

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Mooers held
September 8, 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
Myrtle Hawksby, Beautification
Art Menard, Library
Todd Gumlaw, Fire Chief
Tyson Dumas, Youth Coordinator
Stacey Guerin, Dog Control Officer

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.

Minutes: All the Board Members were asked if they had read their copies of the July 14, 2020 and August 11, 2020 meeting minutes. Councilperson Perras made a motion to accept the minutes (with correction to 7/14 minutes as Councilperson Bulriss was absent). The motion was seconded by Councilperson LaCount. The result of the Roll Call was 4 AYES (Councilperson Perras, Councilperson LaCount, Supervisor Menard, and Councilperson Breyette), 1 ABSTAIN (Councilperson Bulriss), and 0 NOES. Therefore, Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried and the Minutes accepted with correction.

Highway: Superintendent Gilmore discussed paving. He also discussed adding black dirt around the walking path, would the board like the Highway Department to take a day and get it done? As it could be a liability issue, Superintendent Gilmore said they would take a day and have it completed. Supervisor Menard discussed the fence around a property in Mooers Forks. The wooden fence between the property owner and soccer field needs to be replaced as it has fallen down. This will need to be replaced, Supervisor Menard will get quotes will be gotten for both wooden and metal fencing.

Library: Mr. Art Menard said the Grant that they have been working on has been completed. The money is on its way. There was discussion on the items needed but decisions have yet to be made on what they will do first. As other libraries have not fully opened, the Mooers Library will also wait at this time. People are able to come in to check out books, but they are not able to stay or utilize the computers at this time. The community room is also not open yet. Mr. Menard also thanked the Fire Department and the Ladies Auxiliary for their dinner this weekend.

Dog Control: Supervisor Menard read the report submitted. Mrs. Stacey Guerin, Dog Control Officer, stated that they have had several dog bites as of late. She also stated they have been getting calls from Champlain and Rouses Point but believes it is because their website had not updated their numbers on their website. Mrs. Guerin did inform them of this.

Youth Program: Mrs. Kerri Dumas was available to provide an update on behalf of Mr. Tyson Dumas, Youth Coordinator, as he was coaching. She stated the County has observed games and practices, and have had no issues. The teams are wearing masks and social distancing. Mrs. Dumas asked Councilperson LaCount why he had asked for information on the Youth Program from a County Legislator, when that information could have come from the Youth Director. Mrs. Dumas reviewed the walking path at the Mooers Rec Park and expressed her concern with the Social Media Posts being presented by Councilperson LaCount about the walking path. Mrs. Dumas reviewed how the walking path came to be, as well as the costs and funding for this.

Tax Assessor: Mr. Larry Wolff, Tax Assessor, discussed the land value increases in Mooers Forks. He also noted that the School Tax increase for NAC District came from a tax increase with the School District.

Fire Department: Supervisor Menard read the August report submitted by Mr. Todd Gumlaw, Fire Chief. Supervisor Menard said the Chicken Dinner was a success and they sold out of 700 dinners by 2:30pm. Mr. Gumlaw discussed they had to scale their event down 3 days before the event due to a complaint. The scaled down event was still a success and all guidelines were followed. Mr. Gumlaw explained the Fire Department would like a signed 3-year contract with the Town and is working on that. He also stated they were gathering the information to present a budget.

EMS: Supervisor Menard met with Mr. Roger Favreau and Mr. Corey Thompson about the Budget. The EMS said they were not going to ask for an increase on their budget this year.

Old Business:

1) Supervisor Menard asked Councilperson Perras if he checked on the sign for the cemetery. Councilperson Perras is still working on this.

2) Councilperson Bulriss asked if the State has responded to the Speed Limit request on Route 11, which we have not gotten as of yet.

New Business:

1) Supervisor Menard explained that they need to go out for bid on Cemetery Vault roof in Riverside and a new ambulance door at the EMS Station. A new door is needed as they are going to have a new large ambulance sometime this winter. Councilperson LaCount asked what would be done with the old door, possibly for sale?

Councilperson Bulriss made a motion to go out for bid in newspaper on EMS door and Cemetery Vault Roof.

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.

Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

2) Supervisor Menard Described a letter from the LaPan's on the Nephew Road. When the Highway Department was clearing the gate was destroyed. The LaPan's replaced the gate and asked the Town to replace this. The Board discussed the cost and took a vote.

Councilperson LaCount made a motion to reimburse the LaPan's \$200.00.

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.

Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried.

3) RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2020 BUDGET TO INCLUDE NYS DOT CHIPS AND PAVENY AVAILABLE MONIES

Whereas; The Town Budget is adopted without knowledge of what money will be available to the Town of Mooers by CHIPS and PAVENY the following year, and

Whereas: A letter from NYS DOT came on June 10, 2020 declaring the money available to the Town of Mooers for the year 2020, and

Whereas: The Town Board and Highway Superintendent would like the budget to reflect the amount of money available for paving in the year 2020, so

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT REVENUE ACCOUNT DA3501 BE AMENDED FROM \$180,000 TO \$359,217.71 AS THIS IS WHAT IS AVAILABLE IN THE ABOVE-MENTIONED LETTER FROM NYS DOT FOR CHIPS AND PAVENY. BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT THE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT DA5112.2 BE AMENDED TO REFLECT THE AVAILABLE \$359,217.71.

Motion: Councilperson LaCount

Seconded by: Councilperson Perras

Discussion: no

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

Therefore; Supervisor Menard declared Resolution #22-2020 is adopted.

4) Supervisor Menard contacted the NYSDOT about paving the end of the Town parking lot, as they use the parking lot to turn their plows around in the winter. There was a vocal agreement with the NYSDOT that they would pave the end of the parking lot where damage has been caused. Supervisor Menard was told they do not have the funds to pave this area this year. The Town Board and Mr. Gumlaw discussed not letting the Plow Trucks use the parking lot and further damage it, if they are not going to repair it. The Board voted to draft a letter to present them to find a different spot to turn plow around.
 Supervisor Menard made a motion to request a new plow turnaround spot.
 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.

Public Comment

1) Mr. Frank Dumas asked if he could speak. Mr. Dumas said he thought the Town of Mooers was one of the best Town’s in the County. He talked about his history of coaching, the Rec Park and the Youth Commission. Mr. Dumas thought the town and Board should do whatever they could to work together and treat people the way they wanted to be treated. Mr. Dumas commended the Fire Department and Auxiliary on all they do for the Town as well. Mr. Dumas also discussed the Lou and Roxanne Foundation as well, and hopes next year they will be able to continue with the Tournament. Mr. Dumas told Superintendent Gilmore that if he needed help with the walking path to let him know and they would try to get a group together to help.

Executive Session:

Councilperson Perras made a motion to enter Executive Session at 8:00pm. 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. Therefore, Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried and the Board entered Executive Session.

At 8:05PM the Board returned. Councilperson Perras motioned to exit Executive Session. 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. Therefore, Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried and the Board exited Executive Session.

The Board voted on the ratified Highway Union Contract, which is effective for 3 years.

Councilperson Perras made a motion to approve the ratified Union Contract.
 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.

Vouchers:

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| General Fund | Voucher 148-169 | \$9,224.22 |
| Highway | Voucher 153-168 | \$72,706.20 |
| Mooers & Mooers Forks Light | Voucher 9 | \$945.69 |
| Trust & Agency | Voucher 39-43 | \$18,010.44 |
| Riverside Cemetery | Voucher 67 | \$2,300.00 |
| Total of Abstracted Vouchers Paid | | \$103,186.55 |

Adjourn: Councilperson Bulriss made a motion for the meeting be adjourned, Councilperson Perras seconded the motion. All in favor. Thus, Supervisor Menard declared the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly L. McDonald, TOWN CLERK