

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Mooers held
July 12, 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: Jessica K. Bulriss, Town Clerk

Others Present: Kris Gilmore, Highway Superintendent
Kaleigh Mills, Dog Control Officer
Larry Wolff, Assessor

Absent: none

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 14, 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 June 14, 2016 Minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Councilperson LaValley. The result of the Roll Call was 4 AYES (Councilperson Boulerice, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Myatt, Councilperson LaValley), 0 NOES, and 1 ABSTAIN (Councilperson Perras) therefore Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried and the Minutes accepted as written.

Highway: Highway Supervisor Kris Gilmore stated that they are currently mowing the sides of the roads and they are almost complete. He also said that they will begin paving in August. White road will be the only road that will be paved.

Supervisor Menard stated that he contacted the bank and inquired about a loan to buy the new plow truck. He stated that a loan can be obtained for 2.5% to 3% and the term can run from 12 to 60 months. Superintendent Gilmore said more trucks will be available at the end of the month. Supervisor Menard stated that the town has been debt free and he would hate to be the one to put the town in debt. Supervisor Menard said that they would wait until next month and revisit the issue.

Library: Mr. Art Menard, present, stated that financial review has been accepted and approved for \$9,800.00, which will be applied to finish the interior of the new library. He also stated that they are still waiting on NYSEG. He said that they are still hoping for the sale of the old building. They are meeting on Thursday July 21, 2016. Mr. Menard said that the summer reading program will begin August 6, 2016 and they have a total of 12 kids signed up. Councilperson LaValley stated that he believes Mr. Buskey can begin on the new library next week. He also spoke with Dr. Evans who intends to have the water tested. Supervisor Menard stated that the town received one bid from Mr. Brad Vassar for the purchase of the old library in the amount of \$8,000.00. He also said that he was hoping for more. There was some discussion regarding the sale of the old library building and the issues regarding the septic system. Supervisor Menard made a motion to reject the bid entered by Mr. Brad Vassar in the amount of 8,000.00. Councilperson Perras seconded. The result of the Roll Call was 5 AYES (Councilperson LaValley, Councilperson Myatt, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Boulerice, Councilperson Perras) and 0 NOES. Therefore Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

Dog Control: Mrs. Kaleigh Mills, present, submitted her report for the month of June, which showed 14 calls/complaints. Mrs. Mills stated she currently has 8 dogs in the shelter. She also informed the board that one dog had escaped and jumped on her neighbor breaking the skin. She asked the board if she can purchase new panels for the dog kennels to prevent this from happening again. Supervisor Menard stated that she should obtain a quote and present it to the board in August.

Tax Assessor: Mr. Larry Wolff, present, stated that the old library is assessed at \$49,500, with the value of just the land assessed at \$16,000. He also stated that the land is one acre according to the records. He also stated that he is in the process of going to each residence in the town and updating the condition of each home.

Beautification: Mrs. Myrtle Hawksby, present, stated that the Beautification Committee has nothing to present at this time

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. Councilperson LaValley stated that he was told that Altona has not received their portion of the donation from Bull Run Wind.

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 June, 2016. The report showed total receipts of \$12,652.26 with \$8,417.00 going to the State, \$190.00 going to the County, and \$4,045.26 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 June, 2016 report submitted by Mr. Jess Dixon. The report showed a total of 19 calls. There were was 1 violation, and 2 pool permits issued.

Cemeteries: Supervisor Menard stated that the cemeteries have been mowed and are looking good. He also stated that the Fire Department has agreed to sell their lawn mower to The Town of Mooers. The Fire Department would like the amount of the mower, \$2,300.00, to be deducted from their fuel bill. Councilperson Boulерice asked where it will be stored. Supervisor Menard replied that it will be kept in the same spot. Supervisor Menard stated that The Fire Department would like to be able to use the mower for their labor day activities. There was more discussion regarding the purchase of the lawn mower. Councilperson Boulерice made a motion to purchase the zero turn lawn mower from The Fire Department for \$2,300.00. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Perras. The result of the result of the Roll Call was 5 AYES(Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Boulерice, Councilperson Perras, Councilperson Myatt, Councilperson LaValley) and 0 NOES. Therefore Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

Old Business:

Old Business 1: Supervisor Menard stated that he received a letter from Invenergy requiring written confirmation that the copy of the town laws in their possession are the most current. Supervisor Menard confirmed with Code Enforcement Officer Jess Dixon that the copy in question is in fact the most current copy. Supervisor Menard said that he did inform the company that the town is in the process of updating the laws due to the wind mills. Councilperson LaValley asked if they were responsible to provide the lawyer. Supervisor Menard was unsure and said he would contact the town attorney.

New Business:

New Business 1: Supervisor Menard stated that he received a letter from Friends of the North Country, which he read, requesting a letter of support so that they can expand into The Town of Mooers. Councilperson Boulерice asked if it was a grant. Supervisor Menard replied that they help low income families rehabilitate their homes or build new homes. An audience member stated that she worked with the organization in Keeseville and they did not do much. Councilperson Myatt asked why they need a letter. Supervisor Menard said that he was unsure why they needed a letter. Councilperson Perras asked how the organization was funded. Supervisor Menard replied that he thinks they receive

grants. There was more discussion regarding Friends of the North Country but no conclusion was reached. Supervisor Menard tabled the issue until the next meeting.

New Business 2: Supervisor Menard stated that interns from Bernier & Carr went around town last week testing wells and septic systems. Supervisor Menard read a letter from Bernier & Carr stating specifics: 9 residents allowed their wells to be tested, and of the 9, 6 residents allowed their septic systems to be tested. They observed the leach fields but did not see any dye coming to the surface, which could be a result of the dry conditions. Results should be available in a few weeks. Councilperson Boulerville stated that it won't come to the surface because it is dumped into the pipes. Supervisor Menard stated that it cost about \$1,000.00 per day to have these systems tested. Supervisor Menard asked if we should have them return and do more testing. Councilperson Myatt asked how much can we spend. Supervisor Menard indicated that the town has spent \$17,000.00 and the grant is for \$24,000.00 so there is a little leeway. He also said the he recommends that they return and do more testing. There was more discussion regarding the testing of water and sewer. Supervisor Menard stated that he would contact Corey from Bernier & Carr regarding more testing. He also said that the grant has been submitted and we should know the results within sixty days.

New Business 3: Supervisor Menard stated that the town has \$23,000.00 to \$24,000.00 in the budget for sidewalks. He also said that it does not make sense to fix sidewalks that will be torn up if water and sewer goes in. Mrs. Beverly Perras, present, asked if the funds are to repair the sidewalks that are already there or to put in new sidewalks. Supervisor Menard asked Superintendent Gilmore to look at Hemmingford Rd. to see if there is room to add a sidewalk. There was more discussion on sidewalk repair/installation, but no conclusion was reached.

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

Public Comment 1: Mr. Steve Bulriss, present, asked what was being done about houses around town with junk in their yards. Supervisor Menard said that the town already has laws regarding the keeping of junk. Supervisor Menard stated that Mr. Jess Dixon would first have to issue a citation giving the owner 30 days to clean up the mess. After 30 days if it is not cleaned up it goes to the Board and they decide if they are going to bring the owner to court. He also said that if it does not get cleaned up the town would do it and add it to their tax bill. There was more discussion regarding properties throughout the town.

Voucher: The Audited Vouchers to be paid off the Abstracted Vouchers on June 14, 2016 as follows:

General - Townwide -----(Vouchers 144-172)-----	\$14,192.15
Highway - Townwide -----(Voucher 124-138)-----	\$17,940.82
Mooers Forks Lights----- (Voucher 166)-----	\$283.19
Mooers Lights -----(Voucher 166)-----	\$481.89
Trust & Agency -----(Voucher 20-22)-----	\$12,188.10
Riverside Cemetery----- (Voucher 8-10)-----	\$664.42
Total of Abstracted Vouchers Paid-----	\$45,750.57

Adjourn: Supervisor Menard made a motion for the meeting be adjourned. Councilperson Myatt seconded the motion. All in favor. Thus, Supervisor Jeff Menard declared the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

JESSICA K. BULRISS, TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

