

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Mooers held
August 13, 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
Kaleigh Mill, Dog Control Officer
Art Menard, Library
Myrtle Hawksby, Beautification
Jessie Jenette, AFLAC

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.

Public Hearing: Supervisor Menard stated that the meeting was a public hearing to discuss the Garrand Road incident. No person wished to address the board.

Minutes: All the Board Members were asked if they had read their copies of the July 9, 2018 minutes. Councilperson Bulriss made a motion to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Perras. The result of the Roll Call was 5 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson Boulerice, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Bulriss, and Councilperson Breyette) and 0 NOES. Therefore, Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried and the Minutes accepted as written.

Executive Session: Supervisor Menard requested that the Board meet in executive session. Councilperson Perras made a motion to go to Executive session, Councilperson Breyette made second motion. The result of the Roll Call was 5 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson Boulerice, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Bulriss, and Councilperson Breyette) and 0 NOES, and the Board went into executive Session at 7:01. The board came out of Executive Session at 7:22.

Jessie Jenette, AFLAC: A representative from Aflac was available to discuss the various plan options that are available to town employees and answered questions.

Highway: Town Highway Superintendent Kris Gilmore stated that they were set to start paving and clearing trees to do so. Supervisor Menard asked if the annual count of highways miles was completed. Mr. Gilmore said it was not due until October.

Library: Mr. Art Menard, present, had questions about obtaining signs for local roads advertising the library. The signs on highway and country roads will need to go through the State Highway Dept., and the town would be responsible for the town roads in question. Mr. Menard also stated there hasn't been an update on the grant. Also waiting on the State Library grant, which is being held while other counties submit their information. Mr. Menard also discussed the Open House scheduled for 9/15/2018. D+D Meats will be providing the food, Shane Dutil will be cooking. Stewarts is donating ice cream. Dedication Ceremony is planned for noon, Billy Jones and Betty Little have been invited. Supervisor Menard and the Board Members were also invited.

Dog Control: Ms. Kaleigh Mills, present, informed the board that one ticket has been issued on the St. Johns Road. Ms. Mills stated that she went to court On July 26, 2018 but unsure what the outcome was after that. Ms. Mills discussed the idea of the SPCA providing shelter for the animals but has not heard back. Supervisor Menard stated that he has emailed them with no response. Ms. Mills has contacted Palmer's Veterinary Clinic but at this time they are unable to house the animals. Mr. Mills is also going to check with the Saranac Vet Clinic and Westport SPCA. Ms. Mills is also checking

with the Sheriff's Dept. to see if they are able to shelter the dogs. Ms. Mills stated the building needs to be removed by Jan 1, 2019. Ms. Mill's family is willing to take down the shelter and transport it as well as the supplies. Ms. Mills would like something in writing by 10/2018 with a solution. Ms. Mills will continue to search for a place to shelter the animals.

Beautification: Mrs. Myrtle Hawksby, present, stated the flags looked very nice. Councilperson Bulriss asked who is responsible for upkeep of the bathrooms at the Rec Park, as they are in need. Supervisor Menard is going to check into this.

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: Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from the Fire Department would like to address the board. No person was present wishing to address the board. Supervisor Menard had the report, which stated there were 17 calls for the month of July: 1 house fire, 1 garage fire, 1 motor vehicle accident, 1 apartment building, 1 downed power lines, 2 vehicle fires, 2 good intent, 2 brush fires, 2 medical assists and 3 auto alarms. Mutual aid was sent twice to Altona, three times to Champlain, twice to Champlain EMS and once to Ellenburg Depot.

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: On Wednesday August 15, 2018 Champlain EMS brought their ambulances to the Morelock Building to verify they would fit, which they did. Mr. Morelock stated he would have the building cleared out by the middle of September. They are waiting on the paperwork to go through at this point. At this point they are planning to fix up one bathroom in the building. At this point they will not put in elevator in. There is a space in the back for sleeping quarters in the future and the upstairs will be used for storage.

Court: Supervisor Menard read that the court had for the month of June \$11,783.80; \$7,215.50 goes to the state, \$545.00 to the county, and \$4023.30 to the Town of Mooers. For the month of July it was \$13,362.50; \$8,885.50 went to the state, \$45.00 to the county and \$4,432.00 to the Town of Mooers.

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

Cemeteries: The Riverside Cemetery has been added to the New York State Register of Historic Places, which in the future will make it easier to obtain funds for the upkeep.

Old Business:

Old Business 1) Supervisor Menard is going to have Mr. Dixon review the building permit for the Dollar Store to ensure it is ready to go, ready to go within 2 weeks of the ok. It sounds as though the building will need to be purchased beforehand, but that the owners of the building okayed the application for building permit.

Old Business 2) Supervisor Menard attended a meeting with the Town Supervisors of Altona, Ellenburg and Clinton in regards to the windmill project. It appears as though the Town of Mooers will have 42 windmills, Town of Ellenburg 26, Town of Clinton 57 and the town of Altona 14. Currently the Town of Mooers is slated to receive \$4,000 per megawatt. Each windmill on average produces 3 megawatts. The supervisors countered that they would like \$5,000 per megawatt on advice of the lawyer based on a 20 year contract. Supervisor Menard is waiting to hear their ideas on the new proposal. The solar panels have started to go up on the Boas rd.

Old Business 3) Town Clerk, Jessica Bulriss read the Resolution for the property of 16 Garrard Road.

RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF MOOERS DECLARING THE PREMISES LOCATED AT 16 GARRARD 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: Supervisor Menard

Seconded by: Councilperson Boulerice

Discussion: yes

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

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

4) Youth Commissioner Tyson Dumas is interested in creating a walking path around the field at the Town Rec Park. He has a base material already and received a quote from the company in Plattsburgh that did the Rouses Point path. The quoted \$30,000. A \$5,000 grant was applied for through the Dept. of Healthy Neighborhood Program, which was approved for the fill, benches and dog waste stations. Supervisor Menard is looking into more grants for this project.

New Business:

New Business 1: Town Clerk Jessica Bulriss introduced the Tax Cap Override Resolution.

RESOLUTION INTRODUCING TOWN LAW #3-2018 TAX CAP OVERRIDE

Whereas; The Town Board has introduced Town of Mooers Local Law #3-2018. A local law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law § 3-C and;

Whereas; this proposed Local Law is necessary in the event that the Town Budget for 2018 exceeds the tax levy limit.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED; that a public hearing will be held on said proposed Town of Mooers Local Law No. 3 of the Year 2018 on September 10, 2018 at 7:00 o'clock PM at the Mooers Office Complex located at 2508 State Route 11 Mooers, NY.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized, and directed to publish and post a Public Hearing Notice to be published in the Press-Republican and on the sign board of the Town maintained pursuant to Town Law §30(6), the publication thereof, and said posting to be not less than ten (10) days, nor more than twenty (20) days, before the date set for such Public Hearing.

Motion: Supervisor Menard

Seconded by: Councilperson Perras

Discussion: Yes

Roll Call: The result of the Roll Call was 4 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson Boulerice, Supervisor Menard, and Councilperson Bulriss) and 1 NOES (councilperson Breyette).

Therefore; Supervisor Menard declared **Resolution #23-2018** is carried.

New Business 2: Supervisor Menard discussed the resignation of Town Clerk, Jessica Bulriss. If anyone knows of anyone interested, please let the board know. Kayleigh Mills offered to temporary fill until the end of the year.

Public Comment:

Public Comment 1: Gary brought up an abandoned trailer on the Davison Road, looks as though it's been vacant for a while. The owners has possibly passed away. Supervisor Menard said he would check it out.

Vouchers:

General Town Wide	Voucher 171-192	\$23,182.87
Highway	Voucher 146-160	\$9,851.08
Trust & Agency	Voucher 30-33	\$14,324.37
Union & Riverside Cemetery	Voucher 42-43	\$235.16
Mooers & Mooers Forks Lights	Voucher 191	\$392.02

Total of Abstracted Vouchers Paid **\$48,659.80**

Adjourn: Councilperson Boulerice made a motion for the meeting be adjourned. All in favor. Thus, Supervisor Jeff Menard declared the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

JESSICA K. BULRISS, TOWN CLERK