

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Mooers held  
April 13, 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**  
                                              **Kris Gilmore, Highway Superintendent**

**Recording Secretary:**           **None**

**Others Present:**                   **Myrtle Hawksby, Beautification**  
                                              **Art Menard, Library**  
                                              **Stacey Guerin Dog Control Officer**  
                                              **Todd Gumlaw, Fire Chief**

**Absent:**                               **Kelly McDonald, Town Clerk/Tax Collector**

**Meeting:**           Supervisor Jeff Menard called the Meeting to Order at 7:00PM. Supervisor Menard led the "Pledge of Allegiance".

**Minutes:**           All the Board Members were asked if they had read their copies of the March 9 and March 26, 2021 meeting minutes. Councilperson LaCount made a motion to accept the first minutes as written, seconded by Councilman Perras. The second set of minutes was motioned by Councilperson Perras and seconded by Councilperson LaCount. The result of the 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 and the Minutes accepted.

**Highway:**           Superintendent Gilmore stated they were half done sweeping. There were no updates on a new truck, there may be one at CTC- will check into. There was discussion on Shared Services, getting together to help draw asphalt. Supervisor Menard said it would have to be truck for truck. Superintendent Gilmore said they would include Ellenburg, Churubusco -towns close by. Councilperson LaCount said he thought it was a good idea as long as the Town was caught up on their work.

Supervisor Menard made a motion to share services for paving for the northern end.  
Councilperson Bulriss seconded the motion.  
All in favor, Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

Superintendent discussed the surplus equipment. There should be a list ready for the next meeting. Councilperson LaCount mentioned things should be taken off the insurance if it's sold. There was discussion on the overhead doors and getting quotes. Superintendent Gilmore said salt prices would be going up. Would it be a good idea to order now at lower prices. Supervisor Menard said it must be full now, should not tie the money up now and hold off.

**Library:**           Mr. Art Menard said things were going well and open full time. They are not open for computers but if there was a need they could call and make an appointment. In February and March, they were getting about 2 calls a week for help on making covid vaccine appointments but hadn't had to make any appointments. This has been dropping off. The Hogan's daughter is an artist and had made two murals for the library in the 70's. They decided to put them up on the walls. Mr. Art Meseck donated his time and materials to make frames for them to install.

**Dog Control:**       Mrs. Stacey Guerin, Dog Control Officer stated Councilperson Lacount was going to read the proposal for the kennel license. There was further discussion on the subject. Councilperson LaCount stated there was currently nothing in place for this and that it would help with revenue. The proposal is \$50 for up to 10 dogs every 2 years.  
Councilperson Perras made a motion to move forward.  
Supervisor LaCount seconded the motion.  
All in favor, Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

**Youth Commission:** Councilperson LaCount brought up the fencing for the house by the ball field in Mooers Forks. Supervisor Menard got a quote from a fencing company but it was \$6,000 to \$7,000. Supervisor Menard spoke with Begor's Supply for cedar posts and fencing. There was also discussion on 4 wheelers and side by sides on the trail there as well. There is also a quote being done for the fence at the Old Riverside Cemetery.

**Fire Department:** Supervisor Menard read the Fire Report submitted by Fire Chief Todd Gumlaw. Chief Gumlaw said he spoke with Mr. LaPan from the State on the pavement in front of the Fire Station. He will look into it and get back to him on it. The 2 fire trucks outside will be listed for sale. They took a truck out of service from Mooers Forks and replaced with a newer truck. There are some new members from that area so that will be nice. Councilperson LaCount asked if Station 2 was run the same as Station 1. Chief Gumlaw said yes, it is all the same and by having station 2 it helps with homeowners' insurance in that area.

**Court:** Supervisor Menard read the court report for the moth of February.

**Old Business:**

- 1) Supervisor Menard discussed the meeting with Friends of the North Country. The grant has been written and is in process.
- 2) Councilperson LaCount asked about garbage pick-up and mailboxes. Councilperson LaCount had not had time to check with the Post Office on mailers. Councilperson LaCount asked about setting up a clean up day. There was further discussion on what is going to be picked up. Councilperson LaCount said maybe a one-time thing on a weekend. Supervisor Menard advised against house to house, but maybe road side pick-up. Councilperson LaCount said he would like to draw up a proposal for the next meeting.
- 3) Discussion on the property on Park Lane. Soil and Conservation would like to come look and if culverts are needed the County would pay for them. Superintendent Gilmore will make contact to meet with him.

**New Business:**

- 1) Councilperson Bulriss mentioned the playground slide at the Rec Park has a crack in it and there are some other issues that need to be addressed. Chief Gumlaw offered to go over and either fix it or block it off.
- 2) Superintendent Gilmore asked for cemetery employees as Dylan would not be mowing this year. Supervisor Menard said it could go in the paper if they can't find anyone.
- 3) Councilperson LaCount said they had received a letter that Mr. Gary Cardin would not be available to plow this coming winter. Councilperson LaCount thanked him for the good job he had done. Mr. Cardin explained their jobs were changing and they would be full remote and snowbirds in the winter.

**Public Comment:**

- 1) A person stated he was there on behalf of his friend Rich for clarification on Town owned land behind his property. The property in question is the land around the gravel pit and if it could be used by residents to ride dirt bikes and 4 wheelers on the trail. Superintendent Gilmore had given permission to Mr. Cardin to put posted signs up as he had equipment there for tapping trees. Supervisor Menard stated he would check with the insurance carrier as far as dirt bikes and 4 wheelers. The homeowner then approached and discussed it with Supervisor Menard. The Board felt walking would be fine.

**Vouchers:**

Highway	Voucher	50-72	\$54,108.60
General Fund	Voucher	55-71	\$16,465.27
Mooers & Mooers Forks Lights	Voucher	70	\$1,363.13
Trust and Agency	Voucher	10-19	\$37,019.76
Sidewalk	Voucher	72	\$344.21
<b>Total of Abstracted Vouchers Paid</b>			<b>\$109,300.97</b>

**Adjourn:** Councilperson Bulriss made a motion for the meeting be adjourned; Councilperson Perras seconded the motion. All in favor. Thus, Supervisor Menard declared the meeting closed. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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*Kelly L. McDonald, TOWN CLERK*