

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Mooers held
July 13, 2021 at the Mooers Office Complex commencing at 7:00 PM**

Present: Jeff Menard, Supervisor
Donald Perras, Councilperson
Irving Breyette, Councilperson

Kris Gilmore, Highway Superintendent

Recording Secretary: Kelly L. McDonald, Town Clerk

Others Present: Larry Wolff, Tax Assessor
Myrtle Hawksby, Beautification
Crystal Bulriss, Beautification
Scarlett Sample, Beautification
Art Menard, Library
Tyson Dumas, Youth Commission
Todd Gumlaw, Fire Chief
Jason Poulin, Code Enforcement Officer

Absent: Christopher Bulriss, Councilperson
Randy LaCount, Councilperson

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 said they had finished paving the Nephew Road, and did some patching on the Tappin Road. Superintendent Gilmore said he'd like to get together with the Highway Committee to decide what to do with the backhoe, they can't get new parts for it. Maybe they can plan next year for it in budget. Superintendent Gilmore said he'd like to put an ad in the paper to fill Larry's spot when he retires. He is officially done 9/29/2021. One employee has left, and one coming back. They are almost ready to pave Hurlburt Road and Upton Road.

Library: Mr. Art Menard stated that there was a lot going on. CV-TECH is doing a GED program, all materials for this and a tutor will be available at all public libraries in the county, including Mooers. The Grant has been submitted and final proposal will be submitted by the end of August. There is a Gnome being passed around to various libraries. If you take a picture with it and submit to social media you can win a prize. It will be in Mooers July 26th for a week. Plattsburgh Public Library is posting a reading challenge. All of the information for this and other activities are posted on the Library website and Facebook page. The Library is currently open regular hours with no restrictions.

Dog Control: Mrs. Stacey Guerin, Dog Control Officer, stated it had been a quiet month, that there was nothing new.

Beautification: Mrs. Scarlett Sample said they would be meeting next Wednesday (7/21) at 6pm.

Youth Program: Mr. Tyson Dumas, Youth Coordinator, said all was going well. Baseball, Tball and softball were wrapping up and soccer is to start in a few weeks. There may be 15 teams this year, there was a huge amount of sign-ups.

Fire Department: Supervisor Menard read the June 2021 Report submitted by Fire Chief Todd Gumlaw. Mr. Todd Gumlaw, Fire Chief, discussed the Labor Day Fundraiser September 5th. It has all been approved by the Health Department. Starting at 10am they will have the Tractor Pulls in the back. The Parade, with new route, will be at 11am. A mailer was sent out with raffle tickets. Rottie's Redemption (Gary and Coreena Cardin) made a donation to buy the first 100 dinners that will be donated to the elderly or people who are unable to get out of their homes. Another donation of \$100 was given by a resident of the Town, which is also very appreciated.

Tax Assessor: Mr. Larry Wolff, Tax Assessor, said houses are selling over assessments right now. There is also a lot of new construction.

EMS: Supervisor Menard read the EMS Report for the month of June 2021. Supervisor Menard discussed a list he received of items that the EMS Service has purchased for the building. Supervisor Menard discussed a County wide Study that would see if there is an interest in having a Countywide EMS Program. Supervisor Menard thought the Service we have now is good, 24/7 coverage at the cost now. It was decided to table it at this point as 2 Board Members were not present.

Code Enforcement: Mr. Jason Poulin, Code Enforcement Officer, said he thought the new fee schedule was going well. Last year the Town made \$317 in permits and so far this year it is up to \$2,400. Supervisor Menard asked if Mr. Poulin could check on the house that had burned on Rt. 22 as nothing had been done yet with it.

Cemeteries: Mrs. Vickie Brassard, discussed the Old Riverside Cemetery and a huge tree that needs to be addressed. The concern is that it may take out 15 stones if it comes down. It is not possible to bring in heavy machinery. Supervisor Menard said he would check with Thorin Reinhart to see if this is something he could address. The brush was also discussed, could it be pushed over the embankment? There was also discussion of the new fencing going in. It is for the front of the cemetery; the back does not need it. Mrs. Brassard discussed the number of stones but it seems as there are more now than accounted for previously. There are 836 stones now, 740 in 1977. There are also 25 missing from their pedestals. Supervisor Menard asked if she would be willing to start a volunteer group to help with clean up, Mrs. Brassard said yes, she would.

Old Business:

1) Playground Grant: Mrs. Kelly McDonald, Town Clerk, checked with the Village of Rouses Point and Steve Peters from Elevate 518. He can help the Town apply for funding for a new playground structure and installation. Supervisor Menard thought this made more sense than updating the outdated, unsafe one we have. Mrs. McDonald discussed it being a matching grant, that the Town would put in perhaps \$25,000 though work and for example paving the Rec Park parking lot. The Grant does need to be done by the end of the month. The cost to hire Steve Peters is \$75/hour not to exceed \$3,000. It is a competitive grant, if it is not accepted this year there is no charge to reapply next year. The Board discussed this further. There are papers that need to be signed, letters of support needed, etc. Mrs. McDonald will get started on this.

**Town of Mooers Playground Upgrades
Resolution**

Whereas, the Town of Mooers is committed to maintaining the Town's Rec Park infrastructure and creating a playground that is welcoming to residents and visitors; and,
Whereas, the Town is focused on bringing an unsurpassed quality-of-life to all residents regardless of economic status; and,
Whereas, the Mooers Rec Park requires significant upgrades and revitalization to meet ADA and appropriate safety standards, and,
Whereas, funds are available through the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) to support such activities; and,
Whereas, the Town is aware of the match that is required by these funding sources and agrees to provide the funding and oversight to execute the grant according to the timeline outlined in the application; and,
Whereas, the Town agrees to comply with the requirements of Article 15-A of the New York State Executive Law (MWBE) and further agrees to maintain such records and take such actions necessary to demonstrate such compliance throughout the completion of the project; and,
Be It Further Resolved, Elevate518, LLC is hereby authorized and directed to apply for funds on behalf of the Town and, if awarded, the Town Supervisor is authorized to accept funds for the application of the Town of Mooers Playground Upgrades project.

Motion: Supervisor Menard

Seconded by: Councilperson Perras

Roll Call: The result of the Roll Call was 3 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Supervisor Menard, and Councilperson Breyette), 2 ABSENT (Councilperson LaCount and Councilperson Bulriss), and 0 NOES. Therefore; Supervisor Menard declared Resolution #18-2021 carried.

New Business:

1) Tara Powers: Ms. Tara Powers, daughter of Brian Powers, was in attendance on behalf of 50 years of students and athletes. Ms. Powers reached out to the County to see about placing a sign, plaque or memorial for Coach Powers on the Bridge on Lamberton Road. The County would rather have a little sign as a memorial and recommended going to the Town. Ms. Powers said she would rather the Town

not put money into this and is not sure how to move forward. The family is also starting a Mr. P Emergency Fund that families can apply to throughout the year if there is a fire or medical emergency. The County said they would work with the Town to make sure everything was in compliance.

Motion: Councilperson Perras

Seconded by: Councilperson Breyette

All in Favor, carried.

Public Comment:

- 1) There were several members of the Community present concerned about a property on the Blair Road, in Mooers. Residents have heard it was a half way house and are concerned about this. Information has been not forthcoming from the landowner. Permits have not been applied for at this time. There are concerns about the criminal background of the people living there and safety of the children living there. The land owner told Mr. Poulin that he was going to be tearing down the house and putting up a garage, and that his friend was staying there to keep an eye on the equipment. Supervisor Menard asked about the steps to go through with zoning and how the property can be used. Apartments would need to go through the ZBA. Mr. Poulin stated he was going to keep a close eye on the situation.

There is a Zoning Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday August 17, 2021 at 7pm, at the Town Complex.

- 2) Chief Gumlaw discussed various issues with the Park by the Dam. There has been littering, possible drug paraphernalia found, etc. Discussed putting surveillance cameras up, keeping a close eye on it to keep it open. If that doesn't work there is talk of removing tables and putting a gate up. Law Enforcement will also be checking the area frequently.
- 3) Discussion on the Garrard Road. Mr. Poulin discussed where they were in the process. It has gone back to court; the landowner is scheduled for August. The Sheriff's department has been hesitant to go in.

Supervisor Menard made a motion to enter Executive Session at 7:55PM to discuss an employee issue. Councilperson Perras seconded the motion. All in favor, the Board entered Executive Session.

At 8:12PM the Board returned. Councilperson Perras made a motion to exit Executive Session. Supervisor Menard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Adjourn: Councilperson Perras made a motion for the meeting be adjourned; Councilperson Breyette seconded the motion. All in favor. Thus, Supervisor Menard declared the meeting closed. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Vouchers:

Mooers & Mooers Forks Lights	Voucher	142	\$1,070.08
Union Cemetery	Voucher	73-75	\$108.07
Highway	Voucher	110-126	\$98,530.83
General Fund	Voucher	120-147	\$24,636.03
Trust & Agency	Voucher	25-29	\$18,404.72

Total of Abstracted Vouchers Paid **\$142,749.73**

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly L. McDonald, TOWN CLERK