

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Mooers held September 14, 2021 at the Mooers Office Complex commencing at 7:00 PM

Present: Jeff Menard, Supervisor
Donald Perras, Councilperson
Irving Breyette, Councilperson
Christopher Bulriss, Councilperson

Recording Secretary: Kelly L. McDonald, Town Clerk

Others Present: Larry Wolff, Assessor
Crystal Narducci, Friends of the North Country
Art Menard, Librarian
Myrtle Hawksby, Beautification
Scarlett Sample, Beautification
Todd Gumlaw, Fire Chief
Bill Loudon, Champlain-Mooers EMS

Absent: Randy LaCount, Councilperson
Kris Gilmore, Highway Superintendent

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.

Friends of the North Country: Crystal Narducci was present from Friends of the North Country. The Town was awarded the CDBG Grant for \$500,000. This is a housing Rehabilitation Grant.

Resolution #19-2021 CDBG Grant Award

I hereby certify that, at a Regular Meeting of the Town of Mooers Town Board, a Municipality with offices at 2508 Rte. 11, Mooers, NY 12958, duly called (a quorum being present) and held at the Town Hall, Town of Mooers, NY, County of Clinton and State of New York, on September 14, 2021, the following Resolution was duly adopted and is now in full force and effect:

Whereas, this Town Board supports the creation and maintenance of affordable housing in the Town of Mooers, and

Whereas, the Town applied for a grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Small Cities Program, administered by the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation of Office of Community Renewal (OCR), and

Whereas, the Town was awarded Project# **752HR111-20** for the general purposes of rehabilitating housing and notice to that effect was provided to the Town by OCR on September 9, 2021 for the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000)

Resolved, that the Town Board wishes to accept the award and authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute an Agreement between the Town of Mooers and the Office of Community Renewal (NYS HTFC), and

Resolved, that the Town Board wishes to engage the services of Friends of the North Country, Inc. (Friends) to administer the 2020 Town of Mooers Housing Rehabilitation Program award and authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute an Agreement between the Town of Mooers and Friends who will, for the standard allowable Program Delivery and Administrative fee schedule allowed by the OCR, perform as Subrecipient on behalf of the Town of Mooers in accordance with OCR guidelines.

Motion: Councilperson Perras

Seconded by: Councilperson Bulriss

Roll Call: the result of a Roll Call was 4 Ayes (Councilperson Perras, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Bulriss and Councilperson Breyette), 1 ABSENT (Councilperson LaCount) and 0 NOES.

Therefore; Supervisor Menard declared Resolution #19-2021 carried.

DATED: September 14, 2021

Library: Mr. Art Menard, Librarian, explained the Library is open full time and that people are asked to wear masks. Story time may go back to computer virtual story time. At last months Library meeting, the Board voted to open the meeting room up to small organizations, 10-20 people by appointment. It is a little cluttered right now, waiting for storage to be built. If it is a community organization using the room there is no charge, otherwise it is \$25.00. You can make an appointment

with the Librarian. At some point in the future this will be open for parties and private use. Waiting on the grant for the storage shed and gazebo.

Dog Control: Supervisor Menard read the report submitted by Mrs. Stacey Guerin, Dog Control Officer. Mrs. Guerin stated there would be an inspection at the end of the month at her new place.

Beautification: Mrs. Scarlett Sample said they are still waiting on NYSEG for taking down the flags.

Fire Department: Supervisor Menard read the report submitted by Fire Chief Todd Gumlaw. Chief Gumlaw thanked everyone for Labor Day. 100 chicken dinners were donated for elderly community members, many moved to tears. The Department has 3 new members in Cannons Corners, and will have another one in October.

Assessor: Home prices have increased, assessments will be going up. Townwide has to be at 95% to keep the enhanced star.

EMS: Supervisor Menard read the report submitted. There was discussion on the proposed EMS contract, which has a \$13,000 increase. There was not an increase last year. As a Town, there can only be a \$25,000 increase without an increase to the tax cap. That would be half of what can be raised. Supervisor Menard said there were not a lot of places to cut. Supervisor Menard said he proposes raising it \$10,000 and seeing what they can move around for more. Councilperson Breyette said the town should cut something from the budget to be able to give them increase. Councilperson Bulriss asked if they were able to bend at all. Mr. Bill Loudon said there was a meeting Thursday in Champlain at 6pm, open to the public. Mr. Loudon said they just bought a new ambulance for \$275,000 for Mooers, insurance has gone up, costs everywhere have gone up. There has also been equipment totaling over \$300,000 this year for Mooers alone. This will be further discussed during budget meetings.

Old Business:

1) Councilperson Breyette asked if the emergency preparedness plan has been completed yet, which it has not.

New Business:

1) Highway Fund Resolution needed until the CHIPS money comes in.

2) **County Contract-** There will need to be a meeting to review this, scheduled for September 22, 2022. This will go into the newspaper. There is less of an increase than last year but if fuel goes up they will up the fuel.

3) **Clinton County 2021 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan
MUNICIPAL ADOPTION RESOLUTION
Town of Mooers
Town Board
2508 Route 11, Mooers NY 12958
RESOLUTION #20-2021**

WHEREAS, The Town of Mooers, Clinton County, New York is most vulnerable to natural and human made hazards which may result in loss of life and property, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety, and

WHEREAS, Section 322 of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000), requires state and local governments to develop and submit for approval to the President a mitigation plan that outlines processes for identifying their respective natural hazards, risks, and vulnerabilities, and

WHEREAS, The Town of Mooers acknowledges the requirements of Section 322 of DMA 2000 to have an approved Hazard Mitigation Plan as a prerequisite to receiving post-disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds, and

WHEREAS, Town of Mooers, with the assistance from the Clinton County Planning Department and Mountain View Planning, in cooperation with other county departments, local municipal officials and the citizens of Mooers, has gathered information and prepared the Clinton County Pre-Disaster Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, a public involvement process consistent with the requirements of the DMA 2000 was conducted to develop the Clinton County Hazard Mitigation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Pre-Disaster Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, The Clinton County Hazard Mitigation Plan recommends mitigation activities that will reduce loss to life and property by both natural and human-made hazards that face the County and its municipalities, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mooers Town Board that the Town of Mooers hereby adopts the 2021 Clinton County Pre-Disaster Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan as this jurisdiction’s Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Motion: Councilperson Perras

Seconded by: Supervisor Menard

Discussion: None

Whereas; the result of a Roll Call was 4 Ayes (Councilperson Perras, Supervisor Menard, Councilperson Bulriss and Councilperson Breyette), 1 ABSENT (Councilperson LaCount.), and 0 NOES.

ADOPTED this 14th day of September, 2021 by the Town Board of Mooers.

Public Comment:

1) Mr. Wolff had questions about who is chosen for Friends of the North Country. It is income based, and there is an application process. Once project is done people will need to stay in their home for 5 years. They are also in need on contractors, would like local where possible.

Adjourn: Councilperson Perras made a motion for the meeting be adjourned; Councilperson Bulriss seconded the motion. All in favor. Thus, Supervisor Menard declared the meeting closed. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Vouchers:

Highway	Voucher	144-160	\$346,350.35
General Fund	Voucher	168-191	\$15,500.72
Union/Riverside Cemetery	Voucher	78-79	\$10,199.52
Mooers & Mooers Forks Lights	Voucher	190	\$1,312.19
Trust and Agency	Voucher	35-38	\$18,474.54
Total of Abstracted Vouchers Paid			\$391,837.32

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly L. McDonald, TOWN CLERK