

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Mooers held
March 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
Kaleigh Mills, Dog Control Officer
Crystal Bulriss, Court

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 February 12, 2018 minutes. Councilperson Perras made a motion to accept the minutes with noted corrections. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Bulriss. The result of the Roll Call was 5 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson Bulriss, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Boulerice, Councilperson Breyette) and 0 NOES. Therefore, Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried and the Minutes accepted with noted corrections.

Highway: Superintendent Gilmore, present, stated he had a meeting with Ricky Bosley, the salesman at Champlain Pete regarding a bill for a Peterbilt truck. He said according to Mr. Bosley's paperwork it was roughly \$5,100.00. Superintendent Gilmore said that if we did get a filter we weren't billed for it, supposedly. He said he still thinks it was more than that, but he was off on his numbers according to the paperwork that Mr. Bosley provided.

Supervisor Menard asked about the bill from Nortrax for the loader and stated that he is not very happy about it. Superintendent Gilmore said that he has contacted them and is waiting for a return call. Supervisor Menard asked about the age of the loader. Superintendent Gilmore replied that it is 1 ½ to 2 years old. Supervisor Menard said we should not have to pay to have a vehicle repaired that is still under warranty. Superintendent Gilmore stated that he told the company that it will be the last one purchased if they don't do something about the bill. There was more discussion regarding the loader.

Supervisor Menard asked about the gravel pit. Superintendent Gilmore replied that the paperwork was sent in last fall. He said he will call and check up on it and if not, he will redo the paperwork. Supervisor Menard said it's serious and can cause large fines. Councilperson Bulriss asked if it was the gravel or sand pit. Supervisor Menard replied the gravel pit. Superintendent Gilmore said they cannot find any paperwork with the location of the pins for the sandpit. He asked Councilperson Boulerice if Lashway's surveyed the piece purchased from Lambertson's. Councilperson Boulerice replied that they did. Superintendent Gilmore said that piece isn't permitted. Councilperson Boulerice asked if he was trying to permit the whole thing. Superintendent Gilmore replied that was the gravel pit on the Davison Road. Supervisor Menard stated that he needs to do the sandpit also. Councilperson Boulerice said they did the sand pit and the steaks should be back there. Superintendent Gilmore said that according to the DEC, Lashway's must complete a mining permit. There was more discussion regarding the sandpit.

Supervisor Menard asked if the town received paperwork regarding the PESH inspection. Superintendent Gilmore replied that he did not. Superintendent Gilmore stated there were a few issues with paperwork and an eyewash station. He stated that he received a donation of an eyewash station and other office supplies from Wyeth.

Supervisor Menard stated that at the previous meeting the discussed hiring Steve Stokes as a mechanic. He said that he and Mrs. Rena Bosley went over job duties and decided on the job title of automotive mechanic. He said it is very similar to an MEO but requires

qualifications to be a mechanic. Councilperson Boulerville asked if the job title was from the county and Supervisor Menard replies that it was. Supervisor Menard suggested that he be hired as an automotive mechanic. Councilperson Breyette asked about the union. He said if he is doing union work he'll be under the union title. Supervisor Menard replied that will be up to the union, it's a new title so the union would have to ask him to join. He said as far as he knows the union only covers the MEOs. Councilperson Breyette said that he is concerned because he's being hired as a mechanic and if he plows the roads we will get grievances. Supervisor Menard replies that the job titles lists plowing as one of the duties. Councilperson Breyette stated that it sounds like a grey area. Councilperson Perras asked if the job is part of the union. Supervisor Menard replied no. Councilperson Boulerville asked if he had to join the union. Supervisor Menard replied no that is up to him. Councilperson Boulerville stated that he does have to pay union dues. Councilperson Breyette asked if we were paying him outside of the other union employees at this time. Supervisor Menard replies yes. Councilperson Breyette asked if we are paying him more because of his qualifications to be a mechanic. Supervisor Menard replies yes. Councilperson Breyette stated that he has another concern. He said if we do not continue with the state contract he should be the first one to go. There was more discussion regarding the new position. Councilperson Perras made a motion to hire Mr. Steve Stokes as an automotive mechanic for the Highway Department at \$25.00 per hour. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Menard. The result of the Roll Call was 4 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson Bulriss, Supervisor Menard, and Councilperson Boulerville) and 1 NO (Councilperson Breyette). Therefore Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Gilmore asked if the highway department can purchase their boots and coats from Taylor Rental instead of IBC. Supervisor Menard said yes as long as they meet the specifications in the contract. Superintendent Gilmore asked if they could purchase steel toe sneakers instead of boots. Supervisor Menard replied that the contract states work boots.

Superintendent Gilmore stated he needs permission to order signs. Mr. Donahue came out and found a few locations that require new or additional signs. Superintendent Gilmore said he needs at least five dead end signs. Supervisor Menard asked if he could purchase them through the county. He replied that he can get some through the county. There was more discussion regarding the road signs. Superintendent Gilmore stated the new truck should be ready in two weeks.

Library: Mr. Art Menard, present, stated they were informed on February 13th that the librarian needed to resign. She could stay on until April 14th. They advertised the position and received five applications by March 1st. Interviews were held today. They have narrowed it down to two applicants. They will hopefully be deciding tomorrow night at their board meeting. The current library director will be training the new director. Mr. Menard reminded everyone about the Alzheimer's presentation on Wednesday at 2pm.

Dog Control: Mrs. Kaleigh Mills, present, stated they had a shelter dog come in and deliver a litter of puppies. Two of the puppies lived and received medical treatment at Palmer's. She would like to attend training for NYS dog control officers in April. Supervisor Menard said he will be attending a meeting with the county and they will be revisiting the issue of county wide dog control.

Tax Assessor: Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from the Office of the Assessor would like to address the board. No person was present wishing to address the board.

Beautification: Mrs. Myrtle Hawksby, present, asked about the grant to purchase tables and benches. Supervisor Menard replied that they will be picking up four tables from tractor supply. Councilperson Perras said we have three benches and would like to order more. Mr. Michael Reeves asked if the Highway Department could bring some fill to the memorial park site. He estimates needing three truck loads.

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: Fire Chief Danny Dumas read the report for the month of February. There were 14 calls in the month of February bringing their year to date total to 28 calls. There were 12 calls in the town of Mooers and 2 were mutual aid. As of 12-31-18 they will no longer be providing air service to the northern part of Clinton County. He said there are too many calls with the new mutual aid procedure. They have been providing this service for the past ten years.

EMS: Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from EMS would like to address the board. No person was present wishing to address the board. Supervisor Menard read the EMS report for January and February. In January there were 36 calls in Champlain, 30 in Mooers, and 29 in Rouses Point. In February there were 47 calls in Champlain, 32 in Mooers, and 15 in Rouses Point. There have been 108 calls year to date.

Supervisor Menard stated Steve Sample proposed building a building next door for the new EMS station. He read the options Mr. Sample proposed. The first option is a 120 month lease with a buyout option at the end of the term. The cost would be \$2,822.00 per month (\$33,864.00 annually). The total would be \$338,640.00. The second option is 126 month lease. The cost would be \$1981.00 per month (\$23,772, annually), with a 60 month renewal at \$2192.00 per month, and an additional 60 month renewal at \$2391.00 per month. The total would be \$381,311.00. The third option; They would build a building on town property. They are currently working on a bid for the third option. Supervisor Menard said if the town were to build the building they would have to take out a loan. There was more discussion regarding the new EMS building.

Court: Supervisor Menard read the report submitted for the month of February. For the month of February, the Court brought in a total of \$8,322.33; \$5,129.00 went to New York State, \$1,285.00 went to Clinton County, and \$1908.33 went to the Town of Mooers. Mrs. Crystal Bulriss, present, stated she received an email regarding a security check. They will come and evaluated the court room and make suggestions on how to improve safety. She is going to look into it further to make sure they are only suggestions and not requirements. Supervisor Menard said he would like to put a camera facing the parking lot. A monitor would be put in the court clerk's, town clerk's, and secretary the supervisor's office.

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.

Cemeteries: None

Old Business:

Old Business 1: Supervisor Menard said he spoke with Mr. Matt Backus from Backus real-estate. They are waiting on a resolution from the town board to finalize the sale.

RESOLUTION TO SELL OLD MOOERS FREE LIBRARY LOCATED AT 2430 STATE ROUTE 11 MOOERS, NY

Whereas; At the September 11, 2017 board meeting the town board passed a motion to accept the renegotiated bid of \$14,000.00 plus ownership of the lot located on the corner of Maple Street and Route 11 entered by Mr. Matt Backus of Backus Real Estate.

Be It Hereby Resolved; that the town board of the Town of Mooers accepts the bid entered by Mr. Matt Backus of Backus Real Estate for the purchase of the old Mooers Library located at 2430 State Route 11, Mooers NY.

Motion: Supervisor Menard

Seconded by: Councilperson Breyette

Discussion: none

Therefore; Supervisor Menard declared **Resolution #15-2018** is adopted.

DATED: March 12, 2018

Old Business 2: Mr. John Labarre was present from Invenergy to update the board on the Bull Run Wind Project. He stated that they are almost done with the application. The town will receive a copy when it is complete. They have been in contact with Mr. Gustafson to renegotiate the host community agreement. They are still in the process of selling the power. Councilperson Bulriss ask how many windmills will be in the town. Mr. Labarre replied 42. Supervisor Menard asked about an instillation date. Mr. Labarre replied that once they sell the power they have an obligation to be online

by a certain date and that will depend on the contracts. They could possibly be online by 2020 if not 2021. There was more discussion regarding the Bull Run Wind Project.

Old Business 3: Supervisor Menard said he received paperwork from Delaware River Solar. There will be four eleven-acre farms, two megawatts per farm. Prices were negotiated by Clinton County Industrial Agency for the town, the school district, and the county. The town of Mooers will receive \$19,200.00 per farm per year for payment in lieu of taxes. If they go over the two-megawatt outage they will pay an additional \$9,600.00. They will also pay full tax for any special districts. There was more discussion regarding the solar farms.

Old Business 4:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF 2007 INTERNATIONAL PLOW TRUCK

Whereas; The Town of Mooers Highway Department is in need of an emergency replacement plow truck, and;

Whereas; the truck in question's entire rear end would need to be replaced due to rot, and it poses a significant safety risk, and ;

Whereas; it would cost almost the same to purchase the used truck as it would to replace the rear end;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED; The Town Board of the Town of Mooers Authorizes the emergency purchase of a 2007 International plow truck for \$36,000.00 with necessary repairs and a current inspection.

Motion: Councilperson Boulrice

Seconded by: Councilperson Perras

Discussion: yes

Therefore; Supervisor Menard declared **Resolution #16-2018** is adopted.

DATED: March 12, 2018

New Business:

New Business 1: The town received a letter from NYSEG. They are offering a special program to help schools and municipalities reduce their energy costs by upgrading to energy efficient lighting. They will cover up to 70% of the cost. They are also offering a two-year interest free period to cover the 30% that is the town's responsibility. There will be a representative here on March 30th to do an assessment of the town's buildings.

New Business 2: Supervisor Menard read the Clinton County Treasurer's Report for the town of Mooers which totaled \$244,442.52.

New Business 3: The Town would like to hire a company to shred documents that are eligible. The cost would be roughly \$200.00. They shred all documents on site. Councilperson Bulriss made a motion to hire the shredding company. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Boulrice. The result of the Roll Call was 5 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson Bulriss, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Boulrice, Councilperson Breyette) and 0 NOES. Therefore, Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

New Business 4: The inmates were at station #2 to strip and wax the floor. When they began mopping the tiles began popping up. Superintendent Gilmore purchased tiles at Lowes for \$540.00. He purchased the tiles with his personal credit card. He is asking the board to approve payment so that he doesn't have to wait until next month. Superintendent Gilmore said that he was in Lowes for a total of 2 ½ hours and they could not find the account. Councilperson Perras asked if we were still able to be tax exempt. Superintendent Gilmore replied yes. Supervisor Menard made a motion to reimburse Superintendent Gilmore \$540.00 for the price of the tiles. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Bulriss. The result of the Roll Call was 5 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson Bulriss, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Boulrice, Councilperson Breyette) and 0 NOES. Therefore, Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

Public Comment: none

Vouchers:

General Town Wide	Voucher 47-63	\$13,676.22
Highway	Voucher 43-60	\$78,632.95
Mooers Lights	Voucher 60	\$663.74
Mooers Forks Lights	Voucher 60	\$385.21
Trust & Agency	Voucher 9-12	\$13,360.64
Mooers Ambulance District	Voucher 43	\$95,024.05
Total of Abstracted Vouchers Paid		\$106,718.76

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