

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Mooers held
May 10, 2016 at the Mooers Office Complex commencing at 7:00 PM**

Present: Jeff Menard, Supervisor
Eugene ("Dickie") Boulerice, Councilperson
Gerald LaValley, Councilperson
Mary Myatt, Councilperson
Donald Perras, Councilperson

Recording Secretary: Brandi B. Lloyd, Town Clerk

Others Present: Kris Gilmore, Highway Superintendent

Absent: none

Meeting: Supervisor Jeff Menard called the Meeting to Order at 7:00PM, then he asked Mrs. Brandi Lloyd 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 April 10, 2016 Minutes. They all replied yes. Supervisor Jeff Menard then asked if there were any omissions or corrections, there were none. Councilperson Myatt then made a motion to accept the April 10, 2016 Minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Boulerice. The result of the Roll Call was 5 AYES(Councilperson Boulerice, Councilperson Perras, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Myatt, Councilperson LaValley) and 0 NOES, therefore Supervisor Menard declared motion carried and the Minutes accepted as written.

Highway: Highway Supervisor Kris Gilmore stated that scrap prices have fallen a little, but they may sell some in hopes to get enough for a new tamper. He also discussed auction sites that he may use to sell surplus highway equipment. He knows of at least two that do not charge commission. Councilperson Boulerice suggested trying "Auctions International." Councilperson Boulerice is aware of someone who has used the site with good results.

Superintendent Gilmore stated that the gravel pit needs to be surveyed, and should be put in the budget for next year. He expected the cost to range from \$2,000-\$3,000. Councilperson Boulerice stated that the gravel pit has been surveyed, it is required to obtain a mining permit. Councilperson Boulerice advised Superintendent Gilmore to contact Dean.

Superintendent Gilmore stated that it would be 5,000 to repair the excavator or they can buy one from the town of Chazy that is identical to the one they have. They used it for half of the summer last year and it worked great. He added that the parts man said not to rebuild the one we have now. Councilperson Boulerice stated that he thought it was a good idea to purchase the one from Chazy. Councilperson Boulerice made a motion to purchase the excavator from the town of Chazy. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Perras. The result of the Roll Call was 5 AYES (Councilperson Myatt, Councilperson LaValley, Councilperson Perras, Councilperson Boulerice, Supervisor Menard) and 0 NOES. Therefore Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Gilmore asked if there were any updates on the municipal lease for the dump truck. Supervisor Menard was unaware of any, and asked if that was the way to go. Superintendent Gilmore stated he had left over Western Star in Plattsburgh for \$165,000, but that is without a plow. Supervisor Menard asked if the plows are interchangeable, and Supervisor Gilmore said they were. There was some discussion about the prices of new plow trucks. Councilperson Boulerice suggested that they check the money in the surplus. Supervisor Menard said we should check the finances first to see what is there. Councilperson Boulerice asked if it has to go out for bid because it was over \$20,000. Superintendent Gilmore said no because it is a state contract. Councilperson Perras asked how the payment plan would work. Superintendent Gilmore said it would be a three year payment plan. Supervisor Menard said he would check the finances to see what we can do.

Superintendent Gilmore stated that he would like to go to Churubusco and talk to Steve Matthew to see how they handle the road damage caused by the windmills.

Supervisor Menard said that he was planning on discussing that tonight and creating a local law for the road maintenance.

Library: Mr. Art Menard stated that the Woodmen would like to donate a flag pole to the Library. They would like to order it soon, but they don't have a place to store it. Mr. Menard asked if there would be a place to keep it. Supervisor Menard said we would find a spot. Mr. Menard said they would also like to get the lot landscaped. He also said that CEO Jess Dixon thinks the well is deeded with the library land. Mr. Menard said the library board members met last week and decided that there should be a wall dividing the library from the community center for safety concerns. Mr. Menard said that Steve Sample was willing to donate all of the insulation and sheet rock at cost, and will also deliver it for free. Mr. Menard stated that they are in need of funds from the sale of the old library. Supervisor Menard stated that he would be discussing it with the board. Mr. Menard stated that they have been working on rewriting the grant. He also said that he might require a letter signed by Supervisor Menard that states that The Town of Mooers has \$10,000 available only for the library. Councilperson Boulerville asked about the well, and stated that the pipes and wires are already in the ground for the building. Mr. Menard said that they have started interviewing for a new librarian. Mr. Menard expressed his thanks to the Mooers Auxiliary for allowing them to do a write up in their news letter. Councilperson LaValley said that he asked Ron to rewrite the quote with the insulation and sheetrock being donated. Supervisor Menard asked if we were still waiting for NYSEG to hook up the power. Councilperson LaValley said that they were.

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 at this time.

Beautification Committee: Mrs. Scarlett Sample, present, stated that the flower pots are done, but not out yet due to the weather. Superintendent Gilmore said that the flags will go out on Sunday. He also asked if she has ordered any brackets for the flags. He needs at least 12. Mrs. Scarlett Sample said she would look into it.

Tax Assessor: Mr. Larry Wolff, present, said he tries to keep cost below \$100.00 per house. He said he spoke with Miranda Major and she said we are going to get all of the exemptions we are entitled to. Supervisor Menard asked when the new STAR program will take effect. Mr. Larry Wolff said that he did not know, he has not seen any paperwork on it yet. There was some discussion on how the new STAR program would work. Mr. Larry Wolff stated that he would have hours on June 7th, 2016 from 4pm-7pm for grievance day.

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 at this time.

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 at this time.

Fire Department: Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from the Fire Department would like to address the board. No person was present wishing to address the board at this time.

EMS: Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from EMS would like to address the board. No person was present wishing to address the board at this time.

Court: Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from the Court would like to address the board. No person was present wishing to address the board at this time. Supervisor Menard read the Justice Fund Report for the month of April, 2016. The report showed total receipts of \$8658.00 with \$4993.00 going to the State, \$40.00 going to the County, and \$3,625.00 going to the Town of Mooers.

Code Enforcement Officer: Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from Code Enforcement would like to address the board. No person was present wishing to address the board at this time. Supervisor Menard read the April, 2016 report submitted by Mr. Jess Dixon. The report showed a total of 22 calls, 2 certificate of occupancy, 2 appearance tickets, and 6 building permits.

Old Business:

Old Business 1: Supervisor Menard stated that he spoke with Matt from Bernier and Carr, after the last meeting, and Matt informed him that Bernier and Carr does grant writing and sampling, and the cost would be 1,000.00. Supervisor Menard said that with Liz Tedford the cost is 9,000

for the grant writing and the sampling. He also said that he received a notice declining the grant because the population couldn't be more than 2,500, and they included the whole town not just the village, which has a population of 3,592. Supervisor Menard stated that he would like to go with Bernier and Carr and he has an unsigned contract from them. Councilperson Perras asked if we owe Liz Tedford any money. Supervisor Menard said that she has been paid for what she has written so far, but that we might owe her a little more. There was some discussion regarding the grant writing and sample testing. Supervisor Menard asked if anyone would like to make a motion to hire Bernier and Carr for the grant writing and sample testing. Councilperson Boulerice made a motion to inquire what services Bernier and Carr would provide for the grant writing and sample testing. Councilperson Perras seconded the motion. The result of the Roll Call was 5 AYES (Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Perras, Councilperson Boulerice, Councilperson Myatt, Councilperson LaValley) and 0 NOES, therefore Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

Old Business 2: Supervisor Menard made a correction on something that he said at the previous meeting. The contract with Uni-first is not up at the end of 2016, but is actually up at the end of 2017. Superintendent Gilmore state that he was unsure of the exact amount, but he believes that there was a clothing and shoe allowance of about 1,000 per employee, and that it might be good to put in the upcoming Union Contract. Councilperson Myatt asked how much is currently spent. Superintendent Gilmore said that it is currently 9,000 per year and If this were included in the contract it would come to 7,000 per year. There was some discussion regarding the winters coats that are included in the contract. Councilperson Boulerice stated that it should be a safety winter jacket with reflection. Supervisor Menard said it was something they would look into.

Old Business 3: Supervisor Menard said he would like to put the old library in the paper and have it go out to bid. Councilperson Perras asked if we should have it appraised first. He also said that he spoke with the comptroller and in order to protect ourselves we should have it appraised first. Mr. Larry Wolff said the library is appraised for 27,000. Councilperson Boulerice said there might be a problem because the septic is on the neighbor's property. There was more discussion regarding the septic and leach field. Councilperson Perras asked if we should see what an appraisal would cost. Supervisor Menard asked if anyone would like to make a motion to put the old library in the paper and out to bid. Councilperson LaValley made a motion to put the old library out to bid. Councilperson Myatt seconded the motion. The result of the Roll Call was 5 AYES(Councilperson Myatt, Councilperson LaValley, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Perras, Councilperson Boulerice) and 0 NOES, therefore Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

Old Business 4: Supervisor Menard stated that they were going to change "Local Wind Law" example contract to fit The Town of Mooers and sign it at the next meeting. Councilperson Perras stated that the contract contained a lot of information about fixing the roads and was pretty intense. Mrs. Brandi Lloyd stated that she thought she could do it and if she ran into a problem she would call Tom Murnane. Supervisor Menard said that if we decide to adopt the local wind law we must have a public hearing first, and then we can adopt it into law. A lady in attendance warned of the importance of being very specific in the contract regarding road maintenance.

New Business

New Business 1: Mrs. Brandi B. Lloyd read the resolution to accept insurance renewal from Comp. Alliance as presented by insurance agent Andree Labarge. Councilperson LaValley asked if any other bids were taken. Supervisor Menard replied that there were and there was a \$3,000 difference in bids. He also stated that the cheaper policy did not have as much coverage, and was not as familiar with our town. Councilperson LaValley asked if there were any other bids, and if it was advertised in the paper. Supervisor Menard replied that there weren't any other, and that it was not put in the paper. Councilperson LaValley suggested that it should be advertised next year. There was more discussion regarding insurance carriers. Councilperson Perras made a motion to accept the Resolution Accepting Insurance Renewal From Comp. Alliance. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Boulerice. The result of the Roll Call was 5 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson Boulerice, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Myatt, Councilperson LaValley) and 0 NOES, therefore Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried and resolution #12-2016 adopted.

New Business 2: Mrs. Brandi B. Lloyd read the Resolution to Accept Statement of Wages and Benefits for the Position of Secretary to the Supervisor. Supervisor Menard made a motion to accept the resolution. the motion was seconded by Councilperson Myatt. The result of the Roll Call was 5 AYES(Councilperson Myatt, Councilperson LaValley, Councilperson Boulerice, Councilperson Perras, Supervisor Menard) and 0 NOES, therefore Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried and resolution #13-2016 adopted. Councilperson Boulerice made a suggestion to add this to the agenda for

the organizational meeting at the beginning of the year.

New Business 3: Supervisor Menard said the town received a letter from The Emergency Services director requesting a letter appointing two people to The Fire Advisory Board. The members will remain the same Chris Bulriss and Mark Fewster. Supervisor Menard made a motion to appoint Chris Bulriss and Mark Fewster to The Fire Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Perras. The result of the Roll Call was 5 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson Boulerice, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Myatt, Councilperson LaValley) and 0 NOES, therefore Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

New Business 4: Supervisor Menard stated that the town received a letter from Mr. Steve Bulriss requesting that the town advertise openings at the Mooers Senior Housing on the website. Supervisor Menard expressed hesitancy to allow advertising on the Town website. Councilperson Perras asked if there was a community calendar on the website. Supervisor Menard said that there was not. Councilperson Boulerice asked if it was a legal issue. Supervisor Menard said that it was not. Supervisor Menard stated that it would be great if someone wanted to step forward and maintain the website. There was further discussion, but no decision was made. Councilperson Boulerice suggested the issue be tabled until the next board meeting.

New Business 5: Supervisor Menard stated that Mr. Brandon Lamere will no longer be mowing Union Cemetery, and a replacement needs to be found. Councilperson Myatt asked if the two boys doing the other cemetery would do it. Supervisor Menard replied that they would not. Supervisor Menard said Brandon Boutin was interested in taking the position. Supervisor Menard made a motion to hire Brandon Boutin to maintain the mowing at Union Cemetery. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Perras. The result of the Roll Call was 5 AYES (Councilperson Myatt, Councilperson LaValley, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Perras, Councilperson Boulerice) and 0 NOES, therefore Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

Supervisor Menard asked if anyone would like to address the Town Board.

Public Comment 1: A lady in attendance, Rosie, voiced her concern about the poor conditions of Riverside Cemetery. She stated that she is willing to donate topsoil to do the entire cemetery, but needs volunteers to help spread it. Supervisor Menard said that we are working on fixing the problems and have been talking with the Cemetery Commission to find out what can be done. Supervisor Menard stated that he didn't see a problem with her putting topsoil on her parent's graves and we will find out what we are allowed to do. Councilperson Perras suggested getting the inmates to help cleaning up the cemetery. A lady in attendance voiced her concern regarding flags for the veteran's graves. Mrs. Scarlett Sample suggested that the Town Historian might have a list of veteran's graves.

Public Comment 2: Mrs. Scarlett Sample asked if the old funeral home has ever been cleared with the DEC. Supervisor Menard replied that it had, the wells are gone, and the Town has been reimbursed.

Voucher: The Audited Vouchers to be paid off the Abstracted Vouchers on April 12, 2016 as follows:

General - Townwide -----(Vouchers 83 - 109)-----	\$31,419.58
Highway - Townwide -----(Voucher 85 - 102)-----	\$40,770.66
Mooers Forks Lights----- (Voucher 102)-----	\$347.18
Mooers Lights ----- (Voucher 102)-----	\$595.98
Trust & Agency -----(Voucher 13-15)-----	\$12,188.10
Total of Abstracted Vouchers Paid-----	\$85,321.50

Adjourn: Supervisor Menard made a motion for the meeting be adjourned. Councilperson Boulerice seconded the motion. All in favor. Thus, Supervisor Jeff Menard declared the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:27PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

JESSICA K. BULRISS, TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR