

Regular Meeting of the Mooers Town Board was held on Tuesday April 10,2012 at the Mooers Office Complex.

Present: Present for the Meeting were Supervisor Cory Ross, Councilman Earl Robinson, Councilman Steve Barcomb, Councilman Eugene Bushey, Councilman Gerald LaValley and Town Clerk/Tax Collector Shirley A Gadway. Absent was Highway Superintendent Eugene (Dick) Boulerville as he was attending a Meeting.

In Attendance: Town Secretary Carol Payne, Resident Susan Miller, DCO Todd Forette, Deputy DCO Marsha Forette, Librarian Jackie, Library Board Member Katie Evans, Resident Larry Begor, Mooers Fire Chief Raymond Phair, Code Enforcement Officer Bob West and Insurance Agent Andree' LaBarge.

Meeting: Supervisor Ross called the Meeting to order at 7:00 PM, then he asked Town Clerk Shirley A Gadway to lead them in the "Pledge of Allegiance" which she did.

Minutes: The Board Members were asked if they had read the March Minutes and they all said yes. They were asked if there were any omissions or corrections to be made and nobody offered any. Councilman Robinson made a motion that the Minutes be accepted as written and Councilman Bushey seconded the motion. The result of a Roll Call was 5 AYES and 0 NOES, thus Supervisor Ross declared Minutes accepted as written.

Library: Library Board member Katie Evans asked about the handicap accessibility to the Library. Supervisor Ross gave her a sketch for the handicap ramp Superintendent Boulerville drew up. He said this is a lot less expensive than a lift. Katie said she thinks that if the basement (or lower floor) is not handicap accessible they may have to remove everything from there. She'll look further into this. Jackie said there will be a Mooers Free Library Benefit Day on April 14,2012 held at the Fire Station from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM and all are welcome.

Code Enforcement Officer: CEO Bob West told the Board that he wants to come up on Mondays only from 7AM to 12PM and 2PM to 6PM. The Board requested 2 days a week to make it more accessible to the residents. They wanted Mr. West to work Mondays 7AM to 12 PM and on Thursdays from 2PM to 6PM. Bob told the Board he needs a secretary (a couple of hours a week--preferably on Mondays 10:00AM to 12:00PM)because he doesn't know how to operate the computer (even though he was showed the program by Secretary Carol Payne), and he needs someone to do his paperwork. Supervisor Ross showed Bob and told the Board he has a folder of complaints and reports from residents that haven't been taken care of (showing the Board the folder). Cory also told the Board that CEO West had submitted a permit to the County on a parcel and the County returned the permit because it was not complete. Sue Miller made the comment that all the Building Regulations & Zoning Laws must be followed by **everyone** or Mooers will be a sorry place to reside as it will continue to go downhill. After some discussion, regarding a Secretary for the CEO Bob West, Councilman Bushey made a motion the following resolution be adopted

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN OF MOOERS HIRE CHRISTINE GILMORE (WHO WORKED FOR THE TOWN PREVIOUSLY AS A TEMPORARY SECRETARY[AS NEEDED ONLY]) AS A SECRETARY FOR CEO BOB WEST FOR A MAXIMUM OF 3 HOURS A WEEK TO DO SOME PAPERWORK AND FILING FOR THE CEO'S OFFICE ONLY**

Councilman Robinson seconded the motion and the result of a Roll Call was 5 AYES (Supervisor Ross, Councilman Robinson, Councilman Barcomb, Councilman Bushey and Councilman LaValley)and 0 NOES, thus Supervisor Ross declared **Resolution #14-2012** is adopted.

Carol Payne told the Board all the work she has done to straighten up the maps and files in the CEO's Office. Supervisor Ross praised Carol for all the work she has done. Supervisor Ross also asked if there was going to be a Zoning Board Meeting in the near future. The CEO Officer West said he needs a Zoning Committee Meeting now for Kyle's business behind the L&M Store.

CEO Bob West still hasn't signed the paper (outlining what the Town Board says he should be doing as CEO, and it states the hours and days a week the Board feels he should be spend doing his CEO duties). In January of 2012 Supervisor Ross talked with CEO Bob West and the Supervisor was told by Mr. West that if after 6 months his work wasn't being done satisfactorily he will resign. That gives CEO West until June 2012 to do all his work the way it's supposed to be done.

Mooers Fire Department: Fire Chief Raymond Phair handed in the March 2012 Report which showed the following: Station #1 had 10 calls and Station #2 had 0 calls---Incident types--MVA = 3, Grass/Brush = 1, Good Intent = 2 and Auto Alarms = 1---Mutual Aide to---Ellenburgh Depot = 2 and Hemmingford = 1---Average response time was 2.2 minutes and Fuel used was 000 gallons of gas and 000 gallons of diesel.

Chief Phair said he has talked with Wells Communication and was told they will be changing their radio system as the firemen can't wear portable radios they are dressed in full gear including mask and hard hat. He also told the Board that a fireman's protective uniform usually has a life span of 10 years. He has checked into the cost per uniform (approximately \$1800.00 per person). He figures if they replace five uniforms a year the cost would be about \$8700.00 a year which is better than trying to purchase all the outfits in one year. Supervisor Ross suggested we table this until the May Meeting. He also told Chief Phair they should hold off on getting another brush truck for now as it wasn't budgeted for and being the beginning of the year we don't want to make ourselves short. Supervisor Ross also asked Chief Phair to get an estimate for the pump house, so we'd know what kind of money we're discussing.

Dog Control Officer: DCO Todd Forette turned in report for March which showed the following: On 03/01--Received call to pick up small stray pitbull from Emery Road and Received call from Debbie Langlois about neighbor's dog, and Crystal Bulriss adopted yellow Lab and Mrs. Ralph Marbut called to come look at Red Retriever for adoption but said the dog was too big----On 03/02--call received from 110 Blair Rd Mooers to bring in dog he found on Blair Rd.----On 03/04--call from Laura Turner about Neighbor (Mr. Hill) dog in her yard he came and picked dog up----On 03/12--Call from Altona DCO he's bringing in 2 dogs to shelter----)n 03/14--Beagle picked up on 1/13 had 7 puppies----On 3/19--call from Dan Salley to come look at black lab and retriever possible adoption, and Call from Heather Hough 2 of her dogs running loose, and Mailed delinquent notices for Town of Chazy, and Mobil Vet came to give 7 dogs their rabies vaccinations----On 03/20-- Blk Lab and Retriever were adopted by Ruby Salley, and Got call from David Underwood about 3 dogs running down N.Star Rd. when he was going home----On 03/31--Marcel Pelletier looked at dogs and adopted 1----On 3/22 Patti Breyettes dog bit Harold Johnson (reported to CC Health Dept.)----On 03/26 Amanda Agoney adopted Pitbull from shelter----On 03/27-- Tim Savoie adopted terrier, and received call from Donald Cushman about stray at his residence----On 03/28--Got call from Lionell Peryea (Dog Control of Altona) bringing Beagle to shelter after he gets back from Palmers (dog has quills to be removed)----On 03/29--got call from Laura Turner neighbor's dog in her yard, but when we got there dogs were back in their own yard----On 03/31--Received a call from Dan Hill his dogs ran off into the woods and wants us to notify him if we get notification as to where dogs are.

Todd Forette brought up the fact about the Contract the Town has with The Town of Altona for \$950.00. He would like to have that money. Supervisor Ross told Todd he has talked with ex-Supervisor Rudy Miller and Rudy told Ross that there was a meeting with him and Todd before Rudy left office. At that Meeting Todd was told the money was being divided into many categories of expenses for the shelter such as fuel to heat the kennel, electricity, increase in mileage fee, dog food, payroll insurance benefit expenses, pay increase, etc.). The contract was between the Town of Mooers and the Town of Altona

Andree' LaBarge: Andree' LaBarge of LaBarge Agency, Inc. was present at the Board Meeting to explain the contents of the Insurance package. She went over the complete policy and the big difference was the Inventory to the Library. They went from \$100,000.00 to over \$345,000.00. This increase means the Insurance Premium will cost an additional \$867.00. The Councilman on the Library Committee are to check into why such a big increase. Councilman Steve Barcomb asked if the fact we now have a Security System installed in the building ,will it lower our premium?? Andree' said she will check this out and get back to us.

Summer Swim Program: The NCCS Swim Pool will be closed for August, thus the swim program will be for June 25<sup>th</sup> to July 11<sup>th</sup> and from July 12<sup>th</sup> to July 27<sup>th</sup>. The pay will remain the same this year as last year as the swim days will be longer than previous years, thus accommodating for the difference in length of time the Swim Program will be held. It was a unanimous decision by the Board on this Roll Call.

Office Telephones: The Town Office received a call from Champlain Telephone Company inquiring if anyone from the office was making long distance calls to the Philippines. Everyone in all the offices were asked and nobody is making these calls. Some person is hacking into our phone lines when the offices are vacant , so all the phones now have a security code on their office phones and a block has been put on all international calls.

Alfie Ladue: Mr. Ladue e-mailed Carol regarding taking a class to teach kids how to stretch prior to games. He wants to know if he signs up for the class will he be reimbursed for it. Councilman Robinson made a motion and Councilman Barcomb seconded it that permission is not granted to Alfie to take this class therefore if he wants to take it he won't be reimbursed by the Town. The results of a Roll Call was 5 AYES and 0 NOES that he not sign up for this class. Supervisor Ross declared motion carried.

CTC: We've been made aware that someone has been using the Town of Mooers phone line to make calls to the Philippines. Champlain Telephone Company credited The Town of Mooers the amount of \$2.40 for charges for these phone calls. The calls are being made from 518-324-9911 which is a landline.

Highway report: Highway Superintendent Boulerville State Road Report he left for the Meeting was for February and March 2012. These reports showed that in February Labor used was \$1,937.63 + Supplies used was \$987.00 for a cost of \$2,230.17 and in March 2012 Labor used was \$1,090.46 + supplies was \$15,491.50 for a total cost for March of \$16,581.96. The Town still has a surplus of 150 tons of salt. A safety training for the highway men is going to be held and the cost is \$500.00 to train the men. Councilman Robinson made a motion the men should attend this training and Councilman Barcomb seconded the motion. The result of a Rollo Call was 5 AYES and 0 NOES. Thus, Supervisor Ross declared motion carried.

Code of Ethics: The topic of adopting a Code of Ethics for all employees of the Town of Mooers was talked about and it was tabled until the May Meeting.

Vouchers: The audited vouchers to be paid off the Abstracted Vouchers on April 10,2012 are as follows:

General-Townwide-----	(Vouchers79 - 96)-----	\$ 12,475.65
Highway-Townwide-----	(Voucher50 - 69)-----	\$ 17,667.77
Mooers Fire Protection-----	(Vouchers632 - 640)-----	\$ 5,382.75
Mooers Forks Lights-----	(Vouchers 95)-----	\$ 353.90
Mooers Lighting-----	(Voucher 95)-----	\$ 604.45

**Total of Abstracted Vouchers Paid----\$ 36,484.52**

Adjourn: Councilman Barcomb made a motion to adjourn the Meeting and Councilman Bushey seconded the motion. The result of a Roll Call was 5 AYES and 0 NOES, therefore Supervisor Ross declared Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

SHIRLEY A GADWAY, TOWN CLERK