

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Mooers held August 11, 2020 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, Town Assessor
Jason Poulin, Code Enforcement Officer
Myrtle Hawksby, Beautification
Art Menard, Library
Crystal Bulriss, Beautification

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 discussed the paving projects that were being done. Councilperson LaCount asked if more paving was going to be done. Superintendent Gilmore said the money for paving was spent unless he had permission to go over his budget. There was further discussion on this, whether a resolution was needed to Superintendent Gilmore to go over his budget and have reimbursed from CHIPS. Councilperson Bulriss made a motion for Superintendent Gilmore to go over his budget to pave. Councilperson Breyette seconded the motion. The result of the Roll call was 4 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Bulriss, and Councilperson Breyette) 1 ABSTAIN (Councilperson LaCount) and 0 NOES. Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Gilmore also asked if he could list surplus equipment on the Auction International Website. There are no fees to list the equipment. They could discuss the final at the next meeting before an official sale. Councilperson Perras made a motion for Superintendent Gilmore to list Surplus Equipment on the Auction Site. Councilperson Bulriss seconded the motion. The result of the Roll call was 5 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson LaCount, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Bulriss, and Councilperson Breyette) and 0 NOES. Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Gilmore said he was going to Watertown DOT the next day to see what they had for surplus, possibly a pick-up truck. Superintendent Gilmore discussed that he responded to the letter he received from the property owner on the Nephew Road. Councilperson LaCount asked if there would be more clearing done while they had the machine. Kris mentioned he may need the machine back here and there but they can use it other times.

Library: Mr. Art Menard reviewed the Library's new schedule. Monday 10-5, Tues 11-6, Fri 11-6 and Sat 9-1. The Library is only open to taking out books, the computers are not in use at this time. The WIFI is still available outside.

Dog Control: Supervisor Menard read the report submitted.

Town Assessor: Mr. Larry Wolff, Town Assessor, discussed that he was being taken to court by a property owner that does not agree with his assessment. There was discussion on the increase of the County's price on assessing contract.

Youth Program: Supervisor Menard said the walking path was done, that is looks nice and is being utilized. The cost of the walking path was over \$40,000 and it cost the town only \$6,900. There

were a lot of donations and fundraising. Supervisor Menard thought the negative comments about it were unfortunate. There was further discussion on the money raised, questions on bids, what the town paid and the IOBY project. Supervisor Menard said he would have the paperwork and figures available at the next meeting.

Historian: Supervisor Menard asked if a sign has been ordered for the Cemetery, as it was listed as a National Historical Site. Councilperson Perras said he would check further into this.

Fire Department: Supervisor Menard read the report submitted by Mr. Todd Gumlaw, Fire Chief. Councilperson LaCount asked if a Financial Report has been submitted. Supervisor Menard said they were working on it.

EMS: Supervisor Menard read the EMS report submitted for July 2020.

Code Enforcement: Mr. Jason Poulin, Code Enforcement Officer, read his report. Mr. Poulin also said he talked to some people about submitting permits for work being done.

Old Business:

1) Delaware River Solar Project is getting ready to break ground on Project #5. It is in the process of switching hands to Kendall Investments. They are out of Massachusetts so were unable to come to a meeting but they will hold an online meeting that will be open to the public. They are also in the process of Project #6. They are also offering the same incentive as Project #5, giving the Town \$15,000. The Town's Lawyer recommended agreeing to this amount. The Board voted on the \$15,000 incentive.

Councilperson Bulriss made a motion to accept the \$15,000 incentive for both Solar Farm 5 and 6. Supervisor Menard seconded the motion.

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

Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

New Business:

1) Supervisor Menard reviewed that the State Department of Transportation decided the speed limit on Hemmingford Road was appropriate and not needing change at this time.

Public Comment

1) There was a question on the walking path and 4-wheelers using it. There is concern it will damage the path. Supervisor Menard said he would check this out, possibly put a fence up.

2) Mr. Philip Perry had further questions on the walking path and where the money came from for it. Mr. Perry asked for clarification on the Auditor's report and if bids were requested. Supervisor Menard said he would present the information at the next meeting. There were also questions on the budget for Parks and Recreation and the Youth Commission.

3) There was discussion and comments on the property on the Garrard Road. Supervisor Menard said he spoke with the Town's Lawyer and he said it would have to be approved by a court to go on the property. Mr. Poulin said both that property owner and the one on Route 11 have been ticketed.

4) Mr. Philip Perry asked Superintendent Gilmore if sidewalks would be done this year. Superintendent Gilmore said they were waiting to hear when the state is going to be redoing the roads.

5) Mr. and Mrs. Gary and Coreena Cardin offered to donate their time and money to clean up the sidewalks through Mooers Forks.

Supervisor Menard made a motion to allow the Cardin's to clean up the sidewalks in Mooers Forks. Councilperson Bulriss seconded the motion.

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

Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

There was further discussion of installing a sidewalk in that area.

Councilperson LaCount made a motion to enter Executive Session at 7:55pm. Councilperson Perras seconded the motion. The result of the Roll Call was 5 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson

LaCount, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Bulriss and Councilperson Breyette), and 0 NOES. Therefore, Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried and the Board entered Executive Session.

At 8:27PM the Board returned. Supervisor Menard motioned to exit Executive Session. Councilperson Breyette seconded the motion. The result of the Roll Call was 5 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson LaCount, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Bulriss and Councilperson Breyette), and 0 NOES. Therefore, Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried and the Board exited Executive Session.

Vouchers:

General Fund	Voucher 43-62	\$25,396.48
Highway	Voucher 135-152	\$25,048.41
Mooers & Mooers Forks Light	Voucher 140	\$1,031.25
Trust & Agency	Voucher 34-38	\$17,632.79
Union Cemetery	Voucher 66	\$59.95
Total of Abstracted Vouchers Paid		\$69,168.88

Adjourn: Supervisor Menard made a motion for the meeting be adjourned, Councilperson Bulriss seconded the motion. All in favor. Thus, Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly L. McDonald, TOWN CLERK