

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Mooers held Wednesday May 30, 2018 at the Mooers Office Complex commencing at 7:00 PM

Present: Jeff Menard, Supervisor
Donald Perras, Councilperson
Eugene "Dickie" Boulerice, Councilperson
Chris Bulriss, Councilperson

Recording Secretary: Jessica K. Bulriss, Town Clerk

Others Present: none

Absent: Irving Breyette, Councilperson

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

Minutes: Supervisor Jeff Menard stated that the purpose of this meeting was to discuss the proposed EMS building. He said some board members went to look at Jeff Morelock's garage. Councilperson Perras stated that he is asking \$129,900.00 which includes the lot that has the shop and the extra acre. There is roughly 2.5 acres. Councilperson Bulriss said it would be \$10,000.00 less if the town chose not to buy the extra acre.

Supervisor Menard stated that Ms. Jessica Bulriss has been doing some research on grants and low interest loans through Rural Development. He said so far it looks like we are eligible to apply for a \$50,000.00 grant and the rest can be covered by a low interest loan. He said the main point of the meeting is to see if the board wants to go through with the purchase of Jeff Morelock's building. Councilperson Perras stated that Mr. Morelock would be willing to hold the mortgage, but the USDA grant might be a better deal. Supervisor Menard said that if we borrow the money through Rural Development we have a better chance of receiving up to a \$50,000.00 grant. He asked Ms. Bulriss to explain further.

Ms. Bulriss stated that Rural Development will finance up to 75% of the total cost, which can be used to purchase the building and convert it to an EMS building. We are a community of less than 5,500 and we have a low median income, which gives us more "preference points." There are a lot of hoops to jump through. Ms. Bulriss said she spoke with Ms. Rene Hotte and was told that it is not necessary to hire a grant writer, which will save the town a considerable amount of money. She also said she is not sure how long the process will take. Ms. Hotte is willing to attend the next board meeting to answer any questions the board or community may have.

Supervisor Menard stated that Ron Buskey also went to look at the building with the board members. Councilperson Perras said that he did not have the quote from Mr. Buskey yet. Once we receive the numbers we will prioritize what needs to be completed. Supervisor Menard said it is hard to apply for a loan when we are not sure what we will need for funds. He said the main thing we need to do is let Mr. Morelock know where the town stands.

Councilperson Boulerice asked about staffing. Mr. Corey Thompson stated that during the week there will be two paid staff from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. On the weekend there will be an ALS provider from 6:00 pm to 6:00 am every third weekend. Councilperson Boulerice asked if there was a need for two bathrooms. Mr. Tim Miller replied yes. Mr. Thompson stated that having two separate bathrooms at the other station has proved to be very useful. Councilperson Boulerice asked if we were going to have a guarantee that the town will not get a big rate increase in the future. Mr. Thompson stated they are working on a formula to calculate any future rate increase. Mr. Favreau state that the formula is based upon population. Supervisor Menard said they would be willing to sign a ten year lease.

Mr. Thompson stated at a previous meeting he was asked about numbers and he did not have access to wifi. He stated that in 2017 the town of Mooers paid \$85,000.00 toward the EMS budget and they paid \$438,000.00 of billing money. In 2018 in went up \$10,000.00 to \$95,000.00 and they paid \$483,000.00 of billing money.

Supervisor Menard asked what the board would like to do. Councilperson Perras said we have to do something. He said we have to spend money but the alternative can cost us a lot more. There

was more discussion regarding the EMS building. Councilperson Bulriss made a motion to purchase the building from Mr. Jeff Morelock pending financing. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Perras. The result of the Roll Call was 4 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson Bulriss, Supervisor Menard, and Councilperson Boulerice) and 0 NOES. Therefore, Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

Supervisor Menard stated that he spoke with Mr. Larry Marnes and he is interested in the Historian position. Councilperson Boulerice made a motion to appoint Mr. Marnes to the historian position. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Bulriss. The result of the Roll Call was 4 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson Bulriss, Supervisor Menard, and Councilperson Boulerice) and 0 NOES. Therefore, Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

Adjourn: Councilperson Bulriss made a motion for the meeting be adjourned. All in favor. Thus, Supervisor Jeff Menard declared the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:17PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

JESSICA K. BULRISS, TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR