

TOWN OF READING BOARD MEETING
August 9, 2023

PRESENT: Supervisor S. Miller, Councilperson P. Gill, Councilperson, C. Richtmyer, Councilperson C. Stamp, Councilperson J. Rumsey, Hwy. Supt. J. Switzer, and Clerk T. Alger.

ABSENT: None

VISITORS:

Mark Rondinaro – Schuyler County Legislature
Pamela Switzer, Rock Stream

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

VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

Mark Rondinaro, Schuyler County Legislature, provided YTD. Sales Tax Information. YTD Sales Tax Revenue including the 1st July payment was \$8,203,016 for an increase of \$690,018 or 9.18%. The July 1st payment sales were up slightly with an increase of \$46,675 or 3.98% from 2022.

Pamela Switzer on behalf of the Reading Community Church Council would like to present the Town Board with the offer to use the Reading Community Church Playground as a Community Playground/Park. The church has some grant funds available to make improvements and offered to work together financially with the Town to make improvements to the basketball court and existing playground

RESOLUTION #54 Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to accept the July 12 minutes as written. Seconded by Councilperson J. Switzer

AYES:	Councilperson P. Gill Councilperson C. Stamp Councilperson C. Richtmyer Councilperson J. Rumsey Supervisor – S. Miller	NAYS: none
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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PLANNING: 2 Minor Subdivision Public Hearings scheduled for August meeting

HIGHWAY: Superintendent J. Switzer read his report.

LANDFILL: No Report

CLERK: Clerk Alger read her report

OLD BUSINESS

Jaynes Used Auto - Supervisor Miller awaiting a meeting date with the Owner and Office Manager to discuss the inspection performed by Building Inspector III, D. Tremblay.

The construction of the Salt Storage Shed is moving along. Beams and sheathing are underway.

RESOLUTION #55 Councilperson C. Stamp made a motion to appoint C. Hendrickson as Chairperson of the Board of Appeals. Seconded by P. Gill.

AYES:	Councilperson P. Gill	NAYS: none
	Councilperson C. Stamp	
	Councilperson C. Richtmyer	
	Councilperson J. Rumsey	
	Supervisor – S. Miller	

A new “Watchdog” router was installed by SCT to improve internet connectivity and increase internet security. The Justice office had some connectivity issues. It was determined to be a PC issue and the State Justice office. resolved the matter by sending a new replacement PC Tower.

RESOLUTION #56 Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to allow Highway Supt., J. Switzer, to accept the bid in the amount of \$950 for the 2007 Chevy Silverado that was listed on Auctions International. Seconded by J. Switzer.

AYES:	Councilperson P. Gill	NAYS: none
	Councilperson C. Stamp	
	Councilperson C. Richtmyer	
	Councilperson J. Rumsey	
	Supervisor – S. Miller	

Supervisor S. Miller is seeking information and estimates on Fire Proofing the Cloak room that is being considered to be a secure storage room for the Justice office.

The older cemeteries have been cleaned up, but the Lake Road cemetery still needs a lot of work.

NEW BUSINESS:

J. Switzer was given a quote to replace from Tracey Road for a 2025 Western Star Plow Truck. This is something we will need to be budgeting for. The board members would like to hold off signing a purchase agreement due to concerns that it doesn’t lock in the price. Supervisor Miller will contact Town Attorney, Krogh, to see if we can attach an addendum to the contract that will protect us so we don’t get “hosed”.

J. Switzer and Clerk T. Alger attended a meeting August 9th held by Schuyler County Emergency Management regarding safety and traffic concerns that could be presented by the Solar Eclipse that will be on April 8, 2024. Though we wouldn't expect it, there seems to be evidence that there could be a big influx of people "eclipse chasers" that could converge upon the area since we are on the fringe of the 100% total eclipse viewing area. The Chamber of Commerce estimates there could possibly be 500-700,000 people coming to the area. Area Motels are already booked full for that time period.

RESOLUTION #57 Councilperson C. Stamp made a motion to adopt the NYS Unified Solar Permit. Seconded by P. Gill.

ADOPTION OF THE NEW YORK STATE UNIFIED SOLAR PERMIT

WHEREAS, The Reading Town Board duly adopted the "NYS Fire Prevention and Building Construction" code to provide minimum requirements to safeguard the public safety; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Reading Code Enforcement Officer, who administers and enforces all provisions of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code, the New York State Energy Code, and the Town of Reading Code; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Reading requires the issuance of a building permit for the construction, enlargement, alteration, repair, removal or demolition of any building or other structure; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code regulates the design, construction, installation, alteration and repair of equipment and systems using solar systems; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority has developed a New York State Unified Solar Permit that reduces the cost for solar projects by streamlining municipal permitting processes: and

WHEREAS, The Reading Town Board desires to promote the streamlining of the application process for small-scale photovoltaic system installations under 25 kW in size by adopting the New York State Unified Solar Permit application form and implementing the new procedures,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Reading Town Board hereby adopts the New York State Unified Solar Permit application form and procedures for the installation of small scale photovoltaic systems; and it is further

RESOLVED, The Town of Reading Code Enforcement Officer is hereby directed to use said New York State Unified Solar Permit application form and procedures in the issuance of building permits for the installation of small-scale photovoltaic systems; and it is further

RESOLVED, Any further actions required of the Town of Reading to effect the foregoing are hereby authorized and the Town of Reading Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute and deliver any instruments, documents or the like as required to effect the same.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

AYES: Councilperson P. Gill NAYS: none
Councilperson C. Stamp
Councilperson C. Richtmyer
Councilperson J. Rumsey
Supervisor – S. Miller

RESOLUTION #58 Councilperson C. Richtmyer made a motion to allow Supervisor Miller to sign agreement to switch our streetlights over to LED Lighting which will save the Town around \$1513/yr. Seconded by Councilperson J. Switzer.

AYES: Councilperson P. Gill NAYS: none
Councilperson C. Stamp
Councilperson C. Richtmyer
Councilperson J. Rumsey
Supervisor – S. Miller

COMMUNICATION:

Supervisor S. Miller distributed the list of properties going up for foreclosure in the Town of Reading

RESOLUTION #59 Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to pay Abstract # 008 as follows; seconded by Councilperson C Stamp

General Town wide	\$	23463.66
Town Outside Village	\$	414.03
Highway Town wide	\$	6,851.18
Highway Outside Village	\$	91,109.93
Sewer	\$	807.06
Total:		\$122,645.86

AYES: Councilperson P. Gill NAYS: none
Councilperson C. Stamp
Councilperson C. Richtmyer
Councilperson J. Rumsey
Supervisor S. Miller

RESOLUTION #60 Supervisor S. Miller made a motion to Open Executive Session at 8:22PM to discuss a personnel matter. Seconded by P. Gill

RESOLUTION #61 Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to end Executive Session at 8:35PM Seconded by C. Stamp

RESOLUTION #62 Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to adjourn regular meeting at 8:37 PM Seconded by Councilperson J. Rumsey