisor Ross took office. He believes that the taxpayers of the town of Mooers deserve better and that the board members need to improve how they are doing their jobs.

**Irving Breyette:** The board saying that he has been a member of the town since 2010. He gave each board member a letter he wrote asking the board to not change the zoning law and to remove Mr. Dixon from office. Along with his letter he also included his resignation from the library committee and his resignation from the zoning board.

**Library 2:** There was a question from a town member regarding the amount of money in the library fund at time of meeting. Ms. Madison said there is \$40,000 in the fund. More discussion on the library. Other mentioned that the library issue should be put to a vote. There was a question as to how many people use the library. Ms. Madison said there were 3,100 uses in 2011 and 2,700 uses in 2012. More discussion.

**Code Enforcement Officer:** Mr. Dixon addressed a few items mentioned in Mr. Menard's written statement.

**Vouchers:** The Audited Vouchers to be paid off the Abstracted Vouchers on March 12, 2013 are as follows:

General - Townwide-----	(Vouchers 44 - 64 )-----	\$ 16,833.42
Highway - Townwide-----	(Voucher 32 - 53 )-----	57,835.13
Mooers Fire Protection -----	(Voucher 65-76 )-----	10,516.94
Mooers Forks Lights-----	(Voucher 54)-----	384.32
Mooers Lights -----	(Voucher 54)-----	<u>660.60</u>
<b>Total of Abstracted Vouchers Paid-----</b>		<b>\$86,230.41</b>

**Adjourn:** Councilman Eugene Bushey made a motion for the meeting be adjourned. Councilman Earl Robinson seconded the motion and the result of a Roll Call was 4 AYES (Supervisor Cory Ross, Councilman Earl Robinson, Councilman Steve Barcomb and Councilman Gerald LaValley) and 0 NOES, 1 ABSTENTION (Councilman Eugene Bushey). Thus, Supervisor Cory Ross declared motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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BRANDI B. LLOYD, TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR