

TOWN OF READING BOARD MEETING

June 9,2021

PRESENT: Supervisor Miller, Councilperson Gill, Councilperson Richtmyer, B. Everett
C. 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. Sales tax is looking much more favorable again. May sales tax payments for 2021 was up by 69 % or \$280,109 from 2020 during Covid shutdowns. A more comparable analysis indicates sales tax is up 8.87% or \$55,883 from 2019.

RESOLUTION #40 Councilperson C. Stamp made a motion to accept the May 12, 2021 minutes as written. Seconded by Councilperson Richtmyer

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PLANNING: Chairperson D. Chutas updated the Town Board on the 2 Minor Subdivisions that were approved and also a Site Plan Review that was approved to put 2 homes on Co. Rd. 27. D. Chutas wanted to update the Town Board on increased interest in taxpayers wanting to place vacation cabin rentals and mini houses in the Township .

HIGHWAY: Superintendent Rockwell read his report

LANDFILL: No Report.

CLERK: Clerk Alger read her report

OLD BUSINESS

We have revised the Employee Handbook after counsel with Atty, Tom Bowes.

1. A better distinction was made to define full time employees as any employee working 37.5 hours or more weekly and part time employees are defined as anyone working less than 37.5 hours. Previously part time employees were considered working 20 hours or less and the period of 20-37.5 hours was undefined.
2. We also updated that a new employee will begin having health insurance upon hire date vs having health insurance coverage beginning on the first day of the month following 30 days of full time employment

Dumpster Day held May 15th was well received by the Reading community and many positive responses were received. There were 4,246 Lbs. of Electronics and Televisions collected, 4.5 Tons of refuse collected, and over \$300 received for collected scrap metal.

We receive many calls asking when recycling will return to the Highway Barns. At this point there is still no indication from Cardinal Disposal that they plan on returning for trash pickup or recycling. Town Supervisor, S. Miller, has reached out to the Towns of Catherine, Cayuta, and Montour who have a shared contract to provide recycling to residents. REACT offered to leave a gaylord for electronic recycling to be picked up routinely, but we don't have a lot of storage at Highway Garage to keep donations out of the weather elements.

The health insurance policy was updated to include new dependents, and adding our new hire.

Chris Russell has been hired at the Reading Highway Department as a Motor Equipment Operator and his first day of work was June 7th.

Supervisor, S. Miller, will be holding interviews in the coming week for Building Inspector III.

NEW BUSINESS

We received a report from the NYS Department of Taxations and Finance, Office of Real Property Tax Services. that we have established a final state equalization rate of 100% and that this final rate will be filed with the clerk of the county legislative body and in the office of the State Comptroller.

Supervisor Miller has received a list of at least 240 residences to be sent a Town water survey to determine if water volume is a concern among residents.

We received notice from Excellus, if approved, of an 8.43% increase in our insurance premium.

RESOLUTION #41 Councilperson Gill made a motion to pay Abstract # 006 as follows; seconded by Councilperson Everett

General Town wide	\$	10,411.05
Town Outside Village	\$	532.46
Highway Town wide	\$	2,496.72
Highway Outside Village	\$	6,773.01
Sewer	\$	77.57
Water District	\$	246.88
Total:		\$20,537.69

AYES:

Councilperson Gill
Councilperson Richtmyer
Councilperson Everett
Councilperson-C. Stamp
Supervisor Miller

NAYS: none

RESOLUTION #42 Councilperson Richtmyer made a motion to adjourn regular meeting at 8:45 pm Seconded by Councilperson Gill