

Regular Meeting of the Mooers Town Board was held on Tuesday March 13, 2012 at the Mooers Office Complex.

Present: Those present for the Board Meeting were: Supervisor Cory Ross, 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 Dog Control Officer Todd Forette, Deputy Dog Control Officer Marsha Forette, Resident Susan Miller, Resident Larry Begore, Mooers Fire Chief Raymond Phair, Librarian Jackie, Library Board Members Susan and Katie Evans and Fireman Chris Boulerice.

Meeting: Supervisor Cory 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 reviewed the Minutes of the February 14, 2012 and they all said yes. Supervisor Ross then asked if there were any omissions or corrections. Councilman Robinson made a motion the Minutes be accepted as written and Councilman Bushey seconded the motion. Result of the Roll Call taken was 5 AYES (Supervisor Ross, Councilman Robinson, Councilman Barcomb, Councilman Bushey and Councilman LaValley with 0 NOES. Thus Supervisor declared Minutes accepted as written.

Free Library: Katie Evans of the Library Board inquired about the survey. She was told the survey is complete (at a cost of \$1,363.70) and the maps are in the Office of the town secretary. Librarian Jackie and Library Board Member Susan Evans inquired about the lift. Supervisor Ross said they will table the lift until they can get more information as the quote came back a lot higher than expected. Highway Superintendent Boulerice said the reason the quote is so much higher than was expected is the plans were changed. At first it was an elevator for 1 floor and now it is one from the basement up. Larry Begor said the Library Board should look into the possibility of getting donations to help with the cost. Jackie thought it would be a good idea to put what goes on at the Meetings on the internet.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Raymond Phair gave the February Report to the Board and it showed the following: Chief Phair told the Board they are looking for 4 self contained pump units, but could settle for 3, and also a new pump house as the existing one got damage during the flood waters and needs to be replaced. The Fire Department is also looking into replacing the '91 brush truck. These items got tabled until such time as the Board can research these. Supervisor Ross also again noted that from now on all bills and/or vouchers must be itemized so the Town knows exactly what they're paying for.

Dog Control: Copies of the DCO report for February were handed out and they showed the following: On 2/1---rec'd call from Angela Cayea of Laforest Rd. West Chazy regarding her 2 lost dogs (she's checking with the shelters)---On 2/8---Got call from 7138 Rt.9 Chazy to pick up stray black lab---On 2/9---rec'd call from Cindy Brunell that someone left dogs at her brothers place in Rouses Point---On 2/10---Got call from 439 Rt. 22 Mooers about 2 stray dogs on porch trying to get into home---On 2/13---Daniel Vincent came to redeem 2 dogs picked up on 2/10---On 2/14---Brought pit bull picked up on 2/10 for rabies vaccination---On 2/20---rec'd call from Catlin Perham of 3199 Rt.11 Mooers Forks about Neighbor (Bill & Danielle Slick) dog continually barking---On 2/23---Rusty Dupee of 361 Cannon Corners Rd. Mooers Forks brought stray dog to shelter also Lionell Peryea brought dog found on Harvey Rd. Altona to shelter---On 2/24---Crystal Bulriss came to look at Yellow Lab up for possible adoption also the DCO sent out delinquent notices for the Town of Chazy (3) total also Mrs. Cleveland interested in adopting a dog (collie or one of similar size)---On 2/28---Andrew Adams of 62 Fiske Rd. W.Chazy called about a dog running around on their property---On 2/29---rec'd call from P.Barcomb to look at husky and retriever that are up for adoption and she took pictures of them also rec'd call from Debbie Langlois about Adams' dog running loose again also brought golden lab to palmers for rabies shot.

D CO Todd Forette told the Board that the trial in Altona for the Burnett Dog (Dog mistreated) has been postponed again.

NCC Systems Inc.: Inspectors for the NCC System came to check out the security system at the Office Complex. They found that the system needs a New Low Temp Sensor at a cost of approx. \$65.00 + travel time. They said rather than make a special trip down here they will stop by when in the area so the service charge will be less.

Mooers Food Pantry: The subject of the Town of Mooers making a donation to the Food Pantry was brought up at the Meeting and it was decided that the same ruling (it wouldn't be fair to use Tax Payers dollars to benefit just a few) that took place in October 2011 would stand. A letter will be sent to the Food Pantry to let them know the Board's decision.

Energy Efficiency Program: The subject of entering into a contract with Thomas Hollingsworth for light bulbs and ballast at a cost to the Town of \$5,455.53. The bulbs have a 2 year warranty and the Ballast have a 5 year warranty. Councilman Barcomb asked what is this for and was told bulbs. Supervisor said Larry Begor has them. Councilman Barcomb made a motion to decline this offer and Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. 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 motion carried.

Ambit Energy: The subject of Ambit Energy was brought up again. Town Clerk Shirley Gadway told the Board that Town Secretary has Ambit and the Town Clerk doesn't. Carol and Shirley both brought their last electric bills to work with them for comparison. The Town Clerk told the Board that her bill was lower than the Secretary's. Mr. Begor said yes maybe she used more kilowatts than the Town Clerk did. Shirley said no that they had compared the off-peak and on-peak cost per kilowatt and Shirley's was lower. This was tabled until next month at which time the program will be explained to the Board once again.

Code Enforcement Officer: Supervisor Ross handed out an agreement to be signed by the Town Supervisor, Code Enforcement Officer and Councilmen regarding the CEO's job. It states 4 things 1) CEO shall work on Mondays from 7:00 AM to 12:00 PM, 2) CEO shall work every Thursday 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM and 3) CEO shall answer all calls received every day not just when he is at the office 4) CEO is to attend all Board Meetings and turn in a progress report at that time and also CEO is not to use the Town Secretary to do any paperwork associated with zoning or building codes. The Supervisor and all the Board Members signed the agreement and Supervisor Ross said he will put it on the CEO's desk for him to sign.

The subject about possibly hiring a part-time secretary for the CEO was mentioned. Supervisor Ross said he feels the CEO should do his own paperwork as it is part of his job. It was mentioned that Councilman LaValley's daughter might be interested in the position (a couple of hours a week to do filing and paperwork). The Town Clerk asked who would train a secretary to do the job surely not the Town Secretary who has been doing this work since she was trained and hired (as was the previous Town Secretary for many years) and now is being told she can no longer do this job anymore. Larry Begor said the Secretary works for the Town and if she refuses to train someone to take over her place in the CEO's Office she can be let go. The Town Clerk responded to Mr. Begor that it would be a cold day before I would train someone to take over the duties I've done for some 8+ years as clerk and 25+ years as tax collector when I'm still capable of doing the job at no additional expense to the Town.

Zoning Committee: Supervisor Ross told the Board in his opinion Carol Payne should be removed from the Zoning Committee as there is too much controversy over her being a member (alternate) on this Committee. The Town Clerk told the Board that they re-appointed Carol Payne as an alternate on the Zoning Committee in January and 2 months later (March) you now say you want to un-appoint her. Councilman Robinson made a motion the following resolution be adopted

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT CAROL PAYNE BE REMOVED AS AN ALTERNATE ON THE 2012 ZONING COMMITTEE**

Councilman Barcomb 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. Supervisor Ross declared **Resolution #13-2012** is adopted.

Vouchers: The Vouchers to be paid off the Abstract of Audited Vouchers were as follows:

General-Townwide-----	(Vouchers 55 - 78)-----	\$ 20,231.73
Highway-Townwide-----	(Vouchers 35 - 49)-----	\$ 35,685.60
Mooers Fire Protection-----	(Vouchers 623 - 631)-----	\$ 7,755.67
Mooers Forks Lights-----	(Voucher 73)-----	\$ 368.20
Mooers Lights-----	(Voucher 73)-----	\$ 631.76

**Total of Abstracted Vouchers Paid-----\$ 64,672.96**

Adjourn: Councilman Barcomb made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM and Councilman Bushey seconded the motion. All agreed and Supervisor Ross declared Meeting adjourned.

