

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Mooers held
July 10, 2017 at the Mooers Office Complex commencing at 7:00 PM**

Present: Jeff Menard, Supervisor
Donald Perras, Councilperson
Gerald LaValley, Councilperson

Recording Secretary: Jessica K. Bulriss, Town Clerk

Others Present: Kris Gilmore, Highway Superintendent
Myrtle Hawksby, Beautification Committee
Kaleigh Mill, Dog Control Officer
Larry Wolff, Assessor
Art Menard, Library
Danny Dumas, Fire Chief

Absent: Eugene "Dickie" Boulerice Councilperson
Mary Myatt, Councilperson

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 June 12, 2017 Minutes. Councilperson Perras made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Menard. The result of the Roll Call was 4 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson LaValley, Supervisor Menard) and 0 NOES. Therefore Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried and the Minutes accepted as written.

Highway: Highway Superintendent Kris Gilmore stated they need to purchase additional road signs. Supervisor Menard told him he should check with the county and see if we can "piggy back" off of them based on shared services. Superintendent Gilmore stated the two trucks should be done in about a week. He asked if there was an update regarding the Uni-First bill. Supervisor Menard replied that he had called twice and has yet to receive a return call.

Library: Mr. Art Menard, present, stated the summer reading program is on and includes kids of all ages. Mr. Menard updated the Board on the progress on the new library. They have enough funds to hook up running water with help from Councilperson Boulerice. They are still painting with help from Councilperson LaValley. Supervisor Menard said he spoke with Mr. Irving Breyette who is willing to donate paint for the new library. He also said that there is someone interested in purchasing the old library. Mr. Menard stated they have sold roughly 47 brick of varying prices. They will continue with the fundraiser for another five to six months. They have a goal to be in the new library by September of this year. Supervisor Menard asked what was left to be completed. Mr. Menard replied they still need to complete painting, floors, and lighting. He said lighting has gone out to bid because it will cost between \$5,000.00 to \$6,000.00 and includes both the library and community room.

Dog Control: Mrs. Kaleigh Mill, present, stated this will be her last meeting. She will be attending the Sheriff Deputy Academy in August. She will continue to be the DCO up to December 31, 2017, which is the end of her contract. While she is attending the academy the Clinton County Sheriff's Department will be covering her dog control duties and she will be covering at night. She said that she is not ordering anything for the shelter right now. Supervisor Menard said they have been discussing dog control at the Supervisor's Meeting and it looks as though dog control will be going county wide because of the savings in cost. New York State will match the savings. Mrs. Mills said she will be contacting Elmore SPCA to see if they can take some of the dogs in the shelter to lighten the work load. Supervisor Menard said we will have to find a new location for the kennel. Mrs. Mills said she spoke with someone at Agriculture and Markets and they do require one building per town. She is unsure if it could be located on county property. Mrs. Mills stated that they could take down the building and relocate it or she would be happy to pay for the building and keep it on her property if it is not feasible to move.

Beautification: Mrs. Myrtle Hawksby, present, had nothing to report. Mr. Michael Reeves, present, stated the memorial park statue was originally supposed to be made out of cement, but will now be made out of bronze. He also stated the area where the memorial will be located needs to be raised about one foot due to water runoff. According to Mr. Reeves calculations that will require 300 to 325 truckloads of fill. Mr. Reeves stated the he believes this is necessary to move forward with the memorial.

Supervisor Menard said that he and Councilperson Perras met with Karissa Kilmer from the Clinton County Department of Health. The Town of Mooers is eligible for a \$2,500.00 Complete Streets mini grant. He thought we could use the grant to purchase benches and picnic table to be located around town. The deadline is Thursday August 3rd, 2017. Supervisor Menard said the town is required to pass a resolution in order to apply for the grant. Councilperson Perras said the resolution is not binding. They would just like the town to follow through with creating walk-able communities. Mrs. Myrtle Hawksby, said the program they attended in Plattsburgh stressed the importance of walking. There was more discussion regarding the Complete Streets Mini-Grant. Councilperson LaValley made a motion to apply for the Complete Streets Mini-Grant . The motion was seconded by Supervisor Menard. The result of the Roll Call was 3 AYES (Councilperson LaValley, Supervisor Menard, and Councilperson Perras) and 0 NOES. Therefore Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

Tax Assessor: Mr. Larry Wolff, present, had nothing to report.

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: Fire Chief Danny Dumas, present, stated they are going out for bid for the new truck. The bid should be in the paper within the next couple of days. They hope to have the bid awarded and the truck ordered this fall. The truck should be in service by next summer. Chief Dumas informed the Board that the Fire Department has been awarded a \$1,500.00 grant through the DEC. Supervisor Menard read the report submitted by Chief Dumas. For the month of June there were eight calls, six for the town and two mutual aid: two house fires, two motor vehicle, one barn fire, two power line, and one medical assist. There have been fifty six calls year to date.

EMS: Supervisor Menard stated that he received a quote last month to convert the out building to an EMS office and bay. He said the quote was too much for the town to cover so the Fire Department is thinking of using their funds to convert the building. Mr. Roger Favreau, present, asked if the Fire Department is definitely going to convert the building. Supervisor Menard replied that it was voted on Wednesday night, but they haven't decided exact plans. Mr. Favreau asked if they needed town board approval. Supervisor Menard replied that they do not. It is their building even though it is on town property. Mr. Favreau said that originally the town provided a bay and an office for the EMT's at no charge. They based their fee off of that understanding. He also stated that when the Fire Department took control of the building EMS was asked to pay \$400-\$450 per month. Mr. Favreau said that it is his understanding that they will be charged \$600.00 per month when the building is renovated. He asked if the town would be willing to pay half of the monthly fee. Supervisor Menard said that he would like to wait until all of the board members are present before they vote on splitting the cost. Fire Chief Danny Dumas stated that they began charging rent when the EMS received a \$5,000.00 increase in their budget and the Fire Department received a \$5,000.00 decrease in their budget. There was more discussion regarding the new building. Supervisor Menard read the report submitted for the month of April. There were a total of ninety calls, 1585.4 loaded miles, and the average response time was 2 minutes. There was one mutual aid received and one given.

Court: Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from the Office of the Town Court would like to address the Board. No person was present wishing to address the Board. Supervisor Menard read the report submitted for the month of June. For the month of June the Court brought in a total of \$10,344.00; \$6,869.00 went to the New York State, \$590.00 went to Clinton County, and \$2,885.00 went to the Town of Mooers.

Code Enforcement: Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from the Office of Code Enforcement would like to address the Board. No person was present wishing to address the Board.

Cemeteries: None

Old Business:

Old Business 1: Supervisor Menard stated there is someone interested in purchasing the old library. Supervisor Menard made a motion to put the old library out for bid. The motion was seconded by Councilperson LaValley. There was some discussion regarding the old library. The result of the Roll Call was 3 AYES (Supervisor Menard, Councilperson LaValley, Councilperson Perras) and 0 NOES. Therefore Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

Old Business 2: Supervisor Menard stated that the board needed to vote on the CSEA contract. Councilperson LaValley stated that it is basically the same contract they agreed to in the first place. The result of the Roll Call was 3 AYES (Supervisor Menard, Councilperson LaValley, Councilperson Perras) and 0 NOES. Therefore Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

Old Business 3: Mr. Reeves stated that Mr. Leon Menard has moved the cut trees into a big pile.

New Business:

New Business 1: Supervisor Menard stated that the basketball court in Mooers Forks has a lot of cracks. He asked Superintendent Gilmore if he could take a look at it and maybe fix some of the cracks. Councilperson Perras said that they need back boards also.

Public Comment :

Public Comment 1: A town resident, who resides at 16 East St. voiced their concern regarding the tenants on the corner. They have been playing loud music and are disruptive. They stated that they have contacted the police and the landlord, but nothing has been done because the town does not have a noise ordinance. The resident requested that something be done. Mrs. Myrtle Hawksby asked if it was illegal to have a bonfire, because they have them in the back yard. Mrs. Sally Smith stated that she was worried that the surrounding buildings were going to catch fire. Supervisor Menard said that he will speak to the landlord. He also said he would check into what else could be done. Another resident stated that the Hazmat Unit was there a few months ago, but nothing was done due to lack of evidence. There was another concern about the loose pit bull. There was more discussion regarding the concerns of the residents.

Public Comment 2: Mr. Michael Reeves presented a grave stone from the old Riverside Cemetery that he removed because he found it buried. He stated that there are several grave stones piled against the fence deteriorating. He would like Board approval to take the stones out, clean them, and attempt to replace them on the correct graves. He also said that on Tuesday August 8th at 10:00 am a representative from the state will be visiting Mooers. Mr. Reeves stated that when a gravestone is leaning it means that it is broken under the ground. He said the last time the cemetery was done was in 1913. He stated that he will ask for monetary compensation but it will not be much. Supervisor Menard informed him that there isn't money to pay him. Supervisor Menard stated that he also has to have more than one bid in order to award the job of fixing the cemetery. There was more discussion regarding the cemetery.

Public Comment 3: A Mooers resident requested that the Highway Department plow all the way to the sidewalk on East Street in the winter. They said that there is at least two to three feet of snow left to shovel. There was more discussion regarding this issue. Highway Superintendent Kris Gilmore stated that it has been done the same way for years. Supervisor Menard said that he would check it out.

Vouchers:

The Audited Vouchers to be paid off the Abstracted Vouchers on July 10, 2017 as follows:

General - Townwide	Vouchers 136-160	\$12,978.83
Highway - Townwide	Vouchers 115-131	\$10,811.96
Trust and Agency	Vouchers 61-64	\$13,954.85
Mooers Forks Lights	Voucher 151	\$358.27
Mooers Lights	Voucher 151	\$614.29
Union Cemetery	Vouchers 21-23	\$2,103.88
Riverside Cemetery	Voucher 21	\$175.67

Total of Abstracted Vouchers Paid-\$40,997.75

Adjourn: Councilperson Perras made a motion for the meeting be adjourned. All in favor. Thus, Supervisor Jeff Menard declared the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

JESSICA K. BULRISS, TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR