

TOWN OF READING BOARD MEETING
February 12 2020

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

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

VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

Mark Rondinaro, Schuyler County Legislature, reported overall sales tax was up 4.22% in 2019. Arthur Pierce, 4063 Rt 14A. Feels he is being singled out to clean up his property. Supervisor Miller commented that we are trying to enforce local law No. 2 of 2003 without putting undue stress on residents and that he is not being singled out. Other residents have also received notices to clean up their property.

Noah Westfall, 3470 2nd St, WG, is questioning if the improvements at his property on 4045 St. Rt. 14A are being done satisfactorily. Building Inspector III, R. Spallone, encouraged him that he was making gainful progress in cleaning up his property.

RESOLUTION #12: Councilperson Gill made a motion to accept the January 8, 2020 minutes as read. Seconded by Councilperson Everett

AYES:	Councilperson Gill Councilperson Richtmyer Councilperson Stamp Councilperson- Everett Supervisor Miller	NAYS: none
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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PLANNING: - James & Kendra Spencer's site plan application was approved with conditions to erect a 500-650 Sq. Ft. building to be placed on 3296 Reading Road to house a bakery producing made to order baked goods. This will not be an "eat-in" establishment.

HIGHWAY: Superintendent Rockwell read his report

LANDFILL: No Report.

YOUTH: Eliminate because there are currently no youth programs in Reading or Watkins Glen. .

CLERK: Clerk Alger read her report

OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #13 Councilperson Gill made a motion to publish a public hearing notice in the Watkins Review and Express concerning the proposal of adopting a local law to opt out of RPTL § 487 . The new proposed local law will state that “providing no tax exemption shall be applicable within the Town of Reading with respect to any of the following: Solar energy system, wind energy system, farm waste energy system, micro -hydroelectric energy system, fuel cell electric-generating system, micro-combined heat and power generating system, electric energy storage system, or any other energy system intended to be covered by or apply to” . The public hearing for comments will be held on March 11, at 7PM. Motion seconded by Councilperson Stamp

AYES:	Councilperson Gill	NAYS: none
	Councilperson Richtmyer	
	Councilperson Stamp	
	Councilperson- Everett	
	Supervisor Miller	

Sexual Harassment training has been completed by the Highway employees, Town Clerk T. Alger and Town Board members R. Everett and B. Stamp. P. Gill and C. Richtmyer have completed sexual harassment training at their place of employment.

RESOLUTION #14- Councilperson Gill made a motion to accept a quote from Finger Lakes Power Systems to purchase and install a generator at the Town Hall. Seconded by B. Stamp.

AYES:	Councilperson Gill	NAYS: none
	Councilperson Richtmyer	
	Councilperson Stamp	
	Councilperson- Everett	
	Supervisor Miller	

4th Qtr. Sales tax revenue was below budget. Town Supervisors are trying to come up with a plan with County Legislatures to adjust the way sales tax is distributed. Budgeted Sales tax revenue was forecasted at \$30,000 in 2019 and \$27,000 was forecasted on our 2020 budget. Only \$25,577 was actually received. In 2019.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #15 Councilperson Stamp made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Richtmyer to approve the appointment of Brian Kenney to represent the Town of Reading on the Schuyler County Planning Board. B. Kenney has also been appointed to serve as an alternate on the Reading Planning Board. M. Sorber, alternate, will replace a vacant seat.

AYES:	Councilperson Gill	NAYS: none
	Councilperson Richtmyer	
	Councilperson Stamp	
	Councilperson- Everett	
	Supervisor Miller	

The Town Board discussed creating a 3 member Planning Board of Appeals.

RESOLUTION #16- Councilperson Gill made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Stamp to purchase a new Volvo EWR 150E excavator outright for \$181,967 with no financing. Funding will come from the Capital Reserve New Machinery Account with balance coming from the Unassigned Fund Balance Account.

AYES:	Councilperson Gill	NAYS: none
	Councilperson Richtmyer	
	Councilperson Stamp	
	Councilperson- Everett	
	Supervisor Miller	

RESOLUTION #17-Councilman Gill made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Stamp to allow Highway Supervisor, J. Rockwell, to attend Advocacy Day in Albany on March 3-4th.

AYES:	Councilperson Gill	NAYS: none
	Councilperson Richtmyer	
	Councilperson Stamp	
	Councilperson- Everett	
	Supervisor Miller	

RESOLUTION #18 Councilperson Gill made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Stamp for Supervisor Miller to work with Atty, Tom Bowes, to work with the Real Property Tax office and generate a local law to increase the current aged exemption sliding scale income limit proposed by the Real Property Tax Dept. There have been no increases since 2004.

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

NAYS: none

RESOLUTION #19 Councilperson Gill made a motion to accept Justice John Normans audit. Seconded by Councilperson Stamp.

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

NAYS: none

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court Act, the Board of the Town of Reading is required to confirm that the records and dockets of the Town Justice Court of Judge Norman be audited, and that the fact of the auditing be reflected in the minutes of the proceedings of this Board; and

WHEREAS, Councilpersons Robert Everett and Stephen Miller have performed said audit on February 12, 2020 of Town Judge Norman's records from January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board in compliance with the Uniform Justice Court Act §2019-a, and to reflect in the minutes of its proceedings that such audit has occurred; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Town Board of Reading does hereby acknowledge that the audit of the records of Town Justice John Norman required under Uniform Justice Court Act § 2019-a has been conducted, and that the Justice Court Audit Report has been received by the Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Clerk forward to the New York State Office of Court Administration a copy of said Justice Court Audit Report and a copy of this Resolution.

Supervisor Miller would like to increase value limit on real property and contents on our insurance policy per recommendation of Mike Stamp, Nationwide Representative. Cost will be minimal. Will discuss in further detail at next board meeting.

COMMUNICATION:

Received Yearly Cost Summary for 2019 from the Schuyler Co. Humane Society.

RESOLUTION #20: Councilperson Gill made a motion to pay Abstract # 02 as follows; seconded by Councilperson Richtmyer

General Town wide	\$	11,670.58
Town Outside Village	\$	49.61
Highway Town wide	\$	10,132.09
Highway Outside Village	\$	2,342.55
Sewer	\$	245.84
Water District	\$	1895.18

Total: \$26,335.85

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

NAYS: none

RESOLUTION #21 Councilperson Gill made a motion to adjourn regular meeting at 9:00 PM Seconded by Councilperson Stamp