

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Mooers held
September 11, 2017 at the Mooers Office Complex commencing at 7:00 PM**

Present: Jeff Menard, Supervisor
Donald Perras, Councilperson
Gerald LaValley, Councilperson

Recording Secretary: Jessica K. Bulriss, Town Clerk

Others Present: Myrtle Hawksby, Beautification Committee
Kaleigh Mill, Dog Control Officer

Absent: Eugene "Dickie" Boulerice, Councilperson
Mary Myatt, Councilperson

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 August 14, 2017 Minutes. Councilperson LaValley made a motion to accept the August 14, 2017 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Perras. The result of the Roll Call was 3 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson LaValley, Supervisor Menard), and 0 NOES. Therefore Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried and the Minutes accepted as written.

Highway: Highway Superintendent Kris Gilmore stated that one of the military trucks is now being used every day. He also said he would like to put two ford f-150 trucks on auction international. He thinks they will be sold for \$12,000.00 to \$14,000.00. He would like to replace the f-150 trucks with a one ton. He informed the board that there is no fee and you are not obligated to sell. Councilperson Perras suggested setting a reserve. Superintendent Gilmore stated that the board gives the final approval to sell or not sell the truck once the bidding is over. There was more discussion regarding auction international. Councilperson Perras made a motion to place the two f-150 trucks on auction international. Supervisor Menard seconded the motion. The result of the Roll Call was 3 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson LaValley, Supervisor Menard), and 0 NOES. Therefore Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Gilmore stated he is in the process of getting prices from the new asphalt plant. He has heard that they are selling asphalt for half the price of the current county contract. He is checking to make sure the town will be reimbursed with CHIPS because the plant is not state certified. He said he should have an answer by the end of the week. Once he has an answer he can put it out to bid.

Superintendent Gilmore informed the board that Randy LaValley will be retiring in October. Mr. LaValley is willing to work part time. Superintendent Gilmore will advertise the job once he is back from school. School will run from Tuesday, September 19 to Friday, September 22.

Library: Mr. Art Menard was not present. Supervisor Menard read a report submitted by Mr. Menard. The librarian, Ms. Tracey Ducharme will be leaving at the end of the month. She will be going to Cedar Hedge Nursing Home. They will be looking for a new librarian.

Supervisor Menard stated that the water is in and working. They have obtained prices for the flooring from Lee's. Lee's gave them a good price and actually donated some flooring.

Supervisor Menard stated that he contacted Matt Backus. Supervisor Menard told him that the town was interested in the small lot across from Watt's Senior Housing. He said that Mr. Backus was willing pay \$14,000.00 for the old library and will include the lot. He said that technically we will be receiving \$16,000.00 for the old library. Supervisor Menard stated that he thinks it is a good deal and would like to put it to a vote. He also said he would like to use the building as an office for his real estate business. Councilperson Perras asked if it was legal to sell the library this way. Supervisor Menard said he spoke with Mr. Tom Murnane, the town attorney, who said there was no problem. He said we just renegotiated the bid. Councilperson LaValley asked if Mr. Backus was aware that the old library would not be available until the new library was ready. Supervisor Menard replied that he was aware and did not have a problem with it. There was more discussion regarding the sale of the old library. Supervisor Menard made a motion to accept the renegotiated bid for the purchase of the old library with the stipulation of use for the property. The motion was seconded

by Councilperson Perras. The result of the Roll Call was 3 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson LaValley, Supervisor Menard), and 0 NOES. Therefore Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

Dog Control: Mrs. Kaleigh Mill, present, stated that the shelter currently has two dogs. She will be having the dogs vaccinated and then they will be turned over to North Country SPCA. She stated that she has been receiving a lot of complaints regarding feral cats. She also stated that she has been informed that all municipal shelters have to be registered with NYS by November 2017.

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

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 at this time.

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: Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from the Fire Department would like to address the board. No person was present wishing to address the board at this time. Supervisor Menard read the report for August 2017 submitted by Fire Chief Danny Dumas. For the month of August there was a total of 10 calls, which brings the year to date total to 80. There were 3 house fires, 2 motor vehicle accidents, 1 downed power line, 2 medical assists, 1 tree down, and 1 automatic alarm. Mutual aid was provided by; Altona 1, Champlain 2, Champlain EMS 2, Ellenburg Depot 1.

EMS: Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from EMS would like to address the board. No person was present wishing to address the board at this time. Supervisor Menard stated that he received a budget from EMS which requested a budget of \$100,000.00 for the 2018 budget. He also said that there budget from the last two years was \$85,000.00 per year.

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.

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.

Old Business:

Old Business 1: Supervisor Menard stated that the town will be introducing a noise ordinance to address the current problems in the community. Mrs. Crystal Bulriss, present, asked, if there will be guidelines on how to apply fines. Supervisor Menard stated that once the ordinance has passed a copy will be sent to the NYSP, Sheriff's Department, Code Enforcement Officer, and the Mooers Town Court because they will be enforcing the ordinance.

RESOLUTION TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE 1-2017, TOWN OF MOOERS NOISE ORDINANCE

Whereas; The Town of Mooers does not currently have a noise ordinance in place and there have been numerous complaints from residents regarding the excessive and unreasonable noise and;

Whereas; Local law enforcement is unable to address complaints due to lack of a noise ordinance and;

Whereas; The town board of the Town of Mooers has found that it would benefit the health and safety of the town and support the objective of being a quiet and peaceful, family oriented community to adopt such a noise ordinance providing for mandatory enforcement of standards.

Therefore Be It Resolved; pursuant to Town Law Article 9 the proposed ordinance is hereby introduced at this meeting; and

Be It Further Resolved; there will be a public hearing held on Monday, October 9, 2017 at 7pm, held at Mooers Office Complex 2508 State Route 11, Mooers, NY 12958; and

Be It Further Resolved; that such ordinance shall be voted upon for adoption by the town board of the Town of Mooers at the next regular meeting or at a special meeting called for such purpose.

Motion: Supervisor Menard
Seconded by: Councilperson Perras

Discussion: Yes

The result of a Roll Call was 3 AYES (Supervisor Menard, Councilperson LaValley, Councilperson Perras and, Councilperson Boulerice) and 0 NOES.

Therefore; Supervisor Menard declared **Resolution #19 -2017** adopted.

DATED: September 11, 2017

JESSICA K. BULRISS, TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Resolution #19 -2017**Old Business 2:**

Mrs. Crystal Bulriss asked if the designation will affect the Beautification Committee's Memorial. Councilperson Perras stated that being on the register will not affect the memorial project. Mrs. Jessica Bulriss stated that once the property has been designated a historic site and you attach federal money to the property they can dictate what can be done.

RESOLUTION DECLARING SUPPORT FOR THE NOMINATION OF THE OLD RIVERSIDE CEMETERY TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Whereas; The Town of Mooers acknowledges the importance of historic preservation and desires to promote and preserve its heritage

Whereas; the property known as Old Riverside Cemetery located at State Route 11 Mooers, NY 12958 be considered for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places; and

Whereas; a representative from the New York State Department of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation has reviewed the property and has recommended the Town Board of the Town of Mooers support the cemetery's nomination to the National Register of Historic Places; and

Whereas; historic designation will help protect the historic integrity, promote rehabilitation and restoration of the cemetery through financial incentives and funding opportunities available to designated historic resources

Therefore Be It Resolved; That the Town Board of the Town of Mooers hereby supports the nomination of the Old Riverside Cemetery to the National Register of Historic Places and

Motion: Councilperson Perras

Seconded by: Supervisor Menard

Discussion: yes

The result of a Roll Call was 3 AYES (Supervisor Menard, Councilperson LaValley, Councilperson Perras and, Councilperson Boulerice) and 0 NOES.

Therefore; Supervisor Menard declared **Resolution #20-2017** adopted.

DATED: September 11,2017

JESSICA K. BULRISS, TOWN CLERK

Resolution #20-2017

New Business:**New Business 1:**

Supervisor Menard stated that the Town Clerk, Mrs. Jessica Bulriss would like to purchase a stand up desk for her office, and would like board approval. Supervisor Menard made a motion to purchase a standup desk for the office of the Town Clerk. The motion was seconded by Councilperson LaValley. The result of a Roll Call was 3 AYES (Supervisor Menard, Councilperson LaValley, Councilperson Perras and, Councilperson Boulerice) and 0 NOES. Therefore Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

New Business 2:

Superintendent Gilmore requested permission to repair the driveway at Union Cemetery. He would need a dump trailer load of crushed stone. Supervisor Menard asked what he would need. Superintendent Gilmore replied ones and dust. Supervisor Menard stated that he can fix it there is money in the budget.

Public Comment :

Public Comment 1: A community member asked Superintendent Gilmore when they would be returning to the Emery Road to finish the ditching. Superintendent Gilmore Replied that they will be there within two weeks.

Vouchers:

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

General - Townwide	Vouchers 192-216	\$11,531.29
Highway - Townwide	Vouchers 150-163	\$18,419.75
Trust and Agency	Vouchers 69-72	\$13,954.85
Mooers Forks Lights	Voucher 215	\$326.04
Mooers Lights	Voucher 215	\$555.32
Union Cemetery	Voucher 25-26	\$316.66

Total of Abstracted Vouchers Paid-\$45,103.91

Adjourn: Councilperson Perras made a motion for the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Menard. All in favor. Thus, Supervisor Jeff Menard declared the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.
Respectfully Submitted

JESSICA K. BULRISS, TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR