

TOWN OF READING BOARD MEETING
June 8, 2022

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

ABSENT: R. Everett

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 May Sales Tax Information. Overall, sales and sales tax revenue for 2022 continues to be very favorable and was up \$257,932 from 2021 for an increase of 37.6%. YTD Sales Revenue is up \$1,250,072 for an increase of 34.3%.

Jean Gardner of the Schuyler County Historical Society updated us on the great things happening at the Historical Society and thanked us for our financial support. She also provided their 2021 Annual Report.

Paul & Lisa Eldridge, 4451 County Road 27 appeared to address their concerns of the increase in tractor trailer traffic on County Road 27 and also the high speed they are traveling. They would like to see a reduced speed limit due to narrow shoulders on the road and pedestrian traffic. They called the County Highway Dept. and K. Thurston, Hwy Supt, referred them to the Reading Town Board. Supervisor Miller will call the County to verify it is a Town of Reading issue because it seems it would be a County issue because it is a County road. If it is a Town of Reading issue, it is recommended that a petition be circulated among the residents to initiate a traffic study to be performed similar to the Chase Road speed limit reduction that was initiated by local residents.

RESOLUTION #34 Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to accept the May 11, 2022 minutes as written. Seconded by Councilperson C. Stamp

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

PLANNING: Subdivisions, and lot line adjustments are keeping the PB busy.

HIGHWAY: Superintendent Switzer read his report.

LANDFILL: Supervisor Miller, reported on a Landfill meeting he attended

CLERK: Clerk Alger read her report

OLD BUSINESS

Katherine Reese has indicated that response to water sampling has been slow and not much response to 2nd survey that was mailed to non-respondents of the 1st survey.

A Cease and Desist was issued to “Off the Beaten Path” RV Park on 3270 County Road 28 on behalf of the Planning Board by resolution for M. Naylor’s failure to complete Site Plan Application, and combining parcels to create a 2 acre conforming lot, but continuing to operate. M. Naylor has indicated she is going to purchase additional property behind the RV Park, but a minor subdivision needs to be completed. A letter was received from Atty, Connie Miller, disputing the Cease and Desist order that was issued by D. Tremblay, Building Inspector III. Town Atty, T. Bowes, was apprised of the situation and the Town Board has decided to support the Planning Board in whatever action they take to resolve the matter.

The Board members, reviewed Local Laws 1 & 2 of 2007 on Property maintenance. Local Law 1 is regarding unsafe buildings and structure law and the Local Law 2 is regarding enforcement of the NYS uniform fire prevention and building code. An idea was presented to send violating residents a letter encouraging them to perform necessary clean up and explaining the liability issues presented before enlisting in any placards being posted.

We have found 3 compatible quotes on purchasing a new computer Server. Upon further discussion, the Town Board has decided to invite our computer tech from SCT Computers to the July board meeting to further explain the necessity of purchasing/updating our outdated server.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #35 Councilperson C. Richtmyer made a motion to appoint P. Gill to the Land Fill committee. Seconded by Councilperson C. Stamp

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

The Town Board has approved the changes made by Supervisor Miller to the Employee Handbook regarding compensated time off in lieu of pay for the Highway Department employees.

Supervisor Miller explained to the Board the “if possible” clause that is seen in the Procurement Policy draft especially when it pertains to the Highway Dept. and fleet maintenance.

Supervisor Miller attended a Grant meeting hosted by Schuyler County Dept. of Economic Development. There are monies still available to Townships, but just can be a little tricky to obtain.

Supervisor Miller suggested we think about issuing passes to utilize the recycling services available on Saturdays to limit it to Town of Reading residents only since there will be some Town monies utilized for disposal costs. Another suggestion presented was to place signage "Town of Reading Residents Only".

Dumpster Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 25th. Ads have been placed in the Hi-Lites and the Review and Express, and notification is also posted on our website.

COMMUNICATION:

Letter from Dept. Secretary of the Treasury regarding use of American Rescue Plan Funds.
Connie Fern Miller letter regarding "Off the Beaten Path" RV Park.

RESOLUTION #36 Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to pay Abstract # 005 as follows; seconded by Councilperson C. Stamp

General Town wide	\$	6,495.43
Town Outside Village	\$	171.49
Highway Town wide	\$	12,481.44
Highway Outside Village	\$	10,940.76
Sewer	\$	333.60
Total:		\$30,422.72

AYES: Councilperson P. Gill
Councilperson C. Richtmyer
Councilperson C. Stamp
Supervisor S. Miller

NAYS: none

RESOLUTION #37 Councilperson C. Richtmyer made a motion to adjourn regular meeting at 9:10 pm Seconded by Councilperson C. Stamp