

Regular meeting of the Mooers Town Board was held on Tuesday, April 12, 2011, at the Mooers Office Complex.

Present: Those present for the meeting were Supervisor Rudolph Miller, Councilman Steve Barcomb, Councilman Eugene Bushey, Councilman Gerald LaValley, Highway Superintendent Eugene (Dick) Boulerice and Susan Miller (in the absence of Town Clerk/Tax Collector Shirley A Gadway).

In Attendance: Attending the Board Meeting were Area 1 Legislator Harry McManus, Library Representatives Susan and Katie Evans, Dog Control Officer & Deputy Dog Control Officers Todd Forette Sr. and Marsha Forette and Fire Chief Raymond Phair.

Meeting: Supervisor Miller called meeting to order at 7:05 PM whereby he asked Susan Miller to lead them in the recital of the "Pledge of Allegiance" which she did.

Minutes: A copy of the Minutes for March 08, 2011 was given to each Board Member prior to the Board Meeting. Councilman Bushey made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes and to accept them as written. Councilman LaValley seconded the motion and the result of a Roll Call was 4 AYES (Supervisor Miller, Councilman Barcomb, Councilman Bushey and Councilman LaValley) and 0 NOES with 1 absentee (Councilman Robinson). Thus, Supervisor Miller declared Minutes accepted.

Library: Susan and Katie Evans had some topics they wished to talk with the Board about regarding the Public Library. They questioned the Board about possible insurance for the Library Board Members. Another topic discussed had to do with ways to help the handicap. Mrs. Evans and Katie told the Board about a quote from a state representative for \$7,000.00 for a chair lift for the handicapped. Supervisor Miller showed them outside lifts that he had pictures of. It was discussed that \$10,000.00 would be cheaper than to build a ramp. Supervisor Miller said they are still waiting for Dean Lashway in regards to the property. The topic of the placement of the Library at the Church Hall in Mooers was brought up, but that didn't seem to be an option. It was mentioned about possible fixing the sidewalks at the Library. Katie Evans questioned if something visible could be put on Maple Street to slow the traffic. Katie also mentioned the idea of planting trees. Supervisor Miller suggested that she talk to Scarlett Sample of the Beautification Committee about this. The Town Board was invited to the Library Meeting on Wednesday 04/13/2011 at 6:00 PM. Councilman Bushey will attend.

Dog Control Officer: Received the Dog Control Report for March 2011 which showed the following: On 03/01 received call from owner 2 PitBulls in Chazy (the female returned home)-- On 03/03 got a call from 57 Fiske Rd. W.Chazy and went picked up 2 lab mix dogs girlfriend abandoned--On 03/04 got call from Annette Ferguson interested in adopting a dog--On 03/05 got call from Police Barracks to pick up 1 dog and 2 cats---On 03/07 owner of dog and 2 cats he picked up yesterday were redeemed by owner---On 03/14 H. Labombard came to look at dog to adopt and decided on Lab Mis "Sassy"---On 03/15 brought "Sassy" for Rabies shot---On 03/18 picked up stray in front of Alan's Auto Tech. Shop Mooers, NY---On 03/20 Pit Bull brought to shelter (owner Sherry Rabideau), and Beagle running around at 395 Blackman Corners Rd. (brought live bait trap)---On 03/22 picked up beagle @ Cody Samples residence and received complaint from Mr. Fortsch Chazy about barking dogs next door---On 03/23 Todd went to Town Office to discuss concerns about complaint of neighbor of 799 Bush Rd. regarding a lot of dogs there and suspicious behavior---On 03/27 Danielle Vincent went to kennel wants to adopt "Tango"---On 03/28 Dennis Cudworth called inquiring what to do about dead carcasses near his barn---On 03/29 brought "Tango" to Palmers for rabies vaccination as being adopted by Danielle Vincent and Don Spiegel called for Mr. Fortsch about barking dogs---On 03/30 owner Sherry Rabideau picked up her Pit Bulls and received another call from Mr. Fortsch about barking dogs. Todd said he could hear them over the phone. and received call from 1079 Davison Rd. about neighbor's dog irritating her dogs (Called owner, Heather Hough, and gave a verbal warning and DEC officer stopped to see Todd and said he had issued tickets to Clifford Leafloor of 799 Bush Rd for dogs not licenses and no rabies shots--- On 03/31 got call from 1826 Miner Farm Rd. about neighbor's dog barking, growling and going in her yard when children present (explained the Leash Law) and at 242 Duprey Rd. dogs barking late night and early morning (gave 2nd. warning in person) and Patricia Ayer came to look at dogs and wants to

adopt "Jack". The Dog Control Officer, Todd Forette Jr. told the Board that he has talked with the state and was told not to worry about being a nice guy and hand out some tickets.

Dog Kennels & Purebred licenses: The Town Board reviewed rules pertaining to kennel and monetary amounts. It was decided there would be a \$5.00 fee for a kennel permit and Councilman Bushey made a motion the following resolution be adopted

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN OF MOOERS PROCEED WITH THE SELLING OF PUREBRED DOG LICENSES TO RESIDENTS WHO OWN PUREBRED DOGS (WITH THE STIPULATION ALL THE INFORMATION ON EACH DOG THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY REQUIRED BY NEW YORK STATE IS PRESENTED AT THE TIME OF LICENSING) AND IF (5) OR MORE DOGS ARE ON PREMISES A KENNEL LICENSE WAS GRANTED BY THE ZONING BOARD PRIOR TO LICENSING**

Councilman Barcomb seconded the motion and the result of a Roll Call was 4 AYES (Supervisor Miller, Councilman Barcomb, Councilman Bushey and Councilman LaValley) and 0 NOES with 1 absent (Councilman Robinson). Thus, Supervisor Miller declared **Resolution #20-2011** is adopted.

Zoning Board: The subject of the Zoning Board Committee was brought up by the Board. It was discussed that an alternate should be named in case a regular was unable to attend a meeting. Councilman Bushey made a motion the following resolution be adopted

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT CAROL PAYNE BE APPOINTED AS ZONING BOARD ALTERNATE (NON-VOTING MEMBER UNLESS SOMEONE IS ABSENT), BUT AS ALTERNATE SHE CAN OFFER INPUT AND SUGGESTIONS DURING DISCUSSIONS**

Councilman LaValley seconded the motion and the result of a Roll Call was 4 AYES (Supervisor Miller, Councilman Barcomb, Councilman Bushey and Councilman LaValley) and 0 NOES with 1 absentee (Councilman Robinson). Thus Supervisor Miller declared **Resolution #21-2011** is adopted.

Poppies for Sale: The Town received a letter from the Great Chazy River Memorial VFW Post 1418 inquiring about the possibility they might be able to sell Buddy Poppies in the Town of Mooers the week of May 14-21,2011. Councilman Bushey made a motion the following resolution be adopted

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN OF MOOERS GRANT THE VFW PERMISSION TO SELL BUDDY POPPIES IN THE TOWN OF MOOERS DURING THE MONTH OF MAY 2011**

Councilman Barcomb seconded the motion and the result of a Roll Call was 4 AYES (Supervisor Miller, Councilman Barcomb, Councilman Bushey and Councilman LaValley) and 0 NOES with 1 absentee (Councilman Robinson). Thus Supervisor Miller declared **Resolution #22-2011** is adopted.

Legislator Harry McManus: Area 1 Legislator Harry McManus addressed the Board on a number of issues such as: 1) Harry was approached by Jeff Menard concerning issues for the Mooers Church Hall. 2) Questioned the notice of funds lost by the State. Home Health Care for Mooers will probably be directly affected, and the need to privatize services may be required. If no one bids the \$2 Million dollars it would have to be funded by the area. Cuts include All Social Services, College, Health Care and Schools. 3) On a positive note \$70,000.00 for parking at the Municipal Airport of Plattsburgh and has taken in \$480,000.00 this year. They hope to expand the airport with minimal cost to taxpayers and a new flight to Las Vegas is possible. 4) Mooers has added to the census, thus Mooers Forks will probably have more residents added to Area 2. Harry said Mooers Forks will be looking at voters being moved to Cannon Corners voting district. He said there will be public notices and press releases on this. Mooers is experiencing a growth rate. 5) Supervisor Miller asked Harry about Water Licenses. He said he had to take a class in Saratoga and did the last one on-line for C Class. Clinton Community College does instructions so it's available in the area. 6) Supervisor Miller mentioned that the Fireman's Compensation goes according to growth rate so this will change due to the increase in growth rate. Also Firefighters will receive a 10% reduction on All Taxes as Tax Exempt.

Highway Department: Highway Superintendent Boulerice addressed the Board on a number of issues such as: 1) Dick talked to Steve Mahoney about the Dam and was told an Engineer would be needed 2) At the Mooers Forks Recreation Park he said the storage area for the Beautification Committee is done, Mr. Boulerice also said they are working on the extra storage area of the building adding shelves. Mr. Boulerice also said they are working around backstop and need fencing for both fields. Also he is talking to the State Rep. about making the playground handicap accessible. He also discussed handicap parking spaces for each Public Parking Lot. 3) Superintendent Boulerice said the CHIP money is safe for another year possible 2 year contract. 4) Dick said the Charlie Tromblie Memorial plaque needs to be addressed while working on the field. 5) Highway Superintendent Boulerice requested a 6 x 10 or 6 x 12 dump trailer costing approximately \$10,000.00. He said they could keep garbage tarped and take load once a month. Supervisor Miller suggested a 7 x 14 trailer. Dick is going to check them out and report back to the Board. Superintendent Boulerice also handed out the State Road expense sheet for March 2011 which showed Labor cost was \$2,267.33 and Supplies cost of \$28,816.00 for a total cost of \$31,083.33.

Mooers Fire Department: Fire Chief Raymond Phair handed in the report for March 2011 which included the following: Station #1 had 10 calls and Station #2 had 4 calls---Incident types were 1-Garage, 1-Vehicle Fire, 3-Vehicle Accident, 1-Grass/Brush, 1-Power lines, 1-Good Intent 1-Air Supply and 1-Oven Fire---Mutual Aid was given to 1-Dannemora---Received Mutual Aid from 1-Altona, 1-Champlain, 1-Chazy, 1-Chujrubusco, 1-Rouses Point, 1-Ellenburgh Depot, 1-Hemmingford and 1-West Chazy---Fuel used was 59.1 gallons gas and 157.2 gallons of Diesel.

Chief Phair also mentioned the following: 1) Reported a \$10,000.00 to \$18,000.00 Grant for hoses, however you have to report cost to receive funds 2) He said the Pump House suffered damage this winter caused by the ice. He said it would cost an estimated \$1,700.00 to replace the pump house and he's hoping the town can help with the cost 3) Mr. Phair also mentioned attention should be paid to the parking lot as it needs sealing, etc.

Received a letter from the County about alternates which have Raymond Phair as delegate and Chris Bulriss as alternate.

EMS Reports January and February 2011: Report for January 2011 showed Total call was 24---Loaded miles was 445---Mutual Aid from 462 was 2---Average response time was 3.6P/6.2V and Fuel used was 99.8 gallons and Report for February showed Total calls was 26---Loaded miles was 422.6---Mutual Aid from 462 was 5---Average Response Time was 3P/7.5V and Fuel used was 112.3 gallons.

North Country Life Flight, Inc.: The Town received a Thank You letter from North Country Life Flight, Inc. for being there and supporting this lifesaving service, so the medical team can be out there when and where it is needed.

NCC Systems: The Town received a letter and some literature on security camera, etc from NCC Systems.

Program Underwriters: Received a letter from AmWINS program Underwriters about a Notice of Non-Renewal due to a change in carriers. The new carrier will contact the Town.

Time Warner Cable: The Town received a letter from Time Warner Cable stating the Franchise Fee for the Town of Mooers is \$10,297.99 and the check should be received in the next 5 to 7 business days.

Office Copier: Received a letter from Lockrows showing the lease on the office copier is almost up. Supervisor Miller suggested the Town purchase the present copier for \$500.00 so it can be used at the Town Highway Garage and then the Town Lease a New Copier for the Office. Will be discussed next month.

Vouchers: Before signing the vouchers the Board members noticed one uniform slip was missing and Supervisor Miller told them Town Secretary Carol Payne is disputing the bill that's the reason it's not included. The audited vouchers to be paid off the abstracted vouchers on April 12, 2011 were:

General - Townwide-----	(Vouchers 77 to 96)-----	\$ 15,347.59
Highway - Townwide-----	(Vouchers 53 to 82)-----	45,236.21
Mooers Fire Protection-----	(Vouchers 626 to 637)-----	7,339.28
Mooers Forks Lighting-----	(Voucher 77)-----	359.41
Mooers Lighting-----	(Voucher 77)-----	<u>616.51</u>

**Total of Abstracted Vouchers Paid-----\$ 68,899.00**

Adjourn: Councilman Bushey made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Councilman Barcomb seconded the motion. The result of a Roll Call was 4AYES (Supervisor Miller, Councilman Barcomb, Councilman Bushey and Councilman LaValley) and 0 NOES with 1 absent (Councilman Robinson). Thus, Supervisor Miller declared Meeting Adjourned at 10:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

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SHIRLEY A GADWAY, TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR