

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Mooers held
May 11, 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: Kelly McDonald, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Others Present: Larry Wolff, Tax Assessor
Myrtle Hawksby, Beautification
Tyson Dumas, Youth Commission
Stacey Guerin, Dog Control Officer

Absent: None

Meeting: Supervisor Jeff Menard called the Meeting to Order at 7:00PM. Supervisor Menard asked Mrs. Kelly McDonald to lead them in the "Pledge of Allegiance," which she did.

Highway: Superintendent Gilmore and Board went through the surplus list. Superintendent Gilmore said he'd like to keep a set of tires on there as they will fit their equipment. Councilperson Breyette made a motion to accept bids except for the 2 items they discussed. Councilperson Perras seconded the motion.

All in favor, Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

Bailey Ford in Plattsburgh has a pick up, at Government pricing and will hold it until it goes out for bid. Supervisor Menard discussed the specs for the truck- 2021 Ton 4X4 regular cab. Supervisor Menard asked Superintendent Gilmore to work with Mrs. Kelly McDonald, Town Clerk, for bid in paper. There was discussion on putting money down to hold truck, but could be out money if a lower bid comes in. Currently the price to beat is \$39, 223.

There was further discussion on the water issue at Park Lane. Superintendent Gilmore met with the Soil and Water Conservation. They bought 3 pipes to put in, drain it out, maybe bring out to Route 11. If the pipes freeze the Town would have to dig up at cost to land owner. This needs to be confirmed with her. There was also discussion on seal coating the parking lot at the Mooers Forks Rec Park, should Highway do it or cost effective to put out to bid?

Library: Supervisor Menard read a prepared statement from Mr. Art Menard. He thanked the Town for mowing the lawn. The computers are available for use by appointment and limited for 45 minutes at a time to allow for disinfecting. The Library will be holding an outdoor music series, you can find details on the Facebook page, website and by calling. There will be a gnome sign going library to library. You can win a gift bag by getting a picture with it and posting on social media. There will also be a summer reading program, a mix of virtual and outdoor sessions. There will also be take and make craft kits. There are also preparing for a construction grant, to include and outdoor storage shed.

Dog Control: Mrs. Stacey Guerin said the stuff she ordered has come in. There was further discussion on the proposed kennel license. Mr. Irving Guerin had a new proposal for a yearly fee. \$50 a year for up to 10 dogs and \$5 each after. Councilperson LaCount asked what the benefit would be to changing it to one year, other than money? It's a start to getting them licensed and registered. Mr. Guerin thought it made it more fair to those who have to register their dogs yearly, cost wise. There was also discussion on Kennel licenses. Mrs. Kelly McDonald, Town Clerk explained how Kennel Licenses have worked in the past. Mrs. McDonald explained the purebred licenses and fee scale. There is currently not a way to license a group of dogs through NYS Dept of Agriculture and Markets at a set rate that are not purebred. The Kennel permit is a Zoning Law requirement to house a structure and have more than 4 dogs; and needs approval through the Zoning Board. Supervisor Menard asked what people thought a fair fee would be. There was discussion again on \$50 a year for up to 10 dogs and \$5 a dog after. There was also discussion of the Kennel License being additionally required. There would also need to be kennel checks to make sure people are registering all of their dogs. Councilperson Perras made a motion to adopt the fee changes.

Councilperson LaCount seconded the motion.
All in favor, Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

Beautification: Mrs. Crystal Bulriss said they have the new poles for the flags, just waiting for them to go up. Supervisor Menard asked who does the flags for the Veterans in the cemeteries for Memorial Weekend. One of the firemen does it. Councilperson Bulriss said they just ordered new markers and flags for this.

Tax Assessor: Mr. Larry Wolff, Tax Assessor, discussed raising the assessments enough to make 95%, which would keep the current exemptions. Prices of lumber is sky high due to new construction. Mr. Wolff said they are hoping not to do a Town Wide increase next year. There are many factors including the School budget, governor, etc.

Youth Commission: Mr. Tyson Dumas, Youth Commission was present to discuss an issue with a current Councilperson. This was in regard to emails and Mr. Dumas being accused on social media of not playing a Councilperson's grandson. Mr. Dumas had dates and documentation showing this to be false. Mr. Dumas also stated that Mrs. McDonald, Town Clerk, has no role in the distribution of forms. The forms go to the school then to the Town Office or Mr. Dumas. Mr. Dumas then sits with the coaches and divide out the teams. There was nothing done intentionally or not to exclude any child. Mr. Dumas also explained his father's name had no reason to be brought into it. Mr. Dumas explained what was said on social media was wrong and was not supposed to be done by a Town employee per the handbook. Mrs. Kerri Dumas also stated that if there were any question they should have been called. Mr. Dumas stated it's the parent's responsibility to follow up if they have questions on coaches or practices. Supervisor Menard explained that it was not good for the Town and the issue needs to stop.

Fire Department: Supervisor Menard read the Fire Report submitted by Fire Chief Todd Gumlaw. Chief Gumlaw explained the parking light at Station 2 needs to be repaired, he will look at it to see if he can fix it. Chief Gumlaw explained they were taking sealed bids for the 2 trucks available. The minimum bid is \$10,000 by May 25th. The Ladies' Auxiliary is hosting a drive through spaghetti dinner June 5th. They have 4 new members, and if anyone over the age of 18 and in good standing with the community feel free to apply. Chief Gumlaw explained how the junior member program works.

Cemeteries: Supervisor Menard has the bid on the Cemetery fence, they are waiting to see when it can come in. Supervisor Menard let the Highway know they can take down the old one. Beautification reminded them there are the poles that need to be saved and will show Superintendent Gilmore what they are.

Old Business:

1) Supervisor Menard read the prices for the fence at Rec Park in Mooers Forks. CE Fencing quoted \$9,083 to install fence. Begor's quoted \$409.57 for the fence and posts but the Town would install. Mr. Guerin said he knows someone that can sell that cheaper. They need 330 feet and 42 posts. Councilperson Bulriss made a motion to buy the needed posts at Begor's and fence from Mr. Harold Manor.

Councilperson LaCount seconded the motion.
All in favor, Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.
There was a discussion on when they would install, TBD.

2) Mr. Guerin asked if topsoil was needed at Rec Park. He would like to donate a load and Beeman would as well. Superintendent Gilmore said they should put lime down or fertilizer, will see if can get soil tested.

3) Mr. Steve Bulriss asked for update on the places that are dumps, such as the Garrard Road. Supervisor Menard said that it was being worked on.

New Business:

1) Supervisor Menard discussed visit from a Detective from the Attorney General's Office and wanted a FOIL Record. Supervisor Menard read the FOIL Requests which asked for all information regarding the Walking Path and EMS over head door renovation. All documentation has been provided in response. Councilperson Breyette discussed the procurement policy and Supervisor Menard said everything was followed as it should be.

2) It was asked if the sidewalks could be fixed as they are breaking and falling apart. Supervisor Menard said they wanted to fix them but Route 11 was slated to be repaved. Supervisor Menard said they would check it out and replace what was really bad. Councilperson LaCount asked if it would be done by Town? Discussion on if it should go to bid, are there forms? Need to see what has to be replaced. Supervisor Menard said it go into paper for bid. Councilperson Perras suggested adding sidewalks as well. Councilperson LaCount said he would go with Councilperson Bulriss to get an idea of what is needed.

Public Comment:

1) It was asked when Kennel Licenses would be available. Supervisor Menard said soon, when it is able to be set up. Some discussion on what Laws will need to be amended. DEC required the permits to run the dogs, so people are waiting. Will put a sign on board when they are ready.

2) Ms. Jerika Manning asked about the slide at the Rec Park. Chief Gumlaw temporarily patched it, it has not been ordered yet.

Vouchers:

Highway	Voucher	73-88	\$55,815.05
General Fund	Voucher	73-94	\$46,032.26
Mooers & Mooers Forks Lights	Voucher	90	\$1,051.71
Riverside Cemetery	Voucher	69	\$2,200.00
Total of Abstracted Vouchers Paid			\$105,099.02

Adjourn: Councilperson Breyette made a motion for the meeting be adjourned; Councilperson Bulriss seconded the motion. All in favor. Thus, Supervisor Menard declared the meeting closed. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly L. McDonald, TOWN CLERK