

TOWN OF READING BOARD MEETING
September 9, 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:

Mark Rondinaro, Schuyler County Legislature, provided sales tax information. Overall YTD sales tax for 2020 is still down, but with a strong September it is making a comeback. September payment is up \$248,263 or 16.55% as compared to 2019. YTD Sales are down \$554,081 or -6.22%.

RESOLUTION #46 Councilperson Gill made a motion to accept the August 12, 2020 minutes as amended. Seconded by Councilperson Everett.

AYES:	Councilperson Gill	NAYS: none
	Councilperson Richtmyer	
	Councilperson Everett	
	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 #47 Councilperson Gill made the following motion, Seconded by Councilperson Stamp. The town Board would like to **rescind RESOLUTION #40** from August 12, Board Meeting due to procedural oversight.

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

RESOLUTION #48

Councilperson Gill made a motion to publish a public hearing notice in the Watkins Glen Review and Express concerning the proposal of adopting local law No. 2 to reduce the property tax for property owners affected by disabilities or limited income in accordance with Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) Section 459-C and also for Local Law No. 3 to reduce the property tax for property owners aged 65 and over with limited income. The public hearing for comments will be held on October 14, 2020 at 7 PM. Motion seconded by Councilperson Richtmyer

AYES:	Councilperson Gill Councilperson Richtmyer Councilperson Everett Councilperson Stamp Supervisor Miller	NAYS: none
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RL Stone has received our Purchase Order for Sewer flow meters and installation will be completed before winter

Clean up of the possible hazardous soil storage on Rt 14A has been completed.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Miller and Town Bookkeeper, H. Ribble, will begin preparing the 2021 tentative Budget.

The updated Code of Ethics was signed at the meeting tonight by board members.

RESOLUTION #49: Councilperson Gill made a motion to allow Highway Supt, John Rockwell, to accept bid offer of \$6,600 for Drott Excavator that was listed on Auctions International. Seconded by Councilperson Everett.

AYES:	Councilperson Gill Councilperson Richtmyer Councilperson Stamp Councilperson Everett Supervisor Miller	NAYS: none
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The new 415-page 2020 LGS-01 Retention & disposition Schedule for NY Local Gov't Records is available for review on the NYS archives website www.archives.nysed.gov for review. We will make a resolution adopting it before year end.

The Seneca Lake Watershed has contacted us to gather support for the Seneca Watershed Intermunicipal Organization (SWIO) that they support. They invite local governments and water purveyors to participate in a "fair share" formula to raise the funds needed in 2021. The Town

of Reading's fair share has been calculated as \$1720. At this time, we do not want to spend money outside of our allocated budget for 2021

The local US Census representative has contacted us to ask permission to place an electronic sign at the Town Highway Garage to encourage residents to complete the Census.

We are getting many phone calls and inquiries concerning the return of Cardinal to the Town Highway Garage for recycling and garbage. Cardinal still claims that they are having difficulty in finding employees to work and the cost of disposal of the recycled items has skyrocketed.

RESOLUTION #50: Councilperson Stamp made a motion to pay Abstract # 009 as follows; seconded by Councilperson Everett

General Town wide	\$	3,174.38
Town Outside Village	\$	35.49
Highway Town wide	\$	4,564.23
Highway Outside Village	\$	65,515.80
Sewer	\$	88.72
Water District	\$	862.84
Total:		\$72,241.46

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

NAYS: none

RESOLUTION #51 Councilperson Stamp made a motion to adjourn regular meeting at 8:300 pm Seconded by Councilperson Everett