

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Mooers held  
April 9, 2018 at the Mooers Office Complex commencing at 7:00 PM**

**Present:** Jeff Menard, Supervisor  
Donald Perras, Councilperson  
Christopher Bulriss, Councilperson  
Eugene "Dickie" Boulerice, Councilperson  
Irving Breyette, Councilperson

**Recording Secretary:** Jessica K. Bulriss, Town Clerk

**Others Present:** Scarlett Sample, Beautification Committee  
Kris Gilmore, Highway Superintendent  
Art Menard, Library  
Danny Dumas, Fire Chief  
Larry Wolff, Assessor  
Andree Labarge, Insurance Presentation

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

**Highway:** Superintendent Gilmore, present, stated that the new truck should be here this week. He is waiting on a call back from International. They are waiting for warm weather to start spring's work.

Supervisor Menard stated that we received a letter from Clinton County Soil and Water Conservation District. They would like to have a free tire round up. They choose three towns within the county and bring a tractor trailer to a central location. They will collect car and small truck tires. They do not take any tractor or big truck tires. There is a limit of 10 tires per family. Councilperson Boulerice asked about the location. Supervisor Menard replied that they would hold it in the town office parking lot. The town can provide a loader to help. He would like to pick up tires from the side of the road also. He also said they are hoping to remove roughly 3,000 used tires from the county. Councilperson Boulerice asked how we would inform the community. Supervisor Menard replied that we could put it in the paper and put it on the sign out front. Councilperson Bulriss made a motion to allow Clinton County Soil and Water Conservation District to consider the Town of Mooers as a location for the tire round up. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Breyette. The result of the Roll Call was 5 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson Bulriss, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Boulerice, and Councilperson Breyette) and 0 NOES. Therefore, Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

**Library:** Mr. Art Menard, present, informed the board that this is Alyssa Neverette's last week as library director. After the last board meeting, the library board met and decided the Olivia Gillette will be the next library director. He said she is very bright and has a lot of great ideas for the library. He also asked about the funds from the sale of the old library. Supervisor Menard replied that the funds will be used to reimburse the town for the cost of paving the new library parking lot. Mr. Menard said they would like to pave around the sign. He also mentioned that the Alzheimer's clinic was cancelled due to weather. It has been rescheduled for Tuesday April 17<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Additional clinics will be held Wednesday May 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday June 13<sup>th</sup>. Councilperson Breyette asked Mr. Menard about library signs. Mr. Menard replied that they would like four signs. Councilperson Boulerice suggested contacting the state since they would be on state roads. Mr. Menard mentioned

that they are waiting on occupancy for the community room. Supervisor Menard stated that the old library has been sold. The town received a check in the amount of \$13,100.91. The town had to reimburse Mr. Backus for the taxes. Councilperson Boulerice made a motion to put the funds from the sale of the old library into the highway fund to reimburse the town for paving the new library parking lot. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Breyette. The result of the Roll Call was 5 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson Bulriss, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Boulerice, and Councilperson Breyette) and 0 NOES. Therefore, Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

**Dog Control:** Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from Dog Control would like to address the board. No person was present wishing to address the board.

**Tax Assessor:** Mr. Larry Wolff, present, that he was successful at signing up most of the seniors in the community for the star program. He also said he has to reassess the western side of the town. He said according to the county the town is off by 5/10 of a point.

**Beautification:** Mrs. Scarlett Sample, present, asked about the planters. Superintendent Gilmore replied that they are in Mooers Forks. Mrs. Sample said they need to be taken to Mooers Lawn and Garden. She also asked if we have a bucket truck. Superintendent Gilmore replied no. She said they will not be putting up banners this year. Mr. Michael Reeves asked Superintendent Gilmore for top soil or sand to use as fill in the Memorial Park. He also asked the town for two fence post to rehang the sign at old Riverside Cemetery. There was more discussion regarding Memorial Park.

**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, present, said they have had 40 calls year to date.

**EMS:** Supervisor Menard read the report submitted for the month of March. There were 102 calls. There were 1,811.3 loaded miles. The average response time was 3.09 minutes. There was no mutual aid given, but it was received three times. He also said they met with Steve Sample again regarding the EMS building. They talked about building a two bay station. Steve Sample quoted \$41,544.00 for the additional bay and living area. It would be roughly \$415,000.00 over ten years. Councilperson Boulerice asked about the location. Supervisor Menard replied that it would be in the lot next to the town offices. Councilperson Bulriss asked where the money would come from. Supervisor Menard replied that it would come from the solar project. Councilperson Bulriss stated that they haven't even started that project yet. Councilperson Boulerice asked if we should go out to bid. Supervisor Menard replied that we would not be able to go out to bid because Steve Sample owns the property and would be leasing it to the town. He said if we put the building on the donated piece of land we would go out to bid and the contractor would have to pay prevailing wages. Mr. Michael Reeves asked about road frontage. Supervisor Menard replied that he did not know. Mr. Reeves suggested using the piece of property owned by him and Mr. Leon Menard. Supervisor Menard said he did not think there was enough room. Councilperson Breyette asked about the cost of the building. There was more discussion regarding the proposed EMS building. This topic has been tabled until next month's meeting.

**Court:** Supervisor Menard read the report submitted for the month of March. For the month of March, the Court brought in a total of \$9,285.00; \$6,931.00 went to New York State, \$145.00 went to Clinton County, and \$2,209.00 went to the Town of Mooers.

**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:**

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AUTO MECHANIC POSITION**

**Whereas;** The Town of Mooers Highway Department is in need of an auto mechanic and;

**Whereas;** The job duties shall include plowing snow as needed as well as mechanical repairs to equipment and;

**Whereas;** The auto mechanic job title will be added to the current CSEA contract, which currently only covers motorized equipment operators and;

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED; The Town Board of the Town of Mooers does establish an auto mechanic position for the Town of Mooers Highway Department.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; Mr. Steve Stokes is appointed to said position with a starting salary of \$26.50 per hour with probationary pay being \$25.00 per hour.**

**Motion: Supervisor Menard**

**Seconded by: Councilperson Perras**

**Discussion: yes**

The result of the Roll Call was 4 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson Bulriss, Supervisor Menard, and Councilperson Boulerice) and 1 NOE (Councilperson Breyette)

**Therefore;** Supervisor Menard declared **Resolution #17-2018** is adopted.

**New Business:**

**New Business 1:** Supervisor Menard stated that he met with John Labarre from Invenergy and the Bull Run Wind Project and they are now proposing a solar farm. Most of the solar farm will be located in Ellenburg. There will only be a small portion located in Mooers Forks.

**New Business 2:** We received a letter from the Town of Clinton. The letter states that they started providing emergency ambulance service 24/7 in 2016. They are now in the process of applying for a permanent certificate of need and operating authority from the New York State Department of Health. They are requesting a letter of support from the Town of Mooers. Councilperson Bulriss made a motion to send a letter of support to the town of Clinton. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Boulerice. The result of the Roll Call was 5 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson Bulriss, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Boulerice, and Councilperson Breyette) and 0 NOES

**New Business 3:** Supervisor Menard met with a representative from NYSEG last Friday. They are working on an assessment to upgrade all of the town buildings to LEDs. NYSEG will cover 70% of the cost.

**New Business 4:** Supervisor Menard stated that the October meeting falls on Columbus Day. He would like to change the date to Wednesday October 10<sup>th</sup>. The November meeting fall on Veteran's Day. He would like to change to meeting to Wednesday November 14<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business 5:** Councilperson Breyette asked about the department heads attending the meeting. He asked if a letter was sent out. Supervisor Menard replied that we did send letters out and maybe we should send another one.

**Public Comment:**

**Public Comment 1:** Mr. Michael Reeves stated that he has make repairs to his roof due to damage suffered in the last storm, but he has been unable to contact Code Enforcement Officer Jess Dixon. Mr. Reeves stated that Mr. Dixon should be in his office during his posted office hours. There was more discussion regarding the CEO.

**Public Comment 2:** Mrs. Marie Boutin from Lazy Days Campground voiced her concern regarding the condition of the town. She provided the board with photos that she has taken of dilapidated properties located in the town. She had several ideas to improve the aesthetics of Mooers

such as a “nicest lawn” contest. She also suggested applying for grants and enlisting volunteers to help paint homes that are in need.

**New Business 3:** Ms. Andre Labarge, present, presented the Board with her insurance proposal. There was discussion regarding the insurance proposal. Councilperson Boulerice made a motion to accept Labarge Agency’s insurance proposal. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Bulriss. The result of the Roll Call was 5 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson Bulriss, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Boulerice, and Councilperson Breyette) and 0 NOES

**Vouchers:**

<b>General Town Wide</b>	<b>Voucher 47-63</b>	<b>\$19,800.21</b>
<b>Highway</b>	<b>Voucher 43-60</b>	<b>\$39,813.90</b>
<b>Trust &amp; Agency</b>	<b>Voucher 9-12</b>	<b>\$14,411.18</b>

**Total of Abstracted Vouchers Paid** **\$74,025.29**

**Adjourn:** Councilperson Boulerice made a motion for the meeting be adjourned. All in favor. Thus, Supervisor Jeff Menard declared the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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*JESSICA K. BULRISS, TOWN CLERK*