

TOWN OF READING BOARD MEETING
March 8, 2023

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

ABSENT:

VISITORS:

Karen Storm, 3006 Lover's Lane, WG
Jamie Rumsey 4240 St. Rt 14A, Rock Stream
Alice Conklin Altay Road, Rock Stream
Don Chutas – 3176 Burrell Pl, WG

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, had no immediate sales tax information to provide.

RESOLUTION #18 Councilperson C. Stamp made a motion to accept the February 8 minutes, as amended by adding "Completed by C. Stamp and C. Richtmyer " to Resolution #15 regarding the Justice Audit. Seconded by Councilperson P. Gill

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PLANNING: Lot Line adjustment approved and Minor Subdivision Public Hearing to be held this month.

HIGHWAY: Superintendent J. Switzer read his report.

LANDFILL: No Report. There will be a meeting later this month

CLERK: Clerk Alger read her report

OLD BUSINESS

The Town Board continued to review the Land Use Law Amending Certain Sections of the Land Use Law of the Town of Reading that was drafted by Atty Krogh. Don Chutas, Planning Board Chairperson, presented the Town Board with a draft Appeal of Action by Land Use Officer or Planning Board for discussion. The draft will be forwarded to Atty Krogh for review. This was a

concern that was addressed in reviewing the Land Use revision. When the finalized draft of the Revised Land Use law is reviewed a public hearing will be scheduled.

Highway Supt., J. Switzer, would like to purchase a Roller. It would be very beneficial to the Highway Dept for road repairs instead of relying on shared services where everyone needs the roller at the same time. CHIPS money can be used for a portion of it. Town Board would like to ask Bookkeeper, Ribble, if funds are available.

The Village of Watkins Glen sent us an invoice for \$5,000 for the Town of Reading support of the Youth Program. Previously, it was relayed to us that grant monies might be available to cover the cost of the Youth Program that has not been held for a couple of years. This is a significant increase from support the Town of Reading has provided in previous years. It was also noted from the Youth Application that was emailed to Supervisor Miller that parents will now have to pay for their child to participate in the Youth Program. The Town Board would like more information and possibly a number to indicate how many youths from the Town of Reading attend the summer youth program at Clute Park.

RESOLUTION #19 Councilperson P. Gill made the following motion. Seconded by Councilperson C. Stamp.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2023 TO AMEND AND UPDATE THE
TOWN CODE ENFORCEMENT LOCAL LAW AND PROCEDURES TO COMPLY WITH MANDATES UNDER
NYS EXECUTIVE LAW AND 19 NYCRR PART 1203 (December 2022)**

The following Resolution was duly presented for consideration by the Town Board of the Town of Reading:

WHEREAS, New York State and the NYS Department of State, including its Codes Division, have adopted an updated Part 1203 (19 NYCRR Part 1203), mandating that all municipalities have in place a code enforcement process, rules, and procedures that meet the minimum requirements of said Part 1203 to interpret, apply, and enforce the various NYS building, fire, and energy codes (the “Codes”), which Part 1203 also sets forth and mandates minimum standards for the administration and enforcement of the Codes; and

WHEREAS, as an incorporated municipal subdivision of the State of New York, being more specifically a Town, the Town of Reading shall or must implement this NYS requirement by adoption of a local law that complies with the requirements of the Executive Law and said Part 1203, and in developing such local law the town has utilized the NYS Department of State’s model local law as its beginning template; and

WHEREAS, the Town proposes to adopt a local law that will define key terms relating to Part 1203 and the Codes and which will update existing town laws and procedures to administer and enforce

all the provisions of the Codes, including by setting forth rules, processes, and procedures by which the town may receive, review, and approve or disapprove applications, permits, plans, specifications, certificates, including upon such conditions as may be required by the Codes or the town Code Enforcement Officer (“CEO”), including as such CEO may determine to be appropriate under the Codes or for public safety and the protection of buildings, structures, and persons; and

WHEREAS, among other things mandated by Part 1203 and the Codes, this local law will authorize property and construction inspections, stop work orders, complaint investigations, the issuance of compliance orders and orders to remedy defective conditions, the investigation of Code violations and issues of non-compliance with the Code, procedures for general construction and excavations, operating and building permits, fire and property safety inspections, record keeping requirements, rules for the issuance of compliance orders and violation proceedings, further including the authority and power to enforce the code, including by civil and criminal enforcement proceedings, including providing for fines and penalties thereunder; and

WHEREAS, this action is a Type II SEQRA Action such that no environmental review is mandated or required; and

WHEREAS, this is not a subdivision, site planning, special permit, or other land use approval, a local law allocating resources or ordering or reordering environmental or open space priorities or comprehensive planning, nor a zoning or related law arising under Town Law Article 16, such that no intermunicipal referral is required under General Municipal Law §§ 239-l, -m, or -n; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was duly noticed and duly held at the Reading Town Hall on the 8 day of March, 2023, whereat all persons interested in the subject matter of this local law were duly heard and, upon deliberation thereupon, the Town Board of the Town of Reading has hereby resolved as follows:

1. Local Law Number 1 of 2023 be and hereby is approved and adopted in the form as presented to this meeting, and in such form “be it so enacted.”
2. In accord with the Municipal Home Rule Law, the final adopted version of this local law shall be filed with the Town Clerk and the New York Secretary of State.

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

Hale Roofing has started the roof replacement on the Highway Garage. Inclement weather has caused some delays.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #20 Councilperson C. Richtmyer made a motion to allow the following trainings:

Highway Superintendent, J. Switzer, to attend NYSLTAP-CLRP workshop on March 23, 2023

3 Planning Board members, and Bldg. Inspector, D. Tremblay to attend the Regional Leadership conference at CCC on April 6, 2023 at a cost of \$75 each.

Town Clerk T. Alger and Deputy Clerk A. Conklin to attend 1 day session of the NYS Town Clerks Association 2023 Conference in Syracuse on April 24, 2023 at a cost of \$90 each.

Seconded by Councilperson C. Stamp

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

We have received a rather prestigious Triple Threat Award from PERMA in recognition of best in reporting of accidents, timely return to work, and having the lowest count on lost time accidents. Invitation was sent regarding attending the award ceremony held in Lake George, NY. PERMA will also personally present the award in person to J. Switzer at the Reading Town Hall at a future date to be determined.

The Soil and Water Conservation District has put a notice out to receive bids for a Salt Storage shed for the Highway Dept. This would be a great benefit to protect our salt piles and prevent run off.

The annual water and sewer operation and maintenance bills will be mailed out the end of March. Annual billing vs. billing twice a year was discussed and recommended by board members at the April 2022 Board meeting.

COMMUNICATION:

RESOLUTION #21 Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to pay Abstract # 003 as follows; seconded by Councilperson C. Stamp

General Town wide	\$	9,155.62
Town Outside Village	\$	326.89
Highway Town wide	\$	8,038.66
Highway Outside Village	\$	7,228.99
Sewer	\$	81.63
Total:		\$24,831.79

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

RESOLUTION #22 Supervisor S. Miller made a motion to enter Executive Session at 8:30 PM to discuss a personnel matter. Seconded by Councilperson C. Stamp

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

RESOLUTION #23 Councilperson C. Richtmyer made a motion to exit Executive Session at 9:00 PM. Seconded by Supervisor S. Miller

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

RESOLUTION #24 Councilperson C. Stamp made a motion to appoint Jamie Rumsey to fill Councilperson R. Everett's vacated position until end of 4 year term which expires December 2023. Councilperson R. Everett resigned in December 2022. Seconded by Supervisor P. Gill

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

RESOLUTION #25 Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to adjourn regular meeting at 9:05 PM Seconded by Councilperson C. Richtmyer