

**TOWN OF READING BOARD MEETING
November 11, 2020**

PRESENT: Supervisor Miller, Councilperson Gill, Councilperson Richtmyer, Councilperson Everett, Councilperson Stamp, Clerk T. Alger.

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

VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

Clark Rumsey, Rick Tierny, Pam Tierny, David Clancy, and Trevor Sutherland, residents of Chase Road, expressed concerns about the speed limit, road conditions, paving of the road, and safety issues regarding the Mennonite school traffic on Upper Chase Road.

Supervisor Miller addressed their issues. The Town has no authority on the speed limit of local roads. Speed limits are determined by New York State. The weather conditions have caused an increase in dust and ruts. The Highway Dept has performed maintenance on the road this year by putting dust oil down in the Spring and the road was also graded this Fall. The Town Board will look into purchasing signs to identify that there is a school ahead on the Chase Road. Supervisor Miller and Highway Supervisor Rockwell will look into road usage on secondary roads to determine which need priority in maintaining.

Mark Rondinaro, Schuyler County Legislature, provided sales tax information. Overall YTD sales tax for 2020 is still down. but with a strong September the 3rd Qtr. payment was only down \$187,592 or -4.9% from 2019. This is better than anticipated due to Covid 19 restrictions on local businesses. The October payment is down \$43,912 or -5.9 % as compared to 2019. YTD Sales are down \$597,994 or -6.2%. Rondinaro also announced that the Schuyler County Legislature has approved the 2021 Budget with no increase in the tax rate.

RESOLUTION #59 Councilperson Gill made a motion to accept the October 14, 2020 minutes as written. Seconded by Councilperson Stamp

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| AYES: | Councilperson Gill Councilperson Richtmyer Councilperson Everett Councilperson Stamp Supervisor Miller | NAYS: none |
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RESOLUTION #60 Councilperson Richtmyer made a motion to accept the November 4, 2020 Public Hearing minutes as written. Seconded by Councilperson Gill

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| AYES: | Councilperson Gill | NAYS: none |
| | Councilperson Richtmyer | |
| | Supervisor Miller | |

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PLANNING: - No Report
HIGHWAY: Superintendent Rockwell read his report
LANDFILL: No Report.
CLERK: Clerk Alger read her report

OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #61

Councilperson Gill made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Richtmyer to accept the 2021 Reading Town Budget as presented on November 4,2020

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| AYES: | Councilperson Gill | NAYS: none |
| | Councilperson Richtmyer | |
| | Supervisor Miller | |

The installation of the sewer meters on Reading Road and Co. Rd. 30 is close to completion.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Miller and Highway Superintendent Rockwell will determine and monitor traffic on secondary roads to determine proper allocation of funds for future Highway Projects.

Supervisor Miller would like to update computer monitors in the Town offices with built in cameras and microphones to allow participation in Zoom meetings. Zoom meeting are becoming more prevalent as a means of holding public meetings.

Supervisor Miller informed the board that the subject of employing a county wide Code Enforcement Officer was discussed at the last Council of Government meeting. The board is in agreement that we would be interested in participating in this shared service.

COMMUNICATIONS:

We received a letter from concerned residents on upper Chase Road about the conditions of their road.

RESOLUTION #62: Councilperson Stamp made a motion to pay Abstract # 011 as follows; seconded by Councilperson Everett

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| General Town wide | \$ | 7,938.09 |
| Town Outside Village | \$ | 55.77 |
| Highway Town wide | \$ | 7,349.38 |
| Highway Outside Village | \$ | 18,830.92 |
| Sewer | \$ | 3,864.59 |
| Water District | \$ | 152.66 |

Total: \$38,191.41

AYES: Councilperson Gill
Councilperson Richtmyer
Councilperson Stamp
Councilperson Everett
Supervisor Miller

NAYS: none

RESOLUTION #63 Councilperson Stamp made a motion to accept the financial resolutions as attached and dated November 11, 2020. Seconded by Councilperson Everett

AYES: Councilperson Gill
Councilperson Richtmyer
Councilperson Everett
Councilperson Stamp
Supervisor Miller

NAYS: none

RESOLUTION #64 Councilperson Gill made a motion to adjourn regular meeting at 8:20 pm Seconded by Councilperson Richtmyer