

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Mooers held
June 8, 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 L. McDonald, Town Clerk

Others Present: Larry Wolff, Tax Assessor
Myrtle Hawksby, Beautification
Crystal Bulriss, Beautification
Art Menard, Library

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.

Minutes: All the Board Members were asked if they had read their copies of the April 13, 2021 and May 11, 2021 meeting minutes.

Councilperson Bulriss made a motion to approve the minutes as written.

Councilperson Perras seconded the motion.

All in favor, Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

Highway: Superintendent Gilmore said progress is slow with people taking days off. Superintendent Gilmore discussed the search for a new truck. Supervisor Menard discussed it should still be put out to bid. Superintendent Gilmore said there was not a lot on the market at this time. Councilperson Bulriss made a motion to put it out to bid.

Councilperson LaCount seconded the motion.

All in favor, Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Gilmore said he should have a check from the Auction outfit this week.

Supervisor Menard received a call about the ditch on Park Lane. Superintendent Gilmore said he spoke with State on putting a culvert in. There was also discussion on repairing sidewalks.

Dog Control: Mrs. Stacey Guerin, Dog Control Officer, said it had been quiet. Mrs. Guerin said she was following up on the delinquent dog licenses.

Beautification: Mrs. Crystal Bulriss said they opted not to do the flowers this year as they mostly died last year. Mrs. Bulriss said they focused on the flags along Route 11 and thanked Superintendent Gilmore for putting them up. Supervisor Menard thanked Mr. Mike Menard for the flags put up for Memorial Day.

Library: Mr. Art Menard said as of June 1st they were mandated to be open, but that was not an issue as they have been open full time. There is a one-hour time limit, and the computers are now open for use. Masks are still required. Mr. Menard discussed the summer reading program and the various summer activities available, many of which will be held outside. Mr. Menard also discussed the \$21,000 construction grant that would go towards the storage shed, gazebo, sidewalk, etc. The Library does have the seed money for the grant, the letter of intent has been submitted and the application must be in by the end of August. The big tree is being worked on. It has been cut down and piled.

Fire Department: Supervisor Menard read the May 2021 Report submitted by Fire Chief Todd Gumlaw. The rescue truck has been sold.

EMS: Supervisor Menard read the EMS Report for May 2021.

Court: Supervisor Menard read the Court Report submitted for April 2021.

Tax Assessor: Mr. Larry Wolff, Tax Assessor, thanked the members of the Board of Assessment Review. All 5 members were present for the meeting. 5 people came in, with 2 coming before the Board. At this point we are at 93% assessment for the Town.

Old Business:

1) Fence at Mooers Forks Rec Park- The fence came in for Rec Park. Supervisor Menard stated he was going the next day to put in if anyone was available to help. Supervisor Menard stated it was metal posts, and chicken wire posts. Councilperson Bulriss suggested metal wire to hold fence to posts, as well as a sledgehammer. The supplies came from Begors.

Public Comment:

- 1) Mrs. Danielle Menard discussed that they had purchased a Hometown Hero's Flag from Loreman's for her Father-in-Law Leon Menard. Mrs. Menard had spoken with Ms. Michelle Menard and Mrs. Kelly McDonald, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, and asked the Board if they could form a committee to do this for the Town of Mooers. This would be set up to start Memorial Day 2022. The Families would buy the flag for the Veteran. Mrs. Menard has paperwork from various surrounding towns to have an idea on process and application. The Town would have a separate account for this, and could have all flags and supplies sent to the Town and all applications would have to be approved by the Town. They would also price out various places to see which had the best deal. Councilperson LaCount offered to be on the Committee as well.
- 2) Mr. Damian Multy asked if anyone has complained about trucks going down Route 11 because of the noise. Mr. Multy said he has spoken with the state about limiting the use of J Brakes, but they are not willing to do anything. Mr. Multy asked if he could talk with the State Police on the Town's behalf on this, as well as DOT. Supervisor Menard said this was the first he's heard of this as a complaint in the 8 years being Supervisor. Supervisor Menard said they could send a letter to DOT asking to have this looked into. Mr. Multy said he would check into this further and keep Board posted.
- 3) Mrs. Guerin, Dog Control Officer, asked if the letter had been sent to Palmers for emergency vet care. Supervisor Menard said that it had months ago. Mrs. Guerin asked if anything on the Kennel License's. Supervisor Menard said no, but they had just met with Janet Collier from NYS Ag and Markets on the matter.
- 4) Mr. Calvin Castine, Area One Legislator, apologized for not being in attendance due to COVID. Mr. Castine said the Sales Tax Revenue is surprisingly doing well, it is up \$450K from last year. The Assessment for the Town of Mooers is at 93%.
- 5) Ms. Jerika Manning asked about the slide for Mooers Rec Park. There has not been at this point. There was discussion on replacing the whole playground instead of the slide, to see what grants may be out there.
- 6) Mrs. Crystal Bulriss and Mrs. Myrtle Hawksby thanked everyone for the support of the Drive Through Spaghetti Dinner that the Auxiliary put on. They did so well they ran out of food.

Councilperson Perras made a motion to enter Executive Session at 7:43PM to discuss an employee. Councilperson Bulriss seconded the motion. All in favor, the Board entered Executive Session.

At 8:00PM the Board returned. Councilperson Perras made a motion to exit Executive Session. Councilperson Breyette seconded the motion. All in favor.

Adjourn: Councilperson Breyette made a motion for the meeting be adjourned; Councilperson LaCount seconded the motion. All in favor. Thus, Supervisor Menard declared the meeting closed. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Vouchers:

Highway	Voucher	89-109	\$64,737.19
General Fund	Voucher	95-119	\$16,249.97
Union/Riverside Cemetery	Voucher	70-72	\$7,492.47
Mooers & Mooers Forks Lights	Voucher	117	\$1,038.32
Trust and Agency	Voucher	20-24	\$18,407.47
Total of Abstracted Vouchers Paid			\$107,925.42

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly L. McDonald, TOWN CLERK