

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Mooers held
August 14, 2017 at the Mooers Office Complex commencing at 7:00 PM**

Present: Jeff Menard, Supervisor
Donald Perras, Councilperson
Gerald LaValley, Councilperson
Eugene "Dickie" Boulerice, Councilperson
Mary Myatt, Councilperson

Recording Secretary: Jessica K. Bulriss, Town Clerk

Others Present: Myrtle Hawksby, Beautification Committee
Kaleigh Mill, Dog Control Officer
Larry Wolff, Assessor
Art Menard, Library
Danny Dumas, Fire Chief

Absent: Kris Gilmore, Highway Superintendent

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 July, 2017 Minutes. Councilperson Perras noted one correction under minutes, there should be 3 AYES not 4. Councilperson Perras made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilperson LaValley. The result of the Roll Call was 3 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson LaValley, Supervisor Menard), 2 ABSTAIN (Councilperson Boulerice, Councilperson Myatt), and 0 NOES. Therefore Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried and the Minutes accepted with the noted correction. Supervisor Menard made a motion to accept the minutes from the special meeting held July 13, 2017. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Perras. The result of the Roll Call was 3 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson LaValley, Supervisor Menard), 2 ABSTAIN (Councilperson Boulerice, Councilperson Myatt), and 0 NOES. Therefore Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried and the Minutes accepted.

Tobacco Free: Ms. Danielle O'Mara the Tobacco Free CFE Program Coordinator did a presentation for the Town Board. She provided the board with handouts containing NYS smoking statistics. The main focus of her presentation was point of sale, tobacco free zones, and changing the legal smoking age from 18 to 21. She also emphasized the importance of making all town properties not just smoke free but tobacco free, which would include e-cigarettes. She offered her assistance should the town decide to go tobacco free.

Highway: Highway Superintendent Kris was not present. Supervisor Menard stated that they are currently working to prepare the Barcomb Road for paving.

Library: Mr. Art Menard, present, stated the water pump has been installed and is working. Representatives from Clinton, Essex, and Franklin Library systems came to inspect the work that has been done to the new library from last fall. Mr. Menard said that they were very impressed with the progress. He stated that Albany has approved the final report and has released the final 10% of the grant, which will be about \$1900.00. Mr. Menard said they are also considering applying for another grant to finish the building, but it would require a 25% match by the town.

Supervisor Menard stated that the town received one bid for the sale of the old library. Councilperson Boulerice made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the old library. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Perras. The result of the Roll Call was 5 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson Perras, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Myatt, Councilperson LaValley) and 0 NOES. Therefore Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried. The Board went into executive session at 6:14pm. The Board returned from executive session at 6:19. Supervisor Menard then opened and read the bid from Backus Real-estate. The bid was for \$10,500.00. Supervisor Menard made a motion to deny the bid from Backus Real-estate for \$10,500.00. Councilperson Boulerice seconded the motion. The result of the Roll Call was 0 AYES and 5 NOES(Councilperson Perras, Councilperson Perras, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Myatt, Councilperson LaValley) Therefore Supervisor Menard declared the motion denied.

Dog Control: Mrs. Kaleigh Mill, present, stated that the shelter is currently empty. She also stated that the county wide dog control has been put on hold until things are sorted out at the state level.

Beautification: Mrs. Myrtle Hawksby, present, had nothing to report.

Tax Assessor: Mr. Larry Wolff, present, had nothing to report.

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.

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: Fire Chief Danny Dumas, present, stated they will open the bids tomorrow night for the new truck, and it is open to the public. He also said that mutual aid has started. Over the past week they were to receive mutual aid once and to give mutual aid once, both times they were cancelled. Supervisor Menard read the report for the month of July submitted by Fire Chief Danny Dumas. In the month of July there were a total of 14 calls, 11 for the town of Mooers and 3 mutual aid. There was 1 house fire, 3 motor vehicle accidents, 1 barn fire, 2 downed power lines, 1 brush fire, 4 motor vehicle assists, and 1 hazmat. We received mutual aid from Altona, Champlain, Champlain EMS, and Beekmantown.

EMS: Supervisor Menard read the report submitted for the month of July. There were a total of 24 calls for the Town of Mooers, 53 for Champlain, and 19 for Rouses Point. Year to date there have been a total of 668 calls. Supervisor Menard also said that he, Councilperson LaValley, and Councilperson Myatt met with Champlain EMS Board members. The board member indicated that they have outgrown their office in the fire station and something has to be done within the next couple of years. Champlain EMS would like to have two ambulances stationed in the town. Supervisor Menard said we have to start planning. He said that Mr. Larry Brooks had, at one time, offered a one acre lot across from the store. Supervisor Menard said he would like to set aside \$50,000.00 for the next two years in the budget to build an EMS building. There was more discussion regarding the new building.

Court: Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from the Office of the Town Court would like to address the Board. No person was present wishing to address the Board. Supervisor Menard read the report submitted for the month of July. For the month of July the Court brought in a total of \$9,170.00; \$6,244.00 went to the New York State, \$467.00 went to Clinton County, and \$2,459.00 went to the Town of Mooers.

Code Enforcement: Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from the Office of Code Enforcement would like to address the Board. No person was present wishing to address the Board. Supervisor Menard stated that we will be moving forward with cleaning up the Garrand Road.

Old Business:

Old Business 1: Supervisor Menard stated that the town was awarded a grant in the amount of \$2249.28 which will be used to purchase benches and picnic tables. He also said that some of the benches will be placed in the memorial park.

New Business:

New Business 1: Supervisor Menard stated that he received a letter from Real Property Tax Service and the Town of Mooers is at 100% equalization rate.

New Business 2: Supervisor Menard stated that he received a call from Melissa McManus who informed him that the tax base for the solar farm on the Ashline Road will go from \$19,000.00 to \$25,600.00 per year because they are adding a fourth solar array. It is called payment in

lei of taxes because Delaware River Solar will be tax exempt for 15 years. They are required to pay full taxes for special districts. Supervisor Menard also spoke John Labarge from Bull Run Wind Project and they are projecting 2018 for the installation of the wind mills.

New Business 3: Supervisor Menard received a phone call from Assemblyman Billy Jones. Assemblymen Jones will be coming to the Town of Mooers on August 22, 2017 at 2pm. The meeting is open to the public.

New Business 4: Councilperson Perras stated that he and several members of the community met with Bill Krattinger from the New York State Department of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation. He said that Mr. Krattinger was especially impressed with the train station owned by Mr. Larry Marnes. Mr. Michael Reeves said that he received very positive feedback from Mr. Krattinger. He also stated that Mr. Krattinger suggested that the town have a historical assessment done, which would make it easier to apply for and be awarded grants. Mr. Reeves said that the assessment will not obligate the town in any way. Councilperson Perras said that first the board has to give its approval in order for the assessment to be done. Supervisor Menard said we will write a resolution and vote on it at next month's meeting. Mr. Reeves said that they have been meeting as a bridge/preservation society and they would like to officially set up a preservation committee. Mr. Reeves stated that Mr. Krattinger suggested setting up a preservation society also.

Public Comment :

Public Comment 1: A town resident, who resides at on East St. voiced their concern regarding the tenants on the corner. They have been playing loud music and are disruptive. They stated that they have contacted the police and the landlord, but nothing has been done because the town does not have a noise ordinance. The resident requested that something be done. Supervisor Menard stated that he has been in contact with the land lord. Supervisor Menard also said that he is in the process of creating a noise and burn ordinance.

Public Comment 2: A town resident, who resides at on East St. requested that the town install a "slow children at play" sign on East Street. They stated that traffic is heavy and fast even though it is a dead end street. There was more discussion regarding the traffic on East Street.

Public Comment 3: Mrs. Beverly Perras asked if there is any new information on the feral cat situation. Mr. Steve Bulriss stated there is a woman in town trapping and re-homing feral cats.

Public Comment 4: Mr. Danny Dumas asked if the town can do anything about the flooding on the Orr Road, which is caused by beavers. Councilperson Boulrice stated that the town can only take care of the problem if it is within the right of way. He also said that whoever owns the land can get a permit for DEC to trap or hunt the beavers. Supervisor Menard said they will take a look at the road and see what they can do. There was more discussion regarding the Orr Road.

Vouchers:

The Audited Vouchers to be paid off the Abstracted Vouchers on July 10, 2017 as follows:

General - Townwide	Vouchers 161-191	\$22,935.57
Highway - Townwide	Vouchers 132-149	\$18,670.40
Trust and Agency	Vouchers 65-68	\$13,954.85
Mooers Forks Lights	Voucher 176	\$370.66
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Riverside Cemetery	Voucher 24	\$96.45

Total of Abstracted Vouchers Paid-\$56,664.98

Adjourn: Councilperson Perras made a motion for the meeting be adjourned. All in favor. Thus, Supervisor Jeff Menard declared the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

JESSICA K. BULRISS, TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

