

TOWN OF READING BOARD MEETING

August 11, 2021

PRESENT: Supervisor S. Miller, Councilperson B. Everett, Councilperson C. Stamp, Councilperson C. Richtmyer, Clerk T. Alger.

ABSENT: Councilperson Gill

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

Mark Rondinaro, Schuylar County Legislature, provided sales tax information. Sales tax is very favorable. July sales tax payment for 2021 was up by 24.59 % or \$195,447 from 2020 during Covid shutdowns. Overall, the 2nd Qtr. sales tax is up by almost 65% or \$1,380,402 from 2020.

RESOLUTION #48 Councilperson C. Stamp made a motion to accept the July 14, 2021 minutes as written. Seconded by Councilperson Richtmyer

AYES:	Councilperson Everett	NAYS: none
	Councilperson Richtmyer	
	Councilperson- C. Stamp	
	Supervisor Miller	

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PLANNING: Planning Board will have a Minor Subdivision Public Hearing at August meeting

HIGHWAY: Superintendent Rockwell read his report

LANDFILL: No Report.

CLERK: Clerk Alger read her report

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Miller has talked with Town Atty, T. Bowes, regarding if we have any authority in reducing the speed limit on Upper Chase Road near the Mennonite School. Atty Bowes suggested a couple of options to check into. One option was to have neighbors sign a petition requesting the State of New York to post a reduced speed limit. More than likely the State would turn it down, but the petition would initiate the State do a study to see if it's feasible.

Not much progress has been made on the water survey and mapping to determine if water volume is a concern among residents.

Supervisor Miller has submitted paperwork to the Schuylar County Civil Service to advertise on their website that we are seeking a temporary, part time Bookkeeper Trainee.

Dennis Tremblay, our new Building Inspector III, began working on August 2, 2021 with Dean Hillyard .and is working on fulfilling his training requirements.

Supervisor Miller discussed changes addressed at the County Council of Governments meeting regarding the sales tax cap. The funds exceeding the tax cap will still be distributed to the Towns as in the past with a couple of changes. The excess sales tax funds will be utilized to offset election and assessor expenses charged to the local Townships. A change in distribution is to put the money in a pool to be distributed to Townships per need. Supervisor Miller would rather see it shared equitably.

The sewer pump on County Road 30 was repaired by Sheesley's for \$4,150 and the cost for Vandyke's Septic Service to pump out waste was \$1,600.

NEW BUSINESS:

It has been brought to the Town's attention that an RV Camping Park, and also a cabin rental business has begun operating without Planning Board approval. Certified letters were mailed to property owners to appear before the Planning Board. An additional certified letter was sent to a property owner who seems to have also begun the process of creating an RV Rental Park.

Supervisor Miller has received the first half payment for the ARPA Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. The total allocated is approx. \$138,000. The remainder should be distributed next year.

Supervisor Miller has begun the Budget Review for 2022 and seeking input from the Town Board on any additions or suggestions.

RESOLUTION #49 Councilperson Richtmyer made a motion to pay Abstract # 008 as follows; seconded by Councilperson Everett

General Town wide	\$	5,083.72
Town Outside Village	\$	31.28
Highway Town wide	\$	7,611.11
Highway Outside Village	\$	11,610.04
Sewer	\$	6,051.76
Water District	\$	86.10
Total:	\$30,474.01	

AYES: Councilperson Richtmyer
Councilperson Everett
Councilperson-C. Stamp
Supervisor Miller

NAYS: none

RESOLUTION #50 Councilperson Richtmyer made a motion to adjourn regular meeting at 8:40 pm Seconded by Councilperson Everett