

Regular meeting of the Mooers Town Board was held on Tuesday April 13, 2010 at the Mooers Office Complex.

Present: Those present for the Town Board Meeting were: Supervisor Rudolph Miller, Councilman Earl Robinson, Councilman Steve Barcomb, Councilman Eugene Bushey, Councilman Gerald LaValley, Highway Superintendent Eugene (Dick) Boulerice and Town Clerk/Tax Collector Shirley A Gadway.

In Attendance: Attending the meeting were: Insurance Agent Andree LaBarge, Mooers Fire Chief Raymond Phair, 1st. Assistant Chief Danny Dumas, Area 1 Legislator Harry McManus and Mooers Youth Co-coordinator Alfie LaDue.

Meeting: Supervisor Miller called the Meeting to order at 7:00PM. He then asked the Town Clerk to lead them in the recital of the "Pledge of Allegiance", which she did.

Minutes: A copy of the minutes for the March 09, 2010 Town Board Meeting was given to each member of the board prior to the April meeting. Supervisor Miller asked the Councilmen if they had reviewed the minutes and they all said they had. Supervisor Miller then asked if there were any omissions or corrections, of which there was neither. Councilman Barcomb made a motion the minutes be accepted as written and Councilman Bushey seconded the motion. The result of a Roll Call was 5 AYES (Supervisor Miller, Councilman Robinson, Councilman Barcomb, Councilman Bushey and Councilman LaValley) and 0 NOES. Thus Supervisor Miller declared minutes accepted as written.

Andree LaBarge: Insurance Agent Andree LaBarge addressed the Board on proposed coverage for the Town for 2010. Some of the topics she stressed upon were as follows:

1) If there is a loss and you hire a private adjuster to calculate your loss they charge you 8 to 10% of what you get from the Insurance Company.

2) She said when you request replacement cost coverage this is only good until items are 10 years old - after that you only receive Cash Value at the time of the loss.

3) Andree explained the New Policy excludes the Dam, as the company said until the recommended repairs have been met they can't include coverage for the Dam.

4) Effective July 01, 2010 cost for Motor Vehicles (trucks) will increase coverage cost by \$7,000.00, so an additional \$7,000.00 will be included in the new policy.

5) It was discussed raising the Bonding coverage for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector from \$155,000.00 to \$500,000.00. The exact amount of the Bonding coverage will be determined after an accounting of the most dollars in the possession of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector at any given time.

6) Ms. LaBarge inquired of Fire Chief Phair if the Fire Department wanted to cancel the Liability Insurance on the truck up for sale or do they want to leave the Liability Insurance the truck in case they need the truck for a backup. Chief Phair said to remove the Liability Coverage as no one would be driving the vehicle.

7) Chief Phair asked Andree what coverage would be required if the Fire Department decided to open the meeting room for group classes. He was told a minimum of \$100,000.00 coverage should be in place and it would cost \$300 to \$400.00 additionally for the coverage.

Fire Department: An inventory of the Motor Vehicles the Fire Department has was supplied as being: 2 vans (1 - 1994 Chevy Van #255 and 1 - 1991 Chevy Aluminum Van #253), 1 - 1992 Chevy Pickup/brush truck #252, 3 pumpers ( 1 - 1980 International #256 - 1 - 1991 International #259 and 1 - 2002 International #254), 1 - 2006 International Tanker #258, 1 - 1992 International Heavy Rescue #257 and 1 - 1992 Ford F350 Van for sale.

2) An e-mail from Amy Forcier has an e-mail address where a person's driving history can be viewed prior to allowing them to drive fire trucks.

3) The Board was asked if exercise classes could be held at the Fire Station in the months of June, July and August. Chief Phair was advised to check on the terms this involves. This was tabled until more specific details are brought forward.

4) The March 2010 Fire Report was explained by 1st Assistant Chief Danny Dumas as follows: Station #1 had 7 calls and Station #2 had 2 calls - There were 4 Town calls and 3 mutual aid calls (1-Chazy, 1-Hemmingford and 1-Alburg) - Incident types were (1-trailer, 2-vehicle accidents, 1-grass/brush and 3-Air Supply), Mutual Aid was received from 1-Altona and 1-Champlain, Diesel used was not included in the report and the average response time was 2 minutes.

Area 1 Legislator: Area 1 Legislator, Harry McManus, apologized for his absence, but he explained he had a torn retina. He said he hopes to be back on schedule. Some of the topics he spoke about were:

1) New Voting Machines: Mr. McManus said there will be 2 Primaries and 1 General Election this fall using the new machines. Voters will vote on paper ballot using the new scanning machines. The cost per vote could be from \$4.00 to \$20.00. Town Clerk, Shirley Gadway, asked how do they expect Towns to be able to pay this amount when it wasn't budgeted for. The cost for election in 2010 could cost up to 2 1/2 to 3 times what it cost last year.

2) Legislator McManus talked about a policy being worked on that could reduce taxes for Firemen by up to 10%.

3) Mr. McManus said regarding the Airport that with Cape Air the airport makes \$4.50 for every person that uses the facility.

4) Legislator McManus said they are still trying to help misplaced employees from the Pfizer layoffs. He said Chazy, Rouses Point and Plattsburgh Pfizer employees will be out of work by possibly July at the latest.

5) As for the Bike Trails, these may have to wait a couple of years due to the poor economy.

6) Mr. McManus inquired as to the possibility of security cameras for the Court Room. He said there is still help available on this project.

Youth Coordinator: Mooers Youth Coordinator Alfie LaDue had a few requests to ask the Board about such as:

1) New basketball rims and nets are needed at the Cannon Corners Recreation Park.

2) New soccer nets are needed. Alfie said by replacing the nets one each year and by getting new backboards and nets for basketball it would make the parks look a lot better and it would be safer as well. He said the Booster Club could possibly help out with the cost.

3) The parking lot at Mooers Forks Recreation Park has some grooves and cracks in it. He said these uneven spots could cause an accident.

4) Another thing Alfie talked about was the stops by the school bus that picks up the summer swimmers. He said he'd like to see the stop in Cannon Corners, then the bus could pick up in Mooers Forks and Mooers on its way to Champlain as the bus will be driving right by these spots.

Councilman Robinson told Alfie that the VFW located at Twin Bridges, RT.11 Champlain has a portable basketball backstop with net on a pole that they want to get rid of. He told Alfie just go down and pick it up. It is free. After some discussion Councilman Barcomb made a motion that the Youth Coordinator, Alfie LaDue be allowed to purchase a new soccer goal and also be allowed to purchase 2-new basketball backstops with nets for the Cannon Corners Rec. Park. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion and the result of a Roll Call was 5 AYES (Supervisor Miller, Councilman Robinson, Councilman Barcomb, Councilman Bushey and Councilman LaValley) and 0 NOES. Therefore Supervisor Miller declared, motion carried.

New Computers: Two new computers need to be purchased by the Town as follows:

1) Assessor's Office A new computer is needed for the Assessor's Office for all their files to be kept on. The cost of the computer is approximately \$600.00. The Real Property Office will purchase the supplies and Programs for this computer.

2) Secretary's Office A new computer (at a cost of approx. \$600.00 + \$100.00 for Program) is needed for the Secretary's Office as financial records should be kept on a computer by itself to help prevent virus and spies. The second computer will hold the balance of information stored in that office. There will be no more e-mail invoices. Councilman LaValley made a motion in the following resolution be adopted

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN OF MOOERS PURCHASE A NEW COMPUTER FOR THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE AT A COST OF APPROX. \$600.00 AND A NEW COMPUTER FOR THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE AT A COST OF APPROX. \$600.00 PLUS A FINANCIAL PROGRAM AT A COST OF APPROX. \$100.00**

Councilman Bushey seconded the motion and the result of a Roll Call was 5 AYES (Supervisor Miller, Councilman Robinson, Councilman Barcomb, Councilman Bushey and Councilman LaValley) and 0 NOES. Therefore Supervisor Miller declared **Resolution #17-2010** is adopted.

Dog Control: Received the Report for March 2010 from the Dog Control Officer which showed the following: On 3/4 (checked out call 2 stray dogs/Chazy [no dogs found]) On 3/6 (called 3 homes about white dog [not interested]) On 3/8 (called 2 homes about white dog [not interested]) On 3/10 (called 2 homes about white dog [not interested]) On 3/12 (brought white dog to AHS for adoption) On 3/16 & 3/18 (called 3 homes about white dog) On 3/20 (received call from Carol about dog at LaBarge Ins. Agency [checked out found no dog]) On 3/22 (received call from Ms. Turner/Mooers chased by dog [found no dog] and called back Ms. Taylor/Chazy regarding loose dog [found no dog]) On 3/24 (Rose/Rt. 11 got chased by dog [talked with owner]) On 3/26 (Received call Mrs. Ashline/Mooers she found Golden Retriever [she found owner])

Supervisor Miller told the Board there is a lawsuit upcoming regarding a dog running at large and it bit someone.

Clinton County Health Dept.: The Town received a letter from Health Dept. stating they will be conducting a door-to-door health and safety assessment in the Town of Mooers from 4/1/2010 to 6/30/2010. It covers four main concerns 1/fire safety, 2/lead, 3/indoor air quality and 4/Asthma. They will supply safety items to income qualified persons.

Time Warner: The Town received documentation showing the current franchise fee due to the Town at \$9,712.71.

Fire Alarm Inspection: NCC Systems did their fire alarm inspection on March 11, 2010. During the inspection the technicians found a bad low temperature sensor of which they will come back and fix.

NYS DOT: On January 26, 2010 DOT Bans texting immediately. Violators may be subject to criminal penalties up to \$2,750.00.

Palmers Vet Service: Palmers returned the payment voucher for the last dog they took in as they adopted the animal rather than euthanize it. They said they need to raise their surrender fee to \$50.00. Supervisor Miller asked the Board about raising the surrender fee to \$50.00 and the Board unanimously agreed.

Retirement Logs: Supervisor Miller said he had the 3-month logs for Highway Superintendent Boulterice and Secretary Payne. He said Councilman Barcomb's is due for May, so we'll go over all of them in May at the Board Meeting.

Clinton County Hgwy. Dept.: The Town received 3 letters from The County Highway Dept. which dealt with the following:

1) Letter/March 23, 2010 stated that the Town of Mooers has a contract for the 2002/2010 season which included 2300T of salt of which 1810T has been delivered and there is still 490T required to be ordered by 4/30/2010.

2) The March 24, 2010 letter showed fees will remain the same as 2008 & 2009 (\$345/centerline mile - \$190/edge line (sideline) mile and/or \$115/hour for road layout. The County also offers to perform stripping on Town Roads with a written list of roads to be stripped. They must have a list by April 09, 2010.

3) A Fax dated 3/30/2010 asking the Town to verify salt tonnage required for 2010/2011 winter season. County expects cost to be down this year. The Town will be using 150T Thawrox and 1650T Road Salt.

Adrk Humane Society: The Town received a memo asking for donations and support to improve the well-being of animals and the people with whom they live.

Special Franchise Certificate: Received city and Town assessment roll to be filed for 2010 on special franchises such as NYSE&G, Telephone Co., and Verizon at a grand total of \$3,604,685.00. Also received an invitation to attend the ADH/action seminar for assessors. Our Assessor, Tim Surpinski, will be attending on Thursday 6/24/2010.

Dam: After more discussion regarding the Mooers Dam not having ,insurance coverage until it has been repaired, Councilman Bushey made a motion the following resolution be adopted.

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN PUT UP NO SWIMMING SIGNS AT THE DAM BY ORDER OF THE MOOERS TOWN BOARD**

Councilman Robinson seconded the motion a and the result of a Roll Call was 5 AYES (Supervisor Miller, Councilman Robinson, Councilman Barcomb, Councilman Bushey and Councilman LaValley) and 0 NOES. Thus, Supervisor Miller declared **Resolution #18-2010** is adopted.

NCCS: The Town received a formal request from NCCS to use 2 voting machines for the annual School Budget & Elections for members of the Board of Education on 5/19/2010 at 11:00AM. Supervisor Miller asked Town Clerk Shirley Gadway to call the Board of Election and get permission for the school to use the voting machines.

Clinton County Office/Aging: The Town received an invitation to attend the 17th Annual Senior Celebration on May 7, 2010. This year's theme is "Bedtime Stories".

VFW: Councilman Robinson asked the Board for permission n for the VFW to sell Poppies in the Town of Mooers in the Month of May. Councilman Barcomb made a motion the following resolution be adopted

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN OF MOOERS GRANT THE VFW PERMISSION TO SELL POPPIES IN THE TOWN OF MOOERS DURING MAY 2010**

Councilman Bushey seconded the motion and the result of a Roll Call was 5 AYES (Supervisor Miller, Councilman Robinson, Councilman Barcomb, Councilman Bushey and Councilman LaValley) and 0 NOES. Therefore Supervisor Miller declared **Resolution #19-2010** is adopted.

Vouchers: Audited vouchers to be paid off the abstracted vouchers on April 13, 2010 were as follows:

General Town-wide-----	(Vouchers 82 - 114)-----	\$ 60,788.44
Highway Town-wide-----	(Vouchers 55 - 75)-----	32,251.31
Mooers Fire Protection-----	(Vouchers 624 - 636)-----	22,727.05
Mooers Forks Lighting-----	(Vouchers 110 )-----	362.45
Mooers Lighting-----	(Voucher 110)-----	<u>626.10</u>
<b>Total of abstracted vouchers paid</b>		<b>\$116,755.35</b>

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:45 by Councilman Bushey seconded by Councilman Barcomb, all agreed Meeting closed at 9:45PM.

