

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Mooers held
July 9, 2018 at the Mooers Office Complex commencing at 7:00 PM**

Present: Jeff Menard, Supervisor
Donald Perras, Councilperson
Christopher Bulriss, Councilperson
Eugene "Dickie" Boulerice, Councilperson
Irving Breyette, Councilperson

Recording Secretary: Jessica K. Bulriss, Town Clerk

Others Present: Kris Gilmore, Highway Superintendent
Jess Dixon, Code Enforcement Officer
Corey Thompson, EMS
Kaleigh Mill, Dog Control Officer
Art Menard, Library
Myrtle Hawksby, Beautification
Dan Dumas, Fire Chief

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 May 9, May 30, and June 11, 2018 minutes. Councilperson Perras made a motion to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Bulriss. The result of the Roll Call was 5 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson Bulriss, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Boulerice, and Councilperson Breyette) and 0 NOES. Therefore, Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried and the Minutes accepted as written.

Highway: Superintendent Gilmore, present, stated, they are helping Chazy pave with shared services. They are no better off with the new asphalt plant than they were with the old one. Supervisor Menard asked if it was cheaper. Superintendent Gilmore replied that he can get it for the same price. He will make some phone calls. The county has a contract with the new plant which is a few cents cheaper than the quarry.

Councilperson Bulriss asked about the price of salt. Superintendent Gilmore replied that it went up \$10.00 per ton. He said he has a meeting Thursday or Friday to go over numbers. Councilperson Bulriss stated that St. Lawrence County was purchasing salt for \$56.00 per ton and asked if he has looked into hiring someone to haul the salt from them. Superintendent Gilmore said he would like to investigate that option. He also said it is difficult to get someone to haul it in the winter because he can only store so much at a time. Councilperson Bulriss said it is almost \$30.00 per ton cheaper. There was more discussion regarding the salt supply. Superintendent Gilmore will check into prices for salt and hauling options for the next meeting.

Library: Mr. Art Menard, present, said they are getting a lot of use out of the library compared to the last few years. There have been some hot days, but the library has remained nice and cool. They were hoping to hear about their state grant in June, but did not. All of the work has been paid except for S&B and they are not charging interest. They are still owed \$10,000.00. Mr. Menard said he would like to thank Mr. Leon Duprey for the mowing he has been doing at the library. They would like to improve the landscaping and get new furniture with the grant. They are continuing with the summer reading program and the Saturday morning reading hour. They have set aside the money for the bricks. They will have their 101st anniversary celebration on Saturday September 15th.

Dog Control: Ms. Kaleigh Mills, present, informed the board that she believed the Mooers Lawn and Garden issue has been resolved. A ticket has been issued as of today. The owner was not cooperative. Ms. Mills would like to use the SPCA for temporary housing until we know what is going on with the shelter. She also stated that it might be a cheaper long term option. Councilperson Breyette stated that he spoke with Rebecca Burdo from the Elmore SPCA and he will be meeting with her to discuss the option of signing a contract for housing. He also stated she has information that might help

the town regarding the feral cat population. He feels we should use the shelter as temporary holding. Ms. Mills stated the SPCA will spay/neuter and vaccinate an animal before it leaves their shelter. She also stated that the SPCA will not house aggressive dogs. She is going to speak with the Department of Agriculture and Markets about locating two cages at her personal residence. The town is required to house aggressive dogs for five days and then they are euthanized. There was more discussion regarding the dog shelter.

Beautification: Mrs. Myrtle Hawksby, present, asked if the flags could be put up between now and September. Councilperson Bulriss asked if we should rent a lift. Mrs. Hawksby stated that Scarlett Sample was looking into the cost of renting a lift.

Youth Program: Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from the Youth Commission would like to address the board. No person was present wishing to address the board.

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.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Dan Dumas state they are up to 99 call year to date. They are hoping the new truck will be here sometime this fall. He stated that he spoke with Kelly Donohue regarding the Orr Road. He said from an emergency response perspective the road is impassible in the center. Superintendent Gilmore stated that he cannot get Mark Colgan to return phone call or come to the door. He is unsure if he has the right to go onto personal property. Councilperson Boulерice asked if he has received his state inventory of the roads. He believes it has been taken off of the state inventory because it is impassible. Mr. Jess Dixon stated that he also spoke with Mr. Donohue and he suggested that the town rescind the impassible portion of the road and rename the other end Garrand Road Extension. Mr. Dixon stated that the beaver dam requires a special permit from the DEC due to the age. Supervisor Menard said he will contact the town attorney to discuss our options.

Mr. Dumas said they had an insurance audit and would like to install emergency lighting and exit signs in the main room.

Tax Assessor: Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from the office of the Assessor would like to address the board. No person was present wishing to address the board.

EMS: Supervisor Menard stated that he had spoken with Melissa Peryea from Community Bank regarding a loan for the EMS building. She was going on vacation and did not have enough time. She is returning from vacation on Thursday and will provide him with the necessary information. He said there was a special meeting with Champlain EMS last Wednesday. Currently they have an offer form Woods Falls Construction. They would construct a building on the Gilbert Road and allow Champlain EMS to lease the building. He said the town is still trying to purchase a building and move forward. He is not in favor of Champlain EMS leasing a building. They will provide the town with numbers regarding the lease at the next meeting. Councilperson Perras said that he understood that Mr. Hamilton was not interested in selling the lot on the Gilbert Road and they are looking into another lot around the corner. There was more discussion regarding the EMS building.

Court: Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from the court would like to address the board. No person was present wishing to address the board. A report was not submitted. Supervisor Menard stated that Mrs. Crystal Bulriss will be retiring as of July 31, 2018. Ms. Jessica Bulriss is the Deputy Court Clerk and is interested in the position. Supervisor Menard said he spoke with her about doing both positions of Town Clerk and Court Clerk until the end of the year. Councilperson Boulерice asked if the Court Clerk was an appointed position. Supervisor Menard replied yes, the judges also have a say. Councilperson Boulерice asked Ms. Bulriss if she could do both. Ms. Bulriss stated that she does both during tax time for one month and that is the busiest time. Supervisor Menard made a motion to appoint Mrs. Jessica Bulriss to the position of Court Clerk. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Boulерice. The result of the Roll Call was 5 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson Bulriss, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Boulерice, and Councilperson Breyette) and 0 NOES. Therefore, Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

Code Enforcement: Mr. Jess Dixon, present, read his report for the month of June. There were 8 permits, 2 violations, 2 certificated of occupancy issued, and 31 calls. He said the resolution for the Garrand Road must be redone due to the length of time has passed.

RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF MOOERS DECLARING THE PREMISES LOCATED AT 16 GARRAND ROAD IN THE TOWN OF MOOERS TO CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND PROVIDING A PERIOD OF TIME FOR PROPERTY OWNER TO ABATE SAID NUISANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Whereas; The condition of such real property constitutes a serious fire and health hazard to the residents of the Town of Mooers, and unless immediate actions are taken to remedy this situation by removing and abating said nuisance, there is risk to the surrounding properties per Local Law #1-2011 The Property Nuisance Abatement Law of The Town of Mooers.

Whereas; The accumulation of items surrounding the structures at 16 Garrand Road Mooers, NY 12958 has become a public nuisance, and all previous attempts to remedy the situation were unsuccessful.

Be it Hereby Resolved that: The Mooers Town Board declares the real property located at

**16 Garrand Road
Mooers, NY 12958
Tax Map # 45.-1-12.2**

Owned by Theresa Shear-Goodman

to be unsafe, unsightly, dangerous, unsanitary, and a fire hazard, and because of such conditions the Mooers Town Board declares the same to be a public nuisance and is ordered removed by the owner thereof.

Be it Further Resolved that: The owner of the described property is hereby directed to commence abatement of said nuisance within thirty (30) days after the personal delivery of a true copy of this Resolution; and shall be completed within sixty (60) days thereafter, unless for good cause shown such time shall be extended by resolution of The Town Board.

Be it Further Resolved that: If the aforementioned nuisance has not been removed within sixty (60) days after personal delivery of a true copy of this Resolution The Town of Mooers or a duly designated representative shall remove all accumulated items surrounding the structures.

Be it Further Resolved that: All expenses incurred by The Town of Mooers in connection with the correction of said nuisance shall be levied against the property owner.

Be it Further Resolved that: The provisions of the Resolution are hereby declared to be severable and if any section, phrase or provision shall be declared or held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remainder of the sections, phrases, or provisions.

Motion: Councilperson Perras

Seconded by: Supervisor Menard

Discussion: yes

The result of the Roll Call was 5 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson Bulriss, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Boulrice, and Councilperson Breyette) and 0 NOES.

Therefore; Supervisor Menard declared **Resolution #19-2018** is adopted.

Cemeteries: Supervisor Menard stated that Councilperson Bulriss treated Riverside Cemetery for grubs in his absence. It might have to be reapplied again next year. Superintendent Gilmore asked if a lawn mower can be purchased until the grant comes through. They have been having issues with the fire department's mower. Supervisor Menard said they will not move forward with the grant until we can locate the deeds. Ms. Bulriss stated that she found the deeds and forwarded them.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

New Business 1: Councilperson Bulriss stated there is a problem with dog waste at the Rec Park. Mr. Bruce Bulriss said that when he is mowing he frequently witnesses dog owners not

picking up their dog's waste. Councilperson Bulriss suggested getting dog waste stations. Supervisor Menard said he would look into it.

New Business 2:

RESOLUTION TO CHANGE TERM OF OFFICE FOR TOWN SUPERVISOR

Whereas; The present term of office for the Town Supervisor is a two (2) year term and;

Whereas; A two year term is not cost effective for the required training and cost of running for election.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED; the term of office for Town Supervisor be changed from a two (2) year term to a four (4) year term. Beginning January 1, 2019. Subject to mandatory referendum November 6, 2018.

Motion: Councilperson Boulerice

Seconded by: Councilperson Bulriss

Discussion: yes

Roll Call: The result of the Roll Call was 4 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson Bulriss, Councilperson Boulerice, and Councilperson Breyette) and 0 NOES. Therefore, Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried

Therefore; Supervisor Menard declared **Resolution #19-2018** is adopted.

Public Comment:

Public Comment 1: A town resident asked Superintendent Gilmore if he intends on paving the Emery Road this year. Superintendent Gilmore replied that it depends what they have for money. He has roads that are worse than that one. He said it is also a matter of having the time to do it. The resident said if they are not going to pave can the town come and repair his lawn. He said 10 feet was removed from his lawn when they were grading. He believes this was an excessive amount. Superintendent Gilmore stated they would get there one way or another.

Public Comment 2: Mrs. Beverly Perras asked for an update on Dollar General. Supervisor Menard said they were supposed to break ground July 1st. Mr. Jess Dixon said that he believes it is due to the cost of steal. He said the county approval is good until September.

Public Comment 3: Mrs. Myrtle Hawksby mention how good the park benches look. She asked if there were more grants available. Supervisor Menard replied there were. Councilperson Perras said he believed we missed the deadline on the current grant. Mr. Jess Dixon asked if there could be a portion of the budget set aside for nuisance abatement. A town resident asked if some of the benches will be placed in Mooers Forks. Councilperson Perras said they are all out, but we could move some to Mooers Forks.

Vouchers:

General Town Wide	Voucher 141-170	\$14,073.01
Highway	Voucher 126-145	\$12,470.87
Trust & Agency	Voucher 26-29	\$14,324.37
Union Cemetery	Voucher 36-41	\$602.50
Riverside Cemetery	Voucher 37-40	\$659.10
Mooers & Mooers Forks Lights	Voucher 161	\$969.76
Mooers Side Walk	Voucher 165	\$1,922.50

Total of Abstracted Vouchers Paid

\$45,022.11

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 7:43 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

JESSICA K. BULRISS, TOWN CLERK